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Dr. George Johnson Attacks Present System At Convention

New York, April 14—Distinguishing between the features of the present day educational program which have to do with the care of the children and those which have to do with their academic preparation, the Rev. Dr. George Johnson told the 33rd annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association here that "there would be as much logic to forbidding the Catholic child the use of tax-supported streets and sidewalks on his way to school as in depriving him of tax-supported bus transportation or tax-provided school lunches."

Dr. Johnson is Secretary General of the N.C.E.A. and Director of the N.C.W.C. Department of Education.

Dr. Johnson told the meeting that 7,885 Catholic elementary schools today accommodate 2,159,652 children, that 271,786 boys and girls attend 2,159 Catholic high schools, that 51,493 young men and women attend 151 Catholic colleges, that 61,337 graduate and professional students attend 23 Catholic universities, that 17,922 young men are preparing for the priesthood in 169 seminaries, that 9,394 students are preparing themselves in 42 normal schools, and that in all of these institutions there are 85,820 teachers.

Catholics Build Schools

"Catholics of the United States pay their taxes even as do their fellow citizens of other religious persuasions. The State devotes a goodly share of these taxes to purposes of education but the schools and schooling thus publicly provided are inadequate in scope as far as the Catholic child is concerned," Dr. Johnson continued. "The Catholics of the United States as a consequence have no other alternative than to establish and maintain their own schools, to assume the full burden of educating their own children the while they contribute their share to the education of the children of other people," he said, adding that "by and large the Catholic school in the United States has enjoyed freedom from external interference."

Custodial Elements

"However," Dr. Johnson said, "Catholics do not forget for one moment that the refusal of the State to permit them to use the money they contribute through taxes for education to provide for their children a schooling that accords with the dictates of their conscience is a limitation imposed on their religious freedom.

"They become increasingly conscious of this fact as the connotation of the term 'education' broadens more and more and the curriculum of the American schools takes on one additional phase of the child's life after another.

"Through its schools the State is providing children today with opportunities for education far in excess of those involved in the three R's of yesterday. In the American program of education the custodial element are beginning to outweigh the academic. Changing social conditions are making this necessary. The complexity of modern life combined with the educational inadequacy of the home and of other extra-school agencies are forcing us in ever broader and wider use of the schools in the bringing up of our children."

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MOVIE-GOERS' GUIDE

As a guide for Legion of Decency members, a list of current attractions at Rochester's larger theaters is given below. The rating is based on a moral estimate made from the National Legion of Decency List on motion pictures recently released.

Key to ratings:

Class A—Section I—Unobjectionable for general patronage.
Class A—Section I—Unobjectionable for adults.
Class B—Objectionable in part.
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CENTURY
Captain January. Class A Section I.

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Red Salute. (Not classified.)

LOEW'S ROCHESTER
Petticoat Fever. Class A Section 2.
Panic in the Air. (Not classified.)

PALACE
Moon in Our Home. (Not classified.)
Times Square Play-Boy. (Not classified.)

REGENT
Everybody's Old Man. Class A Section I.
Gentle Julia. Class A Section I.

TEMPLE
Manhunt. Class A Section 2.
I Conquer the Sea. Class B.

RIVIERA
Petrified Forest. Class A Section 2.
Dangerous Waters. Class B.
Country Doctor. Class A Section 2.
Freshman Love. Class A Section I.
Desire. Class A Section 2.
Muss 'Em Up. Class A Section 2.

Auburn Deanery

HOLY NAME SOCIETY TO CELEBRATE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY MAY 10

BY CATHOLIC CENTRE SERVICE

Auburn—Joint celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Holy Name Society of St. Alphonsus Church and fourth annual Communion breakfast will be held Sunday morning May 10 at Club Dickman.

Members of Columbian Squires Circle 112 and all men of the parish will take part in the event.

The affair will be one of the features of Auburn's observance of Mother's Day. Corporate Communion will be given during the eight o'clock Mass. After the Mass a Motorcade will be formed on the Church grounds and take the party to Club Dickman for breakfast at 9.15.

A very timely topic will be discussed by a capable speaker whose name will be announced soon. There will also be a floor show. Club Dickman orchestra, under the direction of Mr. John Tyhmar will furnish the music during the breakfast.

Stephen H. Baier, President of the Society, announced today that Francis C. Marshall will be general Chairman. The executive committee is made up of the officers of the society, Stephen H. Baier, President, Alfred McGrath, Vice President, Joseph E. Hieck, Corresponding Secretary, Alban J. Lonnenbach, Financial Secretary, Stephen Klein, Treasurer, J. Francis Pools, Counsellor, William J. McLane, Counsellor, Rev. Frederick G. Straub, Director and Pastor of St. Alphonsus Church.

Speaker for Guild

Auburn—Catholic Evidence Guild of the Auburn Knights of Columbus will present, Sunday, April 19, as its guest speaker, Mr. James Hart. Mr. Hart is very active in Auburn circles and is a member of The Little Theatre Players.

The broadcast is scheduled for 1:00 P. M. over Station WMBO.

Easter Monday Social

Auburn—A card party was held at the rectory of St. Bernard's Church, Scipio, on Monday evening, April 13 sponsored by the Rosary Society. Prizes were awarded to the winners in euchre and 45.

The success of the party was largely due to the efficient committee composed of Mrs. Mary Cotter, Mrs. Florence Farley, Mrs. Elizabeth Lacey and Miss Elizabeth Cotter.

Twins Born

Auburn—A boy and a girl were born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cuddy on April 12 at the Syracuse General Hospital. Mrs. Cuddy was Miss Catherine Meagher before her marriage. She is a graduate of New Rochelle College. Mr. Cuddy is a prominent member of the Auburn Knights of Columbus.

Elmira Deanery

2,200 RECEIVE AT ST. PATRICK'S MARKING 'FAMILY COMMUNION DAY'

Elmira—One of the most impressive demonstrations of faith in the history of the parish took place Sunday when more than 2,200 men, women and children received Holy Communion at the six Easter Masses in St. Patrick's Church.

The unprecedented turnout was in response to a suggestion made by the Rev. William J. Brien, pastor, that Easter Sunday be observed as family Communion day.

Families numbering from two to more than 10 approached the altar rail in groups following the services of the several days previous in which institution of the Holy Eucharist, the Passion and Crucifixion of the Savior had been commemorated.

Fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters and married children all joined in the reception of the Sacrament to give representation to practically every one of the 900 families in the parish. Following the Masses families adjourned to their respective homes to partake of breakfast. Another custom of a Communion breakfast in every home was thus initiated.

Solemn High Mass was celebrated at 11 o'clock with the Rev. Francis Reilly celebrant, the Rev. Daniel C. Holland deacon and the Rev. Earl M. Tobin subdeacon.

The vested boys' choir was present in the sanctuary and sang the responses in conjunction with the adult choir in the gallery. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at noon followed the Mass.

The Rev. Hubert Sweeney of the Passionist Order, who had conducted the Holy Thursday and Good Friday services, preached at all Masses Sunday.

Devoting his sermon to significant reference to the family Communions, he developed with deep appeal the theme that every home should be a temple of God, in the words of St. Paul.

He appealed to all to set up their own homes on the model of the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and root out the indifference and materialistic ideas born of "practices of modern iniquity."

Urges Family Loyalty

Family loyalty, helping one another, condoning the faults of each other in the charity of true Christianity were virtues he held up for emulation.

Fathers in the home he exhorted to assume the responsibilities that are theirs as representatives and ambassadors of Christ. As presiding officers over the household the lov[e], the pure... and example of Mary were given as the guide for the mothers and the children were admonished to practice the obedience and conduct of Christ under the discipline of Joseph in the home of Nazareth.

Father Hubert—a most effective pulpit orator exerted a profound influence on the congregation of St. Patrick's at all of the Holy Week services. At the Masses Sunday he congratulated the members on their demonstration of faith and expressed appreciation on behalf of their pastor Father Brien and assistant priests for cooperation in all the services.

Mystery Drama Planned

Elmira—"The Witch Doll," a murder mystery by Helen A. Monsell has been selected by the Senior Class of the Elmira Catholic High School for its annual play to be produced on the evenings of April 22 and 23.

The story of the play is replete with suspense and excitement and promises to offer enjoyment to all attending the performance.

The role of "Mrs. Twinnell," a hateful old woman will be portrayed by Miss Carimera Syzpello. Others in the cast include the Misses Mary Reilly, Virginia McGill, Mary O'Brien, Sara McCarthy, Ella Sandore, Anne Leahy, Virginia Roth and Margaret Sheahan.

Societies Hold Elections

Elmira—The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church held election of officers for the coming year at a meeting Monday. The new officers are: President, Mrs. Leon C. Hogg; vicepresident, Mrs. Frances Cahill; treasurer, Mrs. Grace Hanrahan; secretary, Mrs. Frederick Brickwedde.

ANTI-CHURCH PAMPHLETS SENT TO U. S.

Washington (NC)—"The Mexican Schools and the Peasantry," a speech made to the peasants by Emilio Portes Gil, former President of Mexico and now head of the National Revolutionary Party has been printed in English by the Press of the Ministry of Foreign Relations which publishes "The Weekly News Sheet," mailed abroad by that ministry for foreign consumption especially in the United States. The pamphlet has been sent to persons in the United States receiving the "News Sheet."

The pamphlet contains a caricature of an ostensibly well-fed priest with a rosary held in his left hand in front of him while his right clutches a money bag behind his back, a picture of a church from which the cross is tumbling and across the front of which is a sign "Library," and another picture glorifying the Socialist school.

Under the caption "The Hacienda Priest," the writer says that there was always a chapel on the Hacienda, and asserts that the priest "threatened" the peasants with punishment in the next life, and was an ally of the hacienda owner in influencing the men to bear "all kinds of sufferings." "This was another means," he says, "resorted to by the hacienda owner ... to corrupt the laborers and to teach them that they belonged to the hacienda and ought on no account to leave it."

Attack on Teachers

If a peasant rebelled against obedience to master and priest the pamphlet adds, he was pressed into the army. As to education, Portes Gil characterizes the teachers of that time as "brutal and overbearing," whose mission was to make the school "hateful to the children," and who made them "learn by rote the series of subjects taught them including the catechism." The teachers of those days, he adds, were the representatives of evil.

"Intelligence and knowledge in Mexico," Portes Gil charges, "have like faithful allies of capitalism, refused to serve the Revolution, since the 'immense majority' of our intellectual men had imbibed, from capitalism and dictatorship, only that which capitalism and dictatorship had furnished them for intellectual sustenance."

With regard to the amendment of Article 3 of the Constitution, Portes Gil says that after 0 years of "secular education" it was necessary to go further and establish proletarian or socialistic education, which we are now endeavoring to spread all over the territory of the nation." Socialistic reform, he adds, has two fundamental ideas, one entirely rationalistic and scientific which aims at explaining the phenomena of existence from a logical and scientific point of view and to remove from the mind (and the remainder of the sentence is italicized) "the falsehood that has for twenty centuries, with duplicity, malice and perversity, been instilled into the consciousness of men for generation after generation."

OPENS FUR STORE

William F. Shafer, with his son, S. George Shafer, is again opening a fur store at 27-29 Gibbs Street on or about April 20. Mr. Shafer is a past grand knight of Rochester Council Knights of Columbus, and a pioneer member of Rochester Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and of Mosm Caravan Order of Alhambra. He is on the staff of the Knights of St. John. He was one of te founders of the Meng and Shafer Company. In his new store their will be a complete fur line with manufacturing and storage included.

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