

A WEEKLY COLUMN of REVIEW and COMMENT CONCERNING OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

By Scholastic



An Orchestra and Band Concert, under the direction of Raymond J. Hasenauer will be given Ascension Day, May 10, at 3:00 p. m. at Aquinas Institute, according to an announcement issued by the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Catholic education in the Diocese of Rochester. Priests and Sisters of Monroe County are most cordially invited to attend.

On the March Honor Roll of St. Mary's School, Corning, N. Y., the following eighth grade pupils attained an average of 95 percent or above: Eileen Quinn, Robert Alsworth, Doris McKinney, Joseph Pizarra, Joseph Ambrosio, Alice Murphy, Isadora Quinn, Dorothy Barr. The three highest averages in the four upper grades are as follows: Seventh, Dominic Aiello, Rocco Pierri, Rosemary Mason; sixth, Kathryn Jones, Lucille Maxwell, Rosa Yario; fifth, Margaret Pizarra, Arthur Schob, Marie Quinn; fourth, Ralph Jordan.

Mariann Dowling, Samuel Curia, Carmella Sorga.

Sister: "Tommy, give me a compound noun."

Tommy: "Please, Sister, suit."

Sister: "Nonsense! Of what is suit compounded?"

Tommy: "Please, Sister, of coat vest and trousers."

Pupils of St. John the Evangelist School were entertained recently by the showing of an educational film depicting the life of George Washington. Historical and educational films are available for use by all the Catholic schools of the diocese at Father Duffy's office in the Columbus Civic Center.

Beauty of Flowers At Show Is Enjoyed By School Children

With the Flower City, hostess to the 15th National Flower and Garden Show being held this week at Edgerton Park, flower lovers all over the country have availed themselves of the opportunity of witnessing the exquisite beauty of this mammoth exhibition. Men, women and children, in large and enthusiastic crowds, thronged the exhibition buildings.

Through arrangements made by the Rev. John M. Duffy, Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Education, over 6,000 children of the Catholic schools of Rochester, accompanied by the Sisters, were guests of the Flower Show during the early part of the week.

Tall stems and roses, in colors of pure white, pink, deep red, yellow, and the gold tinted tallman were artistically arranged on either side of an arbor of rambling roses. This display was featured by the new rose, the Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt Rose, a rich yellow flower about a shade lighter than a canary yellow. Tulp gardens with rustic summer houses presented a dazzling array of colors, and a perfect blending in shades from the pastel pink, yellow, and blue, to the red, orange, and purple. The regal orchid vied for favor with the sheer simplicity of the lily. Hyacinths, daffodils, carnations, geraniums, hydrangeas, narcissus, in myriads of colors were attractive in their rockbound beds.

Individuality and harmony were noticeable in the garden exhibits. Particularly striking were the pool garden, the patio garden, "Old Spain," the terrace garden, "Seclusion," and the Southern garden.

Variety was lent to the affair with the clever shadow box arrangements, silhouettes, miniature arrangements in pottery or metal and table settings depicting the formal as well as the informal in modernistic floral table decorations. Outstanding for its human interest was the exhibit of "Betty" booths showing the part flowers play in the life of everyone; at the time of a person's arrival in this world; on birthdays; engagements; weddings; voyages; and in the home itself. The College section attracted attention with its exhibit of flower culture and germination.

Mrs. Bert Schiller McDonald of Chicago, a nationally known authority on corsage designing described the various types of flowers worn on the B. Forman Company gowns modeled by the Junior League members Wednesday afternoon and evening.

The Flower Show continues as fresh and lovely as the opening day for all wilted plants are removed and fresh flowers are added daily. The show will remain open every day from 10:00 a. m. to 10:30 p. m. up to and including Sunday. Admission is 55 cents for adults and 25 cents for children under twelve.

J. P. MacSweeney Re-elected Head of Legal Aid Society

At the annual meeting of the Directors of the Legal Aid Society, Joseph P. MacSweeney was unanimously re-elected president. Judge Arthur Wilder who presented the nomination, paid a tribute to Mr. MacSweeney's long and faithful service in the interest of the Society and its work for the poor. Other officers elected were Attorney Don C. Allen, vice-president; Attorney William C. Combs, treasurer; and Attorney Emery A. Brownell, secretary.

In his annual report to the Directors, Mr. Brownell as executive attorney reported that during the year the Society had handled a total of 3,521 cases and has disposed of 3,337 cases. While a majority of the cases involved only the giving of advice, 228 cases were litigated and the attorneys held 5,222 interviews with clients and witnesses, made 417 court appearances and sent 3,204 letters.

\$31,514.77 was collected for clients during the year and an additional \$10,131.41 was saved for clients as a result of the Society's efforts in court appearances, settlements out of court, compromising or defending disputed claims. Approximately 30 percent of the collections was for clients known to be dependent upon city relief funds, 28 percent of the applicants for assistance were dependent upon relief and 67 percent of the clients were wholly unemployed while the others had only part time employment or were engaged on CWA projects. 93 percent of the clients were either American born or naturalized citizens and another 2 percent were in the process of being naturalized.

The largest portion of the cases handled were Domestic Relations problems. Mr. Brownell reported that due to widespread unemployment, these problems were particularly difficult. The attorneys spent many hours in conference with aggrieved husbands and wives with the result that 78 percent husband and wife cases were known to have been satisfactorily adjusted, 26 husband and wife cases litigated and \$12,442.50 was collected for the support of wives, children and aged parents.

Mr. Brownell emphasized the importance of the assistance which the Legal Aid Attorneys had been able to give to unfortunate home owners whose properties were being foreclosed.

In making public the report of the attorney, Mr. MacSweeney expressed appreciation to the Rochester Community Chest and the City of Rochester for the financial assistance which made this service possible. He said, "The report of the Society's work during the past year not only offers convincing proof that this service is socially indispensable to the community but that it has returned to the community in dollars and cents over three and one-half times its cost of operation. More important, however, is the fact that this realistic service of securing to the poor the equal protection of the law has helped immeasurably to infuse fresh hopefulness and faith in American principles and institutions. Such a service is not charity—it is merely an enlightened civic duty."

Pre-Centennial Event Planned By Societies of St. Mary's, April 24

Under the auspices of the United Societies of St. Mary's parish a Virginia ham dinner and baked food sale is scheduled to be held in the church hall on South Street, Tuesday, April 24. Dinner will be served from 11:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. and from 5:00 to 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. E. J. Birmingham is general chairman of the affair which is another of the "Get Togethers" leading up to the centennial celebration of the parish in 1934, planned for October of this year, and will be assisted by representatives of the combined church societies as follows:

Mrs. John S. Sheehan, Mrs. Henry Wilson, Mrs. Bernard Farrell, Mrs. John Wickham, Mrs. John Clifford, Mrs. William Ryan, Mrs. Mary Ives, Mrs. Thomas A. Smythe, Mrs. Raymond Whitaker, Mrs. A. Peartree.

Mr. and Mrs. George Boucher, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. George Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Albert DeForrest, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Marakle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trott, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. O'Grady, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Cahill, Mr. and Mrs. August Leigh, Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. William VanRensdial, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McNamara, Mr. and Mrs. George Conway, Mr. and Mrs. William Attridge, Mr. and Mrs. John Curin, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hayden; Misses Julia Moore, Tessie Moore, Eleanor Repp, Mary Flanagan, Rose Boehme, Marguerite Sheehan, Gertrude Trott, Louise Dunn, Mary Curtin, Bernice Farrell, Marie Trott, Betty McCarthy, Mary Dougherty, Julia Nelligan, Kate Kane, Elizabeth Daly, Minnie Dunn, Mayme McCourt, Eleanor Welch, Eleanor Sullivan, Mary and Kathryn Cahill, Gussie McCort, Mary Madigan, Sarah Kane.

James E. Cuff, Leo Fleming, Arthur Boehme, George Manning, Eugene Sullivan, Raymond Boehme, Edward Purtell, Daniel Herbert, Joseph once Manning.

Catholic Evidence

Editor's Note: Under this heading from time to time will appear short articles, prepared by Catholic leaders, as prepared by the Catholic Information Society, of National Day. The articles are addressed to all Catholics, and will be of use in discussing the Church with non-Catholic friends or the more, be cut out and sent to friends interested in the Catholic Church.

What 324,000,000 People Believe

In every nook and corner of the world there are Roman Catholics—324,000,000 all told—all holding the same religious beliefs—all practicing the same Faith—all willingly under the religious guidance of the same leader, the Pope. These people form a cross-section of every country of the world—the poor, the rich, the humble, the proud, the ignorant, the seer—each one satisfying his soul's demands through the Roman Catholic Church.

Wouldn't it be interesting for you to know what these people really do, and do not believe? This vast world army, nearly twice as large as all other Christian sects combined.

FACTS FROM AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES

What you have heard about the Catholic Church since your school days to the latest magazine you have bought, comes from sources, either ignorant of Catholic belief, or anti-Catholic in sentiment. It is only just to hear both sides of any story and it is with the thought that you will read our brief statements on Catholic beliefs and actions, that we send you these little pamphlets. Will you do us the courtesy of reading them each month as they come to your home? And will you write us in all sincerity concerning things Catholic which seem to you to be against our country, against yourself, or against common-sense itself. We assure you that our reply will be brief, courteous and to the point.

Catholic Information Society of Norberth, Pa.

St. Mary Holy Name Hear Distinguished Speakers At Dinner

Auburn — Warden Joseph H. Brophy of Auburn Prison was the toastmaster for the banquet held Thursday evening, April 18, in Lyceum Hall, Clark and Green Streets, under the auspices of the Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Church, of which Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen is the pastor. Rev. Richard O'Connor of Whitesboro and Bernard J. Fagan, a member of the New York State Parole Commission were guest speakers.

Mayor Kirk Bowen, very Rev. Dean John A. Conway, pastor of Holy Family Church; Rev. William F. Bergan, chaplain at Auburn State Prison; Rev. Timothy J. McGrath of Charleston, S. C., formerly assistant at St. Mary's parish; Rev. Ralph Neagle of Rochester, a native Auburnian and a graduate of St. Mary's School; Major Frank L. Hascom, and Dr. Joseph W. Moore, members of the New York State Parole Commission, were among the guests of honor.

The Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Church is one of the first branches of that society to be established in the Diocese of Rochester, its inception dating back to the early years of the long pastorate of the late Rev. William Mulhern. Its present enrollment is 680. Officers of the society are: President, Martin H. Welch; vice-president, Harold Wride; financial secretary, John J. Ganey; secretary, Robert Hornung; treasurer, Thomas Cunningham.

Frank J. Lesch was general chairman of the banquet committee and was assisted by the Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen, Martin H. Welch, John J. Ganey, T. Joseph Coffey, Joseph Hickey, George H. Otis, George McGrath, Frederick Welch, Len J. Flynn, Terrence O'Donnell, John W. Shields, Axery E. Neagle, Thomas G. Hennessy and George E. Pinckney.

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Schuyler Arnold, Garden expert and Secretary of Joseph Harris Co., Seed Growers, will conduct the lecture series with other specialists participating as guest speakers. His lectures, which are free to the public, and entirely non-commercial in purpose, will be devoted to the practical problems of Home Gardening, covering every important step in planning. Men, as well as women, are urged to attend.

In connection with this series a contest will be conducted based on a comparison of "before-and-after" diagrams of home gardens made by those who attend the lectures. Suitable prizes will be awarded.

Dates and subjects of Mr. Arnold's lectures are as follows: April 27, "Layouts of Garden and Lawn"; May 4, "Preparation of Soil"; May 11, "Selection of Varieties"; May 18, "Construction of Rock Gardens and Pools"; May 25, "Summer Care of Garden"; June 1, "Comments on Contest Entries."

Weekly Calendar of Feast Days

Sunday, April 22—St. Soter, Pope
Monday, April 23—St. George
Tuesday, April 24—St. Fidelis
Wednesday, April 25—St. Mark
Thursday, April 26—St. Cletus and Marcellinus
Friday, April 27—St. Zita
Saturday, April 28—St. Paul of the Cross

K. C. State Deputy Speaks At Geneva

Geneva—State Deputy William J. Armstrong, Clerk of the New York State Court of Appeals was the principal speaker at the annual Communion Breakfast of the Geneva Council, Knights of Columbus, Sunday, April 15. The Knights were also addressed by the Rt. Rev. Wm. Walter J. Lee and the Rev. William H. McPadden. Guests at the speaker's table were attended by a guard of honor of the Fourth Degree Assembly. John F. Gleason was toastmaster.

The members attended 7:30 o'clock Mass at St. Stephen's Church, received Communion in a body and marched in a unit with an escort to Hotel Seneca where breakfast was served.

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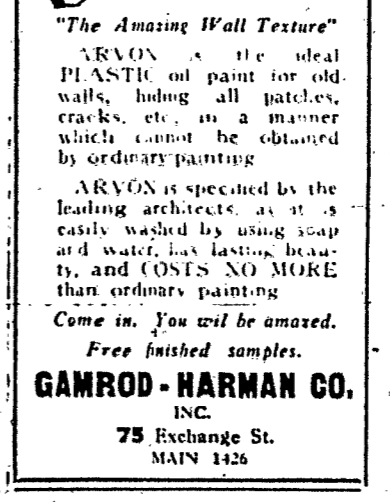
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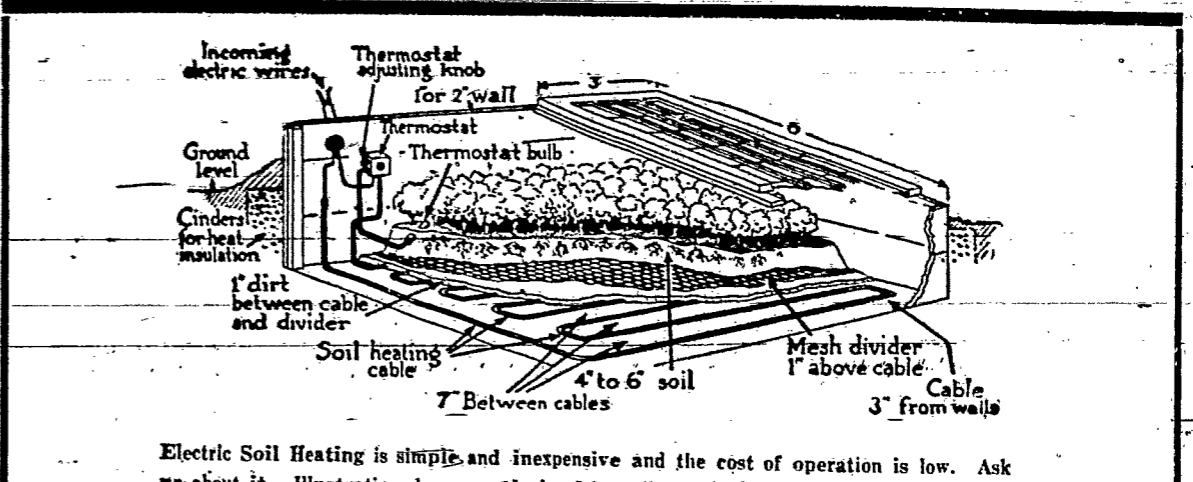
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