

**Corning K. of C. Honor Retired Fire Chief**

CORNING — Approximately 150 members of the Knights of Columbus of Corning turned out to honor John W. McCarthy, at a testimonial dinner on Jan. 29 at the K. of C. home.

Representatives of the county, city and fraternal organizations turned out to honor Mr. McCarthy who has been a Knight of Columbus for thirty-five years.

Mr. McCarthy has retired from the Fire Department where he held the position of Chief. In this capacity he merited the friendship of hundreds of civic officials, all of whom lauded his work and years of excellent service.

James P. Hallahan, Grand Knight, was toastmaster at the dinner and cited Chief McCarthy as a knight who has always been governed by the cardinal principles of the Knights of Columbus, charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We are proud to number him among the members of our Council.

C. J. Cassidy was chairman of the dinner and handled all arrangements.

**Ladies of Charity**

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birthdays and cards for mothers in distant cities will be supplied for those who are unable to remember their loved ones on Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas. The committee will be under the direct supervision of Father Lane.

**Hospital Work**  
The committee of the Infant of Prague are collecting Christmas cards for scrap books, which will be used in the children's wards in the local hospitals. This group will be on call for any service in connection with the patients in the children's ward. Lonely boys and girls, who are confined for a long period of time, will be remembered on their birthdays, convalescents will be visited and other special services will be given when requested by the hospital authorities.

At this moment, when a troubled world is in great need of service, our Holy Father is calling upon every Catholic man and woman for Catholic Action. Answering that call and following the dictates of their founder, St. Vincent de Paul, the Ladies of Charity are continuing their part in ennobling charity, "the bond of perfection in the hearts of those with whom they come in contact. Under the direction of the Catholic Charities, they are finding that "charity in the heart and on the lips must pass into action before it attains perfection."

The program of the society now includes every corporal and spiritual work of mercy and reminds us of the words spoken of St. Vincent de Paul, "There is scarcely a single form of charitable activity existing in America at the present time that was not successfully undertaken by St. Vincent in France three centuries ago."

**K. of C. AUXILIARY HOLDS ENJOYABLE CARD PARTY**

AUBURN — Members of the Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus held an enjoyable pre-Lenten card party at the K. of C. home, Wednesday evening, Feb. 4.

Appointed by Mrs. George Shannon, president of the auxiliary, as general chairman, Mrs. Avery E. Neale directed the arrangements.

Assisting on the committee were: Mrs. Edward Carroll, Mrs. William Ganey, Mrs. William F. Hollahan, Mrs. Paul J. Nolan, Miss Peg Reilly, Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer, Mrs. Carmen Colella, Mrs. Raymond J. Wall, Mrs. Joseph E. O'Donnell, Mrs. Dennis Renahan, Mrs. K. Hancock, Mrs. Eugene Ferrari, Mrs. Carmen Pacelli, Mrs. Robert Hanlon, Mrs. Edward F. Secaur and Mrs. Joseph Paul.

**GREEK RITE PAPER**  
Homestead, Pa.—The first edition of "The Eastern Observer," semi-official organ of the Pittsburgh Greek Rite Catholic Diocese, has made its appearance. It is to appear semi-monthly hereafter.

**The Nocturnal Adoration Society**

From Paris to Ithaca

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Ithaca will hold its Tenth Anniversary Breakfast at the Victoria Hotel on Feb. 8, 1942. The guest speaker will be the Rev. William LaVerdiere, of the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament, New York, Secretary of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of the United States. Here is an interesting and revealing account of the Society's development submitted by John H. Hardy, corresponding secretary of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of Ithaca:

On February 8, Catholic Ithaca will focus its attention on one of the most unusual religious societies of our day—the Nocturnal Adoration Society—a group of Catholic men who, often a longer period of time) of the night in reverent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

It is unusual for people used to think it was hard enough to get men to church during the day, without attempting to get them there during the night. Evidently we had under-rated the caliber of our Catholic men. A happy experience has taught us that they are willing to do hard things for Christ if they are given the chance.

Headquarters of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for the United States are located at the Church of St. Jean Baptiste, Lexington Ave. at 76th St., New York City, under the care of the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament—a Society of priests founded by Blessed Peter Julian Eymard in 1856 at Paris, France. Blessed Eymard—beatified in 1925—was a genius of a sort, as all saints are for that matter, who had the strangeness of all great men—that of living ahead of his day. His work is antedated by fifty years.

The forerunner of the Eucharistic movement of modern times, he threw all the weight of his gifted mind and soul into the struggle against the Eucharistic absence of the last century. He boldly snapped the cord of un-Christian fear and prejudice that roped off the tabernacle from the Catholic rank and file.

Believe it or not, far back in the 1850's he preached daily Communion for everybody. He had the firm conviction that the regeneration of Christian Society, the restoration of all things in Christ was to come through the Eucharistic Christ.

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"I believe," he said one day, "in an atmosphere of grace around the tabernacle... Eucharistic worship is the need of our times; we need a public profession of the faith of nations in the divinity of Christ and in the truth of the Sacramental Presence... This Eucharistic worship is necessary for the salvation of Society."

Accordingly, when Our Lady of Fourvieres, Lyons, France, inspired him with the thought that "Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament had no religious Congregation whose sole purpose was the glorification of His Mystery of love," he set to work and left no stone unturned until he had founded his Eucharistic Society, whose twofold purpose is the personal service of the Eucharistic Christ by perpetual adoration and the propagation of Eucharistic devotion by the Eucharistic apostolate.

In view of his partiality for everything Eucharistic, Blessed Eymard was actively interested in the Nocturnal Adoration Society, inaugurated in Paris on December 6, 1848, by Hermann Cohen, a Jew who had been miraculously converted to a Benedictine of the Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Eymard was still a member of the Marist Congregation at the time, but even then he was straining every nerve to make the Blessed Sacrament better known and adored, and Hermann Cohen found in him one of his most zealous collaborators.

**NOTES PIONEER**

Other men, fired with the same Eucharistic ambitions, lent a ready hand to the establishing of Nocturnal Adoration in France. Among the pioneers we note Raymond de Coers, Captain of the French Navy, who retired early from active service, became a priest, and was the first companion of Blessed Eymard, as well as his immediate successor in the General Superiorate of the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament.

Nocturnal Adoration, a first love of their Founder, has never left

the Blessed Sacrament Fathers; it is a family heirloom which they will always treasure. As soon as it became feasible after their acceptance into the Archdiocese of New York, they organized the Society in their church (1903).

For years there was the only active center in the United States apart from that of Baltimore in St. Ann's parish, founded in 1883. But this Eucharistic work could definitely not be confined to one spot. Through the years it had been accumulating reserves of supernatural grace and power; at God's providential hour, it fairly burst its walls and swarmed all over the United States.

Once on the march, Nocturnal Adoration men—living lamps, they have been called—could not be checked, their light would not suffer any dimming. Gradually they are dotting the land with centers of Nocturnal Adoration—powerhouses of eucharistic prayer, action and sacrifice.

No State is so distant that this Eucharistic flame cannot leap to it. In certain instances, as was the case for Rochester, a mere newspaper notice tucked away in some inconspicuous corner sufficed to start the conflagration. Mr. William Wynn, a Rochesterian, read an account of Nocturnal Adoration activities in New York, and thought that Rochester (of which Ithaca is a diocesan parish) might well do with a center of its own. Rochester was affiliated in 1922. From there it spread to the rest of the diocese, a central

**Death of Dr. Lewis Brings Sorrow To Hospital Staff**

Elmira has suffered a great loss in the recent death of Doctor Joseph S. Lewis. Keenly in this loss felt at St. Joseph's Hospital with which Dr. Lewis has been closely associated for the past twenty-one years. During these years, few have been the doctors, sisters, graduates or student nurses, who have not at one time or other sought and received his friendly counsel.

The young doctors serving their internship at the hospital, who affectionately called him "chief," always found in Dr. Lewis a real friend, anxious to assist them in applying their medical knowledge to alleviate human suffering.

The student nurses of the hospital have lost a friend who never failed to give them helpful suggestions in their care of the sick. Dr. Lewis was always patient with the young student who was assisting him, thus giving her confidence in herself and aiding her in her professional development.

The Sisters of St. Joseph sense a feeling of personal loss in the passing of Dr. Lewis. On all occasions, he proved himself to be a truly Christian gentleman, a sincere friend, and a doctor of whom the medical profession could be justly proud.

And finally, Dr. Lewis will be greatly missed by his patients, for whose relief he dedicated his life of self-sacrificing work. Regardless of economic status, whether wealthy or one of society's outcasts, this very humane doctor came to anyone in his hour of need. Always kind and gentle, in

branch being founded in each deanery.

**BLUE RIBBON WINNER**

The hard winter beginnings of the Ithacan group are well known, and need not be retold here. Their sacrifices and perseverance have helped to win for the Rochester diocese, on a diocesan basis, the Blue Ribbon for Nocturnal Adoration in the United States.

It is well to recall here the words of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of

his professional ministrations he endeavored himself to his patients, and if at necessity, pain were associated with some treatment a word of cheer from Dr. Lewis gave courage to the sufferer and his quiet smile bespoke warm sympathy and understanding.

Surely, Dr. Lewis will be generously rewarded by the Great Physician. Who said, "What ye did to one of these my least brethren, ye did unto me." May he rest in peace.

**35 Student Nurses Formally Accepted**

Thirty-five girls were formally accepted last Sunday by St. Joseph's Hospital School for Nurses. They had begun their work last September and have now completed their five month period of preliminary training. The entire course will be completed in three years.

Fourteen of the girls are from Elmira:

Elizabeth Burns, Helen Collins, Rosemary Crossed, Joan Dandrea, Anne Deemer, Catherine Ford, Rosemary Kans, Elsie Lomison, Regina O'Donnell, Ruth Panton, Rosemary Palsay, Evelyn Peters, Elizabeth Powers and Helen Shultz.

Others are: Sophia Hrynkanich, Elmira Heights; Mary Eleanor Baxter, Waverly; Mary Catherine Bolnski, Margaret Cunningham, Blossburg; Mary Carroll, Helen Cole, Stella Gardina, Elizabeth Keenan, Corning; Elizabeth Coon, Cortland; Julie Cowley, Painted Post; Joan Dora, Oswego.

Freda Dranta, Canton, Pa.; Irene Fitzpatrick, Frances Kinney, Addison; Mary Foster, Auburn; Winifred Gorman, Lindley; Patricia Linsan, Geneva; Joan Ottinger, Cohocton; and Luella Small, Rochester.

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