

Two Important Feasts Coming
Two significant feast days on the Church's calendar come next week—Candlemas Day and the Feast of St. Blaise. See Page 8.

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Women Appreciate 'Schools'
Increasing turn-outs for the "Schools of Cookery" sponsored by the CATHOLIC COURIER, the most growing feminine favor. See Pages 4 & 5.

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Msgr. Corrigan To Speak At Bishop's Dinner

Observance of the golden jubilee of the Catholic University of America will get under way in the Rochester Diocese next Wednesday evening, Jan. 31, when His Excellency the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, plays host to leaders of the clergy and laity at a dinner at Hotel Seneca.

RECTOR COMING



Msgr. Joseph M. Corrigan

Speaker at the dinner will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Corrigan, S.T.D., rector of the university and one of the leaders in the nation's Catholic education field.

Monseigneur Corrigan is coming to Rochester at the invitation of the Bishop to acquaint diocesan with the work of the Catholic University and its relation to the diocesan education system.

Bishop Kearney will preside at the dinner and speak to the assembled guests. It is expected that a representative group of cleric and lay leaders will be in attendance.

Recalls Pope's Words
In formulating plans for the dinner, Bishop Kearney this week recalled the words of His Holiness Pope Pius XII regarding the Catholic University as expressed in radio broadcast from the Vatican to the American Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops gathered at the University for the Golden Jubilee celebration last November 13.

"The Christian education of youth was never of more delicate or vital importance than it is today when we are faced with the bewildering errors of nationalism and materialism which are plunging the world into an ever-darkening twilight of the horrors of a philosophy built on purely human standards.

"If such a calamity were to amplify and intensify we might well lose heart were we not sustained by trust in the living presence of God with its deep strength and solace more abundantly as worldly confidence fails.

"Our hope of God rests in the schools of the Christian countries, old and new, among which stands your Catholic University as a typical example, assuring in its truth, the correct place in its program to the natural sciences and metaphysics mind and heart past and present, reason and the revelation.

"Thus in the austere retirement of your halls alternating meditation and study with prayer you will continue to train the young men of tomorrow to the call, teaching with its able consequences, these intrepid champions of those fundamentals of civilization which enshrined in the Gospel of Christ and the path unerringly followed by the Church are truly the spirit and the life.

"Inspired by this fair promise, the Catholics of the United States and abroad cannot fail to appreciate the extraordinary importance which today is vested in that already famous University just as they cannot pretend but be cognizant of the fact that the future prosperity is entrusted to their pleasure and their cooperation.

"Like other Catholic universities over the United States of America, it is at once a pride in the present and their protection for the future and we, for our part, while we extend warmest wishes of our paternal heart for its progress, call down upon it the abundance of God's blessing with deep affection. We bless the Episcopate over the United States to whose enlightenment and zeal the University is a monument; we bless the professors, the students and all the faithful, especially those who in any way helped this noble institution to endure and flourish."

Oil Deal Seeks To Net Bishops Mexican Prelate Denies Charges

MEXICO CITY (NC) Charges, made against Mexican Bishops, seeking to involve them in the oil situation here by Senator Jose Maria Davila, brought a prompt denial from the Most Rev. Luis M. Martinez, Archbishop of Mexico.

The charges were made at a session of the Permanent Commission of Congress and the Archbishop heard of the Senator's statements from a reporter for La Prensa.

Archbishop Martinez was told by the reporter that Senator Davila said "I have proof and documents to show that Generals Almazan and Sanchez Tapia are in connivance with the Mexican Episcopate and with oil men in the United States." The Senator then stated that, following an Episcopal convocation at Leon, a committee left for the United States to confer with the president of the Standard Oil Company that this magnate has offered to finance a rebellion in Mexico, and that Catholic organizations also are willing to supply financial backing for the said rebels on condition that Article 3 of the Constitution be amended, the Mexican clergy has all of its property restored to it, and the establishment of five seminaries within the Republic of Mexico be authorized.

"Entirely False"
"It is false, entirely false," Archbishop Martinez stated "I have tried and I can say the same for the other Bishops to keep entirely aloof from every political matter. And that is not all. All of us have endeavored to avoid giving any grounds for suspicion that we are meddling in such matters or that we are interested in them in the slightest degree.

"As to the meeting of the clergy held at Leon," he added, "this month not at Leon but at Irapuato, the Mexican Episcopate has issued a joint instruction to clergy and laity relative to the Education Law rushed through Congress at the end of the year. They have done so without any intention of creating difficulties or provoking agitation, but as a duty of our pastoral office which compels us to declare that, notwithstanding the modifications made in the first draft of the Law it cannot be accepted with complete satisfaction by Catholic consciences."

In the face of this situation the Bishops give three particular instructions to Mexican Catholics:
1. To keep watch with your illuminated consciences as Catholics, and with the responsibility of the Christian citizen, over the souls of your children so as to protect them from the very grave dangers that threaten them in matters of faith and morals.
2. To preserve without pause, with Christian constancy and the most efficacious manner of the legal modifications in matters of education. This firm organized and constant activity must exclude all unjust violence which is contrary to the Christian spirit and usually makes worse the evils that it seeks to remedy. It must be within the law for it is proper to a Christian to respect the civil authority in the terms laid down by the Church and finally, it must be serene since in this world there is no force comparable with serenity, especially if it is in the service of a noble cause.
3. To have recourse with absolute confidence and unceasing perseverance to prayer. This is the victory that conquers the world. Our Faith."

Fire Razes Monastery
Munich - The monastery of Enderf near Amberg, Bavaria has been destroyed by fire. The bell tower of the church was damaged. Fortunately the works of art in the church itself were saved.

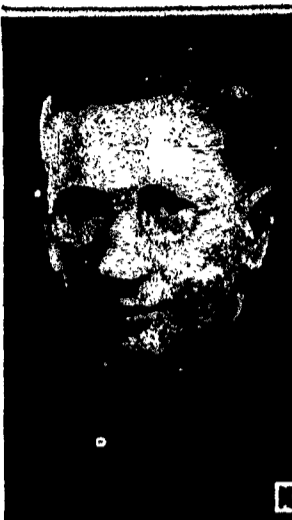
Actors Split On Finn Aid
NEW YORK (NC) - Amid the heated controversy in the professional theater world concerning benefit performances for Finland charges are made by those favoring such projects of assistance that is a "smoke screen" concealing the true sympathies of left-wing adherents.

Theatrical folk here are waging a bitter battle over the proposed benefit performances, those opposing them taking the stand that such benefit affairs should be directed first toward the relief of in-

dependent American actors and stage employees, many of them jobless because of the abolition of the Federal Theater Project. Contentions are also made that benefit shows for one thing or another already are crowding the schedule and that immediate local needs should first be considered.

Proponents of the benefits, in addition to charging leftist inspiration for the objections, assert that benefits have been held for other foreign causes and that aid to the Finns should not be made an exception.

Educator Honored



Very Rev. Edward F. Stanford, O. S. A., president of Villanova College, Villanova, Pa., who has been elected president of the Association of American Colleges, the largest organization of its kind in the United States. The distinguished educator's election is believed to be the first time a Catholic has been chosen to head the Association (N.C.W.C.)

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Expert Fears Drop In U. S. Population

WASHINGTON (NC) - A marked decline in the birth rate of the United States, largely due to birth control, the aging character of the population, with reduced economic productivity and increased dependency and the probability of an actual decrease in numbers of the American people were called to the attention of the Council of Social Agencies, Health and Family Welfare Committees by P. K. Whelpton U. S. population research expert for the Budget Bureau's Central Statistical Board, in an address here yesterday.

In 1900 he said, an average white American woman who lived through the child-bearing period had given birth to 7.8 children. In 1920 the figure dropped to 7.1, in 1930 to 6.5, in 1932 to 6.3, in 1933 to 6.2, in 1934 to 6.1, in 1935 to 6.0, in 1936 to 5.9, in 1937 to 5.8, in 1938 to 5.7, in 1939 to 5.6, and in 1940 to 5.5. He said, "The lowest birth rate through-out most decades of our national history but it now has been supplanted by the Pacific Coast area."

"What is likely to happen to our birth rate in the future?" he asked. "Well, if the best opposition as to the cause for decline is reliable that it is due to more effective and more general use of contraceptive devices, we can certainly expect it to continue. I don't think we can say."

Hits at Catholics
There is a definite crack made at Catholics in the statement reported coming from Dr. Roy Norton of the School of Medicine, University of North Carolina, whose article in the "Journal of Applied Social Psychology" is entitled "The arbitrary insistence of a celibate-controlled group upon ineffective natural methods of birth control even when effectiveness might prevent death of the mother."

Moscow Atheists Active In Christmas Season
MOSCOW - Since early in December until January 9 the date on which Christmas is celebrated according to the Orthodox Church calendar the godless leagues in Russia were busy with motion picture radio and press were used for atheist propaganda and provisions distributed among the poor contained anti-religious maxims.

Tax Aids Birth Control Clinic First Unit In This State Now Open

Sounding a definite warning that the advocates of birth prevention are on the march, it was reported at their first general meeting in New York, Tuesday, that the first public-financed birth control clinic in this State had been established.

Flaunting their false precepts in the face of rigid adherents to the moral standard in the matter of bringing children into the world, the Birth Control Federation of America met in Hotel Roosevelt to bring brazenly into the open, their paganistic remedies for social ills.

"What is happening in the United States in the matter of population is told in cold figures by a Government expert in the next column on this page."

A Mrs. Odell S. Hathaway, chairman of the Maternal Health Center of Middletown sent in the report citing the establishment of the clinic some time ago. The report declared that this is an instance of the increase of birth control centers sponsored by public health officials.

"A Grave Sin"
Opening of such clinics warns Catholics that they are going to have their tax monies used for a purpose forbidden by the Supreme Pontiff of Christendom if strong opposition is not built up now. In his Encyclical, Humani Generis, "On Christian Marriage," the late Pope Pius XI declares:

"Any use whatsoever of matrimony exercised in such a way that the act is deliberately frustrated in its natural power to generate life is an offense against the law of God and of nature, and those who indulge in such are branded with the guilt of a grave sin."

This pronouncement, however, is ignored by the would-be race-destroyers who met in New York. The Rev. Cornelius P. Trowbridge, canon of the Cathedral of the Eucharist, Boston, a well-known Catholic clergyman, is reported as expressing indignation that any one should oppose in the name of religion the giving of birth-control information to the poor.

The usual palaver about "planned parenthood" being the true aspiration of the movement for birth control" and that "a drastic reduction in the expense of children is necessary to bring about planned parenthood" is contained in the report of addresser made at the meeting but there is nothing to show that these same people are working for true social justice which would enable the natural laws to function.

Would Make Insanity Grounds For Divorce
ALBANY (NC) - A bill has been introduced into the New York State Assembly which would amend the State Education Law so as to permit the State Commissioner of Education to regulate the hours of absence permitted in public schools under the law for religious instruction.

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K. of C. Leaders Call All Members To Back Catholic Press Month

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Lauds Press For Staunch Attack On Alien 'isms'

By Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Episcopal Chairman, N.C.W.C. Press Department
Recent years of labor on the part of Catholic editors reveal a remarkable service to American society and to the Holy Catholic Church.

No group has more consistently spread awareness among Americans of the evils of Communism and other alien "isms," or analyzed and exposed their false claims. No group has so consistently fought the insidious of Communism in Catholic Spain by pouring light on the American mind to prevent from a total eclipse by foreign propaganda.

No group has fought harder to keep America out of foreign entanglements while the governments of Europe and Asia were again slowly crumbling into another frightful collapse.

Catholic editors have been tireless in their efforts to instill peace and goodwill, to maintain morality among American people and to spread the Gospel of Holy Justice when greed and pride had wrought great ruin.

If proof were needed to show the importance and power of the Catholic Press, the above achievements would be sufficient.
Unity, Not Regimentation
Let not the quality of thought and action, so apparent in Catholic life, be misunderstood for regimentation. The unity of thought among Catholic editors and people on current evils is a mark of the Divine Mission and Holy Guidance in the Kingdom of God on earth. With the Sacred Scriptures, the revealed words of God, the Papal Encyclicals, the inspired words of our Supreme Pontiffs and Tradition, as the source and principle of our Faith, only analysis and logic are needed to make the Catholic position right and just on baffling current problems of the day. Dissolving premises and the lack of faith in the eternal things of God frequently leave our enemies and critics in dismay and mental chaos.

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State Chairman Sets Two Main Objectives

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