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Medals Sent To Midway Chaplain By Men's Club

CORNING—President Eugene D. Kelley of the Catholic Men's Club announced Wednesday, June 10, at the regular meeting at the Baron Steuben Hotel that the officers and directors of the Club, at a meeting held Monday, June 8, at the Knights of Columbus Home, had authorized $10 to be sent for the purchase of St. Christopher medals to be sent to the Rev. John F. Wolosh who is stationed at Midway Island, to be distributed among the Catholic young men in the service. Father Wolosh is a former assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church here.

The committee named to have charge of the purchase was: The Rev John C. Newcomb, chaplain of the Club, Joseph Herschell and Paul Tammaro.

Father Newcomb was the speaker at the luncheo nmeeting. He reviewed the attainments of the organization since its beginning the past winter and said that they had been far more than had been hoped for. He said that the success of the venture had planted the seed for such groups in other communities of the diocese.

"Two things remain for the club to develop, stimulation of our younger members to study and express themselves, and the extension of the club into a sponsoring organization," concluded the priest.

St. Mary's School Pupils Enjoy Outing

CORNING — The pupils of the Fifth and Sixth Grades of St. Mary's School held a picnic Tuesday, June 15, at Dennison Park. Sister M. William and Sister M. Sacred Heart, teachers of the two grades accompanied the children.

Lollipops and dixie cups were provided for the children for their work in helping to make the recent entertainment held at the school hall a success.

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Msgr. Bergan Lauded As Chancellor, Pastor On Silver Sacerdotal Jubilee

"And I believe that as the angels in Heaven pick up the words of the 'Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus' (of this Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving), they will tolerate an interruption from Jesus Christ — Well done, good and faithful servant.'" Thus did His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, conclude his sermon at the Silver Jubilee Mass of the Rt Rev Msgr William F. Bergan which was celebrated by the Jubilarian in St. Monica's Church on Sunday, June 14, at 11 o'clock.

In reviewing Monsignor Bergan's twenty-five years of serving the people of the diocese in the capacity of teacher, "friend of sinners," chancellor and pastor, Bishop Kearney also declared that "the diocese is richer and will be richer for his years of administration."

With His Excellency, Bishop Kearney presiding at the throne, the officers of the Mass with Monsignor Bergan, were: Assistant Priest, Rt. Rev. Msgr William M. Hart, V G. Deacons of Honor, the Rt Rev Msgr J F Goggin and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay; Deacon, the Rev Frederick G. Straub, pastor of St Alphonsus Church, Auburn; Subdeacon, the Rev. Daniel B. O'Rourke, pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Church.

The Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, Bishop of Syracuse and close friend of Msgr Bergan's was also present in the sanctuary, together with several other monsignori and priests. The Rev Dr James McAniff, vice-chancellor was master of ceremonies.

Monsignor Bergan was escorted to the altar by a procession of school children, altar boys, seminarians and clergy. The church was crowded with parishioners and friends of the jubilarian who joined with him in his Mass of Thanksgiving.

Following the Mass, a dinner was held at the Palm Room of the Hotel Seneca. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron, the "good neighbor" pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, was toastmaster, and Bishop Foery, Bishop Kearney and Monsignor Hart were among those who briefly addressed the assembled clergy, friends and relatives of the jubilarian.

Also guests of Monsignor Bergan on this happy occasion were about fifty nuns of the different orders, who, after attending he Solemn High Mass, adjourned to the parish hall where dinner was served for them.

Last Friday evening in the hall an entertainment and reception was held by the people of St. Monica's for their pastor. The program included choral selections by the Eighth Grade pupils, and the Sodality Glee Club, and a very entertaining operetta by "Our Little Ones." Charles A. Kick of the Seventh Grade delivered the "Greeting," and Father Bernard Cleary made the presentation. The school children, the parishioners and the various church organizations presented gifts which were displayed in the front of the hall.

County Farm Family Feted By Elmira Ladies of Charity

By Mary E. Fitzgerald

Laughter and gayety that rivaled the joy of children at their first party, held sway at the County Farm at Breeseport on Sunday, June 14 when the members of the Personal Service Committee of the Ladies of Charity were hostesses at an afternoon party for all of the County Farm family. Tired feet tapped in time to gay music, grey heads swayed in tune with the sweet voices of boys and girls and smiles hovered around lips, that had been set in sad lines for many days. Somebody's fathers and mothers forgot the indifference of sons and daughters who had not come to visit them that day and gave themselves up to the joy of the moment.

The children of St. Patrick's School under the direction of Sister Cecelia entertained with songs, dances, and specialities. Others who took part were Miss Florence Hughes, piano selections, Master Danny Joe Richardson, Recitations, (Monologue) Miss Eleanor Maloney and vocal selections by a quartet of young ladies from the Catholic High School.

Refreshments were served by a committee headed by Mesdames Walter C. Ervin and Edmund J. Maloney, Co-Chairmen, and it was hard to decide which was the most enjoyed, the party, ice cream and cakes or the entertainment.

Annual elections and plans for a summer program are being considered by the various committees this month. At recent meetings, the Red Cross Group reelected Mrs. Fred J. Battersby, Chairman, and chose Mrs. John S. Maloney as Assistant Chairman to succeed Miss Eleanor Kelly, and Mrs D. J Reidy, as Acting Chairman.

The Friendly Visiting Committee returned Mrs. Roderick V Prechtl to the office of Chairman and elected Mrs. Edmund Widman to succeed Miss Mary C. Mitchell as Assistant Chairman. Miss Florence J. Bird will continue as Chairman of the Employment and Vocational Guidance Committee, Miss Helen M. Burns succeeds Miss Rose Krocynski as Assistant Chairman and Mrs. Irene McNamara will be Secretary of that committee.

Miss Florence P. Kane and Mrs Edward Dawes as Co-Chairmen of the Committee of the Infant of Prague and Mrs. Glenn R. Weigand and Mrs. Bertram L. Comstock as Chairmen of the Sewing Committee were reelected. Elections of officers of the other Committees will be held before the June meeting of the Central Executive Council.

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K. of C. Name Statt To Compile War Data

Appointed by Chairman John E. Swift of the War Activities Committee of the Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus, Cyril J. Statt, Master, Fifth District, Fourth Degree has charge of compiling a complete and permanent record of the Council and individual member's contributions to the war effort.

Mr. Statt has been assigned to cover the area covered by the Rochester diocesan area in Region No. 2 headed by Supreme Secretary Joseph F. Lamb.

Information Wanted

Information will be sought from the individual councils on the names of members of each Council in the service, branch of service, officer's rank, if any, military honors and deaths occuring in the service.

Each Council will prepare an Honor Roll.

Council contributions such as use of Council rooms for military or defense meetings; entertainment programs sponsored for men in the service; what Council is doing for its own members; and Council's financial contributions to War Bond Program, U.S.O., Civilian Defense and the Red Cross will be information sought by Mr. Statt.

Added information on Councils sponsoring Blood Donors, attending First Aid Courses and furnishing religious articles, gift packages and other articles to service men is wanted. Data on activities sponsored by the Council for men in the service in cooperation with other organizations such as the N. C. C. S., Civilian Reception Committee and other groups will be compiled.

A record will be made of individual membership's contributions to the War Bond Program and a record of outstanding members in the Civilian Protection Program will be compiled.

Any data helpful to Chairman Cyril J. Statt can be sent to him at 48 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester or he will answer any questions concerning the compiling of data on the Knights of Columbus activities in the war effort.

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A missionary society member approached Henry. "We are having a raffle for a poor widow," he said. "Will you buy a ticket?"

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Corning Pastors Attend Retreat

CORNING — The Rev. John A. Smith, pastor of St. Mary's Church; the Rev. E. A. Rawlinson, pastor of St. Patrick's and the Rev. Joseph V. Gulfoil, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's, were in Rochester for three days the past week attending the annual retreat for pastors of the Diocese, held at St. Bernard's Seminary.

The assistant pastors will begin a retreat in Rochester on June 22.

College Receives Page Of Gutenberg Bible

NEW YORK — (NC) — A page from a rare Gutenberg Bible has been presented to the Cardinal Hayes Library at Manhattan College by Christian A. Zabriskie of New York City. It was announced yesterday by Brother A. Victor, F.S.C., President of the college.

Part of a defective copy sold in London in 1922 by a New York book-dealer, the page is from the Second Book of Esdras, chapter six and seven. It is thought that the complete book was printed over a five-year period, starting about 1450.