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ARCHBISHOP TAKES PART IN CONVENTION

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for keeping the family Catholic, he hoped that the convention discussions would do much to protect the family against the scandal of divorce and the blight of contraceptive birth control.

The Archbishop asked for the return of the practice of family prayers and cited the importance of the Catholic School in maintaining the family. The school, he said, is the extension of the family.

Speaking of the problem of maintaining our Catholic Schools, Archbishop Mooney said that to solve the problem of maintaining the Catholic Schools, all must realize that it is a community effort in which many Catholic families join together to do by common effort what each could not do alone.

Urges Common Effort He urged all to make this common effort not only in the financial upkeep of grade schools, but also of our general high schools.

If we are to succeed," the Archbishop said, "each one needs to do his part in a spirit of mutual helpfulness."

The Archbishop was introduced by former County Judge Philip H. Donnelly who presided. Officers of the two organizations had prominent places on the stage.

Declaring that "the world today is again a battlefield of ideas," the Very Rev. A. J. Muech, rector of St. Francis' Seminary, St. Francis, Wis., at the mass meeting, said that with regard to the question of the restoration of the family "the Catholic Church with her age-old and time-tested ideas on the sacredness of matrimony must do battle with the neo-pagan ideas that undermine the home."

"Modern sociologists whose interests ought to lie in the direction of conserving the most important cell in the social organism, the family, have become rank individualists," Father Muech said. "They deny the sacred foundations of the home, countenance divorce, make themselves champions of birth control, and otherwise advance ideas that are subversive of society. When men by their false teachings confound the wisdom of God in reality they confound themselves."

"The emancipation of women, as legitimate as it has been in many fields of civil and business affairs in freeing women of legal impediments and absurd restrictions, has gone too far. It always spells disaster for a nation when women delude themselves in thinking that the shaping of affairs in politics and business is of greater importance than the shaping of affairs in the home. No artist, no literature, no statesman, in his creations, equals the creations of motherhood."

"Yet, motherhood is in dishonor in a nation that annually observes Mother's Day. Emancipating women to the length of emancipating woman from the laws of conscience and God. Woman will suffer in the end if she descends from her regal throne, as Pope Pius XI has well observed, for, in disregarding fundamental laws of morality she reduces herself to the old state of slavery in becoming as among pagans, the mere instrument of man."

"The Catholic Church practically stands forth as the sole champion against methods of birth restriction that are subversive of the family and of society. Today she is denounced. Tomorrow she will be blessed as the savior of the nation. For, a people that destroys its families destroys its nation."

Speaking on "The Church, the Fam-

Central Verein Head Stresses Need For Enlisting Youth

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President John Eibeck of the Catholic Central Verein said in his annual message, "Personally, I believe that today the Central Verein is better organized to carry on its program of social service than ever before, but we need the manpower to back us up, and manpower can only be secured by diligent work and solicitation on the part of our present membership. I suggest that we make strenuous efforts to secure more individual members, not only for the Central Verein directly, but primarily through our societies, District Leagues, and State Branches. Perhaps it would also be well to concentrate on parish units, especially in localities where no local societies are in existence."

President Eibeck emphasized the importance of bringing young men into active participation in the work of the Catholic Central Verein, saying, "we look to our present membership to bring into our ranks those who are destined to carry on this work in the years to come."

ly and Eugenic," at the same mass meeting, the Rev. Henry B. Laudonbach, of Buffalo, quoted Papal pronouncements and the lessons of history with regard to the family and its most necessary ethical background.

Father Laudonbach put the theories of many modern historians under the magnifying glass of reality, where he spoke of eugenics and its consequences. He insisted particularly that the betterment of the race was not to be achieved merely by biological improvement, but that it must be preceded by the interior renovation which comes only and surely through the spiritual agencies of God and Church.

Father Laudonbach denounced divorce as the daily poison in the land, which has seeped into the highest circles of the country and constitutes one of the worst ethical cankers.

The Kolping Society band and chorus rendered several musical numbers, highly applauded.

Civic Welcome Given Preceding the mass, Mayor Charles Stanton welcomed the delegates in Columbus Civic Center in the name of the city. In a short address commending the two organizations' purposes, he said: "When families are restored on a sound religious basis, then and only then will a decrease in sin and crime be affected. If we are to survive as a nation the family must be restored."

Escorted by the Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John in command of Col. Frank H. Biel, K.H.S., delegates marched to St. Joseph's Church, Assisting Archbishop Mooney in the Mass were: Assistant Priest, the Very Rev. John Beierschmidt; deacon, the Rev. Joseph H. Gefell; sub-deacon, the Rev. George J. Zentgraf; deacons of honors, the Rev. Albert Regensberger, Utica; and the Rev. Louis Meyer, St. Louis; masters of ceremonies, the Rev. Lawrence Casey; and the Rev. Lawrence Thaler, C. S. S. R.

In the sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V. G. C.; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Schellhorn, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles Thiele, Fort Wayne, and the Rt. Rev. Charles Goeckel, Wilkesbarre. About 25 priests attended.

Repeating the evils of the present day, the Rev. John G. Behr, C. S. S. R., of Baltimore in a masterful sermon at the Mass, said: "May God, the Holy Ghost, enlighten our minds and enable us to register a vigorous protest against the prevailing paganism that is disrupting the family and is bringing moral ruin on our fair country."

Citing the Church's stand in no uncertain terms on the question of birth control, sterilization, marriage and its duties, Father Behr urged prayers, reception of the Sacraments and good example that the unity and holiness of the family be preserved. He scored sources of the present day, offering every aid to licentiousness and inhuman life and urged working against these influences which are harming the growing children of today.

Sunday's program closed with the new feature of the Central Verein Conventions, a youth movement meeting. The Rev. Rudolph B. Schuler of Krakow, Mo., in an address before a well attended meeting in Hotel Seneca advocated two forms of promoting youth movement, first and primarily, the parish group, and secondly a Federation of these parish groups with the main activity to be study clubs.

"Youth deserves the special attention of these elders at the present time," Father Schuler said, "principally to train them for future Catholic lay apostolate." He advocated using young men on committees with older men to effect such a training. Discussion followed in which the work of the Kolping Society in Rochester and other cities was highly lauded.

PRIEST UNCONSCIOUS 15 WEEKS Boston. - Medical authorities at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Brighton, Mass., are mystified by the strange case of the Rev. Edward P. Short, of Erie, Pa., who has been lying unconscious for more than 15 weeks. Father Short was stricken with a hemorrhage while motoring through Southbury, Mass., on his way to visit his brother in Brighton.

CENTRAL VEREIN CONVENTION ACTS ON TIMELY SOCIAL PROBLEMS HERE

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Treasury," the Central Verein declared: "We regard the plan to model the Federal Treasury for the need of local education, and for purposes foreign to real relief, as pernicious in principle, and a grave menace to education and public welfare. The Federal Government in this time of emergency is proportionately less able to pay than the local units, and the imposition of new taxes will lead to an orgy of taxation and reckless spending, and will greatly retard the recovery which all so earnestly desire and which our President is laboring so zealously to promote."

The Resolutions Committee of the men headed by the Very Rev. A. J. Muech, rector of St. Francis Seminary, St. Francis, Wis., was in session daily deliberating thoroughly upon the subjects for discussion, as was the Resolutions Committee of the Women.

Action upon the various subjects also followed addresses and discussions in which every possible phase of the convention theme was touched upon.

Credit Unions Described At an important session, Monday evening, Bernard L. Barhorst, president of the Lafayette National Bank and Trust Company, advocated the credit union to offset the high-rate money lending business which he characterized as "legalized usury." Scoring money lenders that are permitted to charge as high as 42 per cent interest on short term money requirements of farmers and workers, Mr. Barhorst, pointed to the widespread development of the credit unions and said they are the only solution to the money problems of the wage earners and farmers.

He defined the credit union as a co-operative society, limited to members of a specific group with a common bond of association or occupation, such as a church parish, neighborhood rural community or industrial plant groups which supplies its members with a simple and convenient system for saving money and which enables the members with their own money and under their own management to take care of their own short term credit problems at a normal interest rate.

"Credit unions," he said, "are geared to bring normal credit resources to the masses of the people whose buying power is often dissipated in high interest charges. Whatever the earning power of the individual, his spending power depends exclusively on the availability of what he earns to satisfy his normal purchasing demands. And remember this, two-thirds of everything purchased is bought by the farmers and workers who earn less than \$40 a week."

At this same meeting Frederick P. Kenkel, K.H.S., K.S.C., gave a detailed report on the Central Bureau in St. Louis of which he is director. He explained the comprehensive work of the Bureau in the fields of social justice, the press, missions, education and other activities.

Parental Example Needed Besides the youth movement conference on Sunday evening two excellent talks were given on Tuesday on this theme by the Rev. Francis J. Lane, Catholic Chaplain at Elmira State Reformatory and the Rev. Geo. J. Vogt, St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester.

Describing conditions he has found among boys in his many years at the Reformatory, Father Lane pointed out means for directing youths' activities into pathways that will not lead to infractions of the law.

"The greatest influence upon a youthful mind," he said, "is the example of his father and mother. If they do not perform their religious duties and attend Church regularly, they can hardly expect their children to do so. They may be able to force them to go while they are young, but as they grow older they will likely follow in the footsteps of their parents. This is brought out by the fact that only thirty-five per cent of our inmates say that their parents attend Church regularly."

For Spiritual Care "How rarely do we find a home today in which a real religious atmosphere prevails; where reverence is found at the table and in the living room; where profanity is never heard; where the parent and child go to Mass, Confession and Holy Communion together; where no date is made without permission and full explanation of who and where and why and how late? Why a garden would be full of weeds, if it received as little spiritual and religious care as the average parent bestows upon his children."

Advocating an increased interest on the part of the parent in the youth movement, Father Vogt stressed in particular the value of vocational groups which would aid and counsel young men and women in the choice of their careers.

Catholic influence should extend beyond the home, the speaker declared, to the end that youth would constantly be in contact with good Catholic characters, thereby avoiding the pitfalls of evil associations. Attract the youth to their likes and leanings, Father Vogt declared, teach them the fundamental Catholic doctrines indirectly as well as directly, and keep them busy in some of the many laudable Catholic young people's clubs.

Guilts Described The Rev. Joseph H. Gefell, pastor of Holy Family Church, described in detail the work of the Missionary Sisters of the Most Blessed Trinity before the Women's Union on Tuesday morning. He outlined their work for

Memorial Chapel To Bishop Dunn In Diocese Of Raleigh

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Diocese of Raleigh (NCWC) - The Rev. J. J. Galesche, C.S.S.R., in an address before the Women's Union, gave the objectives of the Maturity Guild as follows:

"To foster and promote appreciation of the dignity and nobility of parenthood; to inculcate obedience to the law of God upon the married and all others who deal with matrimony cases in a professional or advisory capacity; as far as the resources of the guild permit to afford care for the deserving poor; and, should the financial development of the guild permit, to provide other economic relief to families and guild members."

Speaking Wednesday morning at the final business session of the Women's Union, the Rev. E. F. Galesche, S.J., lauded the cooperation of the Catholic Women's Union with the Catholic Medical Mission Board. He recounted the extensive work done for the Medical Missions which he said adds as an opening wedge for propagation of the faith in pagan lands. He said the Board plans to encourage and help education of native girls to become nurses and native Catholic young men to be doctors.

Increased membership in the Central Verein was advocated by President John Eibeck at a dinner meeting, Saturday, in Hotel Seneca, when he spoke on "Gain and Loss, the Past Present and the Future of the Central Verein."

Sunday's program is reported in another column on Page 1.

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CARDINAL AT MARIAN RITES FLAYS MOVIES

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was a formal welcome to Cardinal Lepicier in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Sunday morning, followed by a Solemn Pontifical Mass at which His Eminence preached the sermon. The Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, Archbishop of Portland in Oregon and Honorary President of the Marian Congress, was celebrant of the Mass and introduced Cardinal Lepicier before the sermon. The Cathedral was filled to capacity and thousands of persons were unable to gain admittance.

The solemn opening of the Congress itself took place Sunday afternoon at the Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother, where the altar specially erected for the Congress was blessed. Archbishop Howard and the Rev. A. M. Mayor, O.S.M., Rector of the Sanctuary and President of the Congress, officiated at these ceremonies. Thousands of persons were present at these exercises. The Rev. Dominick O'Connor, O.M.C., Vice President of the Marian Congress, read the Apostolic Letter.

Chiffaven, N. Y., (NCWC) - His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, paid a visit last week to the Catholic Summer School of America here. A formal reception was held in the auditorium at which the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Splain, the director presided. Archbishop Cicognani was accompanied by the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, and the Very Rev. Msgr. Francis E. Hyland, a secretary of the Apostolic Delegation. The Papal Delegate gave the Apostolic blessing to the school and all of its members. "The cooperation that the city can give to the spread of Divine Truth takes a variety of forms; but among these forms of cooperation none is more important than the support of the Catholic Press." - Bishop Duffy of Syracuse.

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