

Franco Victory Will Aid Spain Says Dr. McGuire

ELMIRA—Spain will resume her neutral attitude toward world affairs in the event of a Nationalist victory in the civil war, the Rev. Dr. Owen B. McGuire told members of S.S. Peter and Paul' Holy Name Society Monday night at their annual meeting in the school hall.

Frank J. McNulty was elected president of the Society to succeed William M. Supple Jr. Others elected are:

John P. McElligott, vice-president; John T. Madlinski, secretary; and Paul H. Reidy, treasurer. The Rev. Francis H. Turner is chaplain.

Henry Vincent Wins Prize In Catholic Essay Contest

ELMIRA—The splendor of a Midnight Mass, told in a very personal way, gained for Henry Vincent, the first prize in the essay contest sponsored by the Rev. Francis J. Lane, Catholic Chaplain at the Elmira Reformatory here.

My Impression of the Midnight Mass was adjudged best by Mrs. Frank L. Chastain, wife of the Reformatory superintendent.

Vincent, who comes from Jenkinstown, Pa., was amazed to learn of his good fortune. It was the first time he had ever won a first prize.

The prize-winning essay, chosen mainly for its simple beauty of thought, follows:

"I have never attended a Midnight Mass Christmas morning until last Saturday evening when my door opened to admit me to witness something I will never forget as long as I live. When I entered the chapel I stood speechless. Before me was a sight so beautiful that, for a moment, I forgot everything. Suddenly I was conscious of someone staring at me, and then someone stepped lightly in front of me and genuflected. I more or less guided by this person, did the same and took my place beside him.

"As I said my prayer and sat down, the organ started playing softly. All the while I never took my eyes off the altar in those few moments I took in everything. I saw the golden colored urns reflecting the lights of the candles and the blue lights of the two Christmas trees on both sides of the altar also the flowers which looked so fresh and beautiful. My eyes fell on the Tabernacle door and draped before it was thin silk lace edged with sparkling jewels. This sight was magnificent. The organ played louder and the lights were dimmed. The only lights now were the candles on the altar and the two trees. The hymn that was being played with such beauty was 'Silent Night'.

"I closed my eyes for a moment and when I opened them I saw something coming down the aisle under a spotlight. As it came closer I made out the forms of three little children. One, who was walking behind two angels, was holding our Lord Jesus Christ lying in a cradle. This sight brought many things to my mind and it was hard to choke back sobs and to stop the tears from blinding me. Those little children put a memory in my mind forever. As the lights went on, Mass began. I was celebrated by Rev. Stephen Sweeney, C.P.

"I took my Rosary and prayed that God would forgive all my sins and make me worthy to receive Him on Christmas Day. As the Gregorian Chant began, I was so thrilled that my sin turned goose pimply and I was closer to God than I ever was before in my life. As the bells were rung for Communion, I arose and took my place at the altar rail. It received Holy Communion and turned back to my pew. I was so happy to tell the truth happier than I ever was in my life. I had just received our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Day.

"When the choir finished singing the Mass, Rev. Stephen Sweeney mounted the pulpit and announced how happy and pleased he was with this Mass the first of its kind in the institution or as a matter of fact, in the whole United States. Never has any penal institution held a Midnight Mass for prisoners, and I think we have created history. Rev. Stephen Sweeney was so happy and pleased with everything. On leaving the church, I noticed how pleased everyone was, especially Father Lane and Father Sweeney. I did wrong, that's why I'm in prison, but I can say now that God in Heaven has made me a good Catholic and a good American citizen and I am more than thankful that I have been given the opportunity of attending the Midnight Mass at the Elmira Reformatory."

Honor Roll Listed At St. Stephen's School

GENEVA—The Honor Roll of St. Stephen's School for the month of December has been announced. Pupils attaining the honor roll had an average of 85 per cent or 90 per cent in each subject.

The list follows according to grades:

Eighth Grade—Robert Connell, Francis McCarthy, Margaret Henderson, Marie McDermott, Arlene O'Malley.

Seventh Grade—Ruth Lesaux, Joan Kane, Marie Sanders, Evelyn Marsh, Katherine Smith, Thomas Dwyer, Robert Rea.

Sixth Grade—Daniel Paley, Bernard Guinan, Stephen Maney, Gerard Reagan, Jane Conolly, Elizabeth De Lyden, Marion Lucey, Helen Gungley, Joan Tili.

Fifth Grade—John Baidley, Joan Lawler, Robert Maney, Arthur McCann, Lawrence Tyndall, Ann Smith, June Shirley, Helen Walsh.

Fourth Grade—William Cornishy, Jean Fitzgerald, Ida Ann Klosser, Ann McCarthy, Joan McCafferty.

Third Grade—Mary Ann Baumgartner, Verda Ruth Klosser, Eileen McCarthy, Joan Monaco, Mary Margaret O'Malley, Mary Jane Puzos, Nina Smith, Mary Elizabeth Toole, June Wain, Donald Lovelace, Edward Reagan.

CLYDE MEN'S CLUB PLANS ELABORATE Program To Mark First Anniversary

CLYDE.—Elaborate plans are being laid for the celebration of the first anniversary of the Men's Catholic Club of St. John's Catholic Church here on Tuesday evening, Jan. 17.

Committees have been appointed by the Rev. J. V. Curtin, pastor of the church and honorary chairman, for the presentation of a dinner in the club rooms that evening for members of the club and their friends.

Advance ticket sales have indicated a large attendance and the event is expected to bring several former assistant pastors back to Clyde for celebration of the occasion.

Feature of the evening will be talk by the Rev. Frederick St. Aub of St. Alphonsus Church in Auburn, prominent speaker who is active in Catholic men's circles throughout this section of the state.

The Rev. Ralph Meyer, assistant pastor of St. John's parish, is to act as toastmaster for the evening. A varied program of musical entertainment is to be offered.

Members of the general committee include Father Meyer, Joseph Liseno, and Michael DiSanto. Other heads of committees are: dinner, Edward Redder; decorations, William Sheehan; tickets, George Maloy; entertainment, James Costello, Phillip Dolan, and Matthew Fischette Jr.; checking, James DiRenzo, Patsy Cimineri; publicity, William A. Brammer; program, Kingsley Molloy.

MEMORIAL SERVICE For Dead Conducted By Holy Name Society

AUBURN.—At 7:30 Tuesday evening in St. Mary's Church the Holy Name Society conducted its annual memorial service for the members of the society who died during the past year.

A mixed choir chosen from among the members of St. Mary's Church choir, students from St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester and a number of priests from the city sang "The Vespers of the Dead," one of the most inspiring services of the Catholic liturgy.

Rev. John Lane of Houston, Texas, who was ordained to the priesthood last June and whose father, Luke Lane, is a departed member of the Holy Name Society officiated as celebrant of the service. Rev. Francis Burns, professor at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, and former assistant at St. Mary's delivered the sermon.

The departed members of the Holy Name Society in whose honor and memory these exercises are held are: Henry Ballingreen, James P. Carroll, Francis J. Conboy, Peter I. Coyne, James F. Finerty, Robert Kelley, Luke J. Lane, John Murphy and Thomas Wise. Relatives and friends of deceased members were invited to the service.

Following the exercises in the church the regular business meeting was held in Ivescum Hall at which time the installation of the officers of the society elected for the year 1939 took place. The officers elected at the December meeting were: President, Joseph Hickey, vice-president, Stuart Shaw, corresponding secretary, Frank Scollin, treasurer, Anthony Conroy, financial secretary, Joan Ganey, marshals, Louis Youtt and Thomas Giblin, Sr.

De Sales High School Notes

By KATHRYN MORAN

GENEVA—The dancing class which is conducted under the direction of Miss Helen Finnelly, held its New Year's party on Jan. 2nd at the Scout Hut, with about 22 students in attendance.

Among the committee in charge of arrangements were Joseph Kelly, Michael Lazio, Fred Schletz, George Rickey, Honor Murphy, Mary Jane Moran and Arnie McDonnell.

Guests were Rev. Daniel Fraher, Rev. Edward K. Ball, Miss Alice Murphy and Miss Jane Finnelly.

Supper Planned At Immaculate Hall

Immaculate Conception, Ladies Auxiliary, 199 Knights of St. John will hold a Parish Supper in the school hall, Edinburgh Street, on Thursday, January 26, at 6:30 P. M.

President Edna McGrath has appointed Mrs. M. Smith, Chairman of Arrangements.

Tickets may be obtained either at the Rectory or by telephoning President Edna McGrath at Geneva 1203-M.



Wise Ben Franklin

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Franklin would have approved of our Christmas Savings Club. Members deposit a fixed amount each week (from 25c to \$10.00) and at the end of 50 weeks have a sizable sum for some useful purpose. Try it this year you'll be surprised at how fast the money mounts up.

CORRECTION

In the schedule of Bishop Kearney's appointments in last week's issue under February it should have read:

3 Friday—St. Mary's Hospital—Low Mass—Blessing of Throats 8:00 A. M.

A blow with words does less deep than a blow with a sword.

Some fairy stories tell of houses made of candy. Home, sweet home.

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Richard Greene & Nancy Kelly

LIBERTY-STATE
Jan. 12, 14, 17
Fred McMurray & Ray Milland
"MEN WITH WINGS"
Plus "Mr. Deeds Kicks Off"
JOE PENNER

LAKE
Jan. 12, 14, 17
Fred McMurray & Ray Milland
"SING YOU SINNERS"
Plus "Racket Busters"
GEORGE BRENT

GRAND
Jan. 12, 14, 17
Mrs. Loy & Clark Gable
"HOT TO HANDLE"
Plus "PELAGIA MOON"
Gene Autry & Shirley Deane
BENJAMIN

PALACE
NOW
Claudette COLBERT
HERBERT MARSHALL
in
ZAZA
CHARIE CHAN in HONOLULU with Sidney Toler

CENTURY
NOW
HUMPHREY BOGART in
King of the Underworld
with KAY FRANCIS
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NOW
LORITTA YOUNG, RICHARD CRINE
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