

Catholic Labor College

Labor Ethics Discussed At Opening Session

Opening session of the current semester of the Rochester Catholic Labor College was held Friday evening at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality. Rev. George Vogt, M.A., diocesan director of the Confederation of Christian Doctrine led a discussion on Labor Ethics.

The text that will be used as a guide for this term's discussion is *Islands of Reconstruction*, one of a series of pamphlets on *The Social Question*, by Dom Vergil Michel.

The discussion brought out that our late Holy Father describes the present condition of society in the following brief statement: "Nowadays, as more than ever in the history of the Church, we are confronted with a world which in large measure has almost fallen back into paganism."

Father Michel states that: Paganism, in general, is characterized by the viewpoints or attitudes known as materialism and naturalism. With such ideas dominant in a great part of modern civilization, there is no wonder that Pius XI stressed as a first need the return to a Christian way of life: "If we examine the matter diligently and thoroughly we shall perceive clearly that this longed-for social reconstruction must be preceded by a profound renewal of the Christian spirit."

"A return to the Christian view of life necessarily means a break with the pagan views of materialism and naturalism and exaggerated individualism." This break must be characterized by a return to the concept of the nature and dignity of the human person and of the organic nature of society. For as Pius XI says: "Then only will it be possible to unite all in a harmonious striving for the common good, when all sections of society have the intimate conviction that they are members of a single family and children of the same heavenly Father, and further, that they are one body in Christ and everyone members one of another."

Movements Cited
Father Vogt said that these

principles will find practical expression in such movements as The Cooperative Movement such as the one started by Fathers Tomkins and Condy of St. Francis Xavier University for the exploited and impoverished West Indian and workers of Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Another phase of The Cooperative Movement which has been developed in many Catholic parishes is the establishment of credit unions. A further step in voluntary economic cooperation is seen in the establishment of rural cooperative communities such as Monsignor Ligutti's Granger Homesteads and The Catholic Worker Farming Communities.

An evidence of the high favor in which such projects are held by Our Holy Father is seen in the following message from Pope Pius XII to the group at Antigonish: "Something happening in your country has brought the Pope great joy, and in an earnest of better things to come, I speak of your efforts in the social sphere... moved by brotherly love to help men of slender means better their lot in such a way that the full teaching of the encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno* may be put into practice... social life has a sacredness all its own when imbued with the spirit of the Gospel and based on justice and charity... may the work grow and flourish."

Father Vogt recommended the following books for collateral reading: *The Twilight of Capitalism and the War* by Dr. Walter John Marx of the Catholic University; *Easy Essays* by Peter Maurin; *The End of Our Times* by Nicholas Berdyaev; and *The Modern Dilemma* by Christopher Dawson.

Father Vogt announced that Aaron Apell, Ph.D., head of the History Department at Nazareth College, will discuss current social legislation at the next session to be held Friday evening, Jan. 29, at 8:30 o'clock at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality.

Sacred Heart Parish

HONOR GIRL SCOUT LEADER

Old Scout leaders of Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral parish held a farewell party last Saturday evening for the leader of Troop No. 118, Mrs. Dorothy McFarland, who is leaving to join her husband, a naval instructor.

The Rev. John T. Callahan expressed in the name of the troop the gratitude of the members and their parents for the capable direction and fine service the departing leader had rendered.

These articles, *Marriage Agony* and *Mary West* report that most of the members are now working on the Health and Safety Clubs and Community Life projects while others are completing material for their *Worship* magazine and their *Music and Dancing* awards.

F. T. A. MEETING
The F. T. A. of Sacred Heart School will hold their monthly meeting on Feb. 1st at 8 o'clock in the school hall. After the meeting the school band will play for the mothers and their friends. A

lunch will be served by Mrs. Ray O'Connell and her associates. The committee are: Madeline De Tullio, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Vogt, M. C. West, T. D. West, Doris Welch, P. J. Wilson, Herbert Williams, Julia Wirth, J. E. Wroblewski, Joe Walsh, Rosemary Kelly, L. Szwedka, Mary Kelly, Francis Don, Mary Brown, Wm. Wynn, and C. L. Wynn.

Making One Happy

Never lose an opportunity of making a child happy; it is often beyond your power to make a grown man or woman happy, but a child you can always make happy.—Edward Shreeve.

HOLY ROSARY PARISH

ROSARIAN MEETING SET

The regular monthly meeting of the Rosarians of Holy Rosary Church will be held Monday, February 1.

The meeting will open with services, conducted by the pastor.

Emmett Connaughton Final Rites Held

Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated Tuesday morning in the Immaculate Conception Church for Lieut. Emmett V. Connaughton by his brother, Very Rev. William J. Connaughton of Burke, South Dakota. He was assisted by Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, deacon and Rev. William McPadden, a cousin, as subdeacon.

The following priests were in the sanctuary: Rt. Rev. Joseph E. Cameron, Lieut. Eugene B. Le Gault, senior Chaplain of Sampson Naval Station, Rev. William Byrne, Rev. John S. Hayes and Rev. George S. Wood.

Services at the Cemetery were conducted by Rev. William McPadden, assisted by Rev. William J. Connaughton and Rt. Rev. George V. Burns.

Mr. Emmett Connaughton was a member of the Rochester Fire Department for over thirty years. The Guard of Honor and Bearers were members of the Rochester Fire Department.

Guild To Complete Membership Drive

Membership campaign of St. Elizabeth's Guild will be brought to a close at a monthly business meeting of the Guild, Tuesday, Feb. 2 in Columbus Civic Centre. Mrs. Joseph B. Coppinger, president, who will preside and hear the reports by Mrs. Emmet J. O'Neil, chairman, on the membership effort in urging all members to attend this important session.

Students Honor All Armed Forces In 'Service Week'

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—War has transformed the scholastic week at New Rochelle College here into "Service Week" and each day of the Monday-to-Friday span is dedicated by the students to a different branch of the country's fighting services.

Monday is Army Day; Tuesday is Missions and Chaplains' Day; Wednesday is Navy and Coast Guard Day; Thursday, Marines and Merchants Marines Day; and Friday is Air Corps of the Army, Navy and Marines Day. The "Service Days" will continue throughout the year. Students offer each morning's Mass for the particular branch of the service honored on that day and dedicate their works and actions as a corporate immolation for final victory of America's fighting men.

Address Graduates

Milwaukee.—Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon-General of the United States Navy, and the Rev. Alphonse M. Schwitalla, S.J., Dean of the St. Louis University School of Medicine, will address mid-year commencement programs at Marquette University, according to an announcement by the Very Rev. Raphael C. McCarthy, S.J., President.

A good example is the best sermon.

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