

Fr. Ehmann To Talk On Church Music At Catholic Women's Club

The Rev. Benedict Ehmann, S.T.C., will give the Lenten talks in the Lenten talks being sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club...

Priest Reviews Life Of St. Patrick For Corning Men's Club

CORNING — The Rev. John F. Albert, assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, was the speaker at the Wednesday, Mar. 17 meeting of the Catholic Men's Club...



LADIES OF CHARITY... Jottings Here and There

Members of the Ladies of Charity assumed full responsibility for the solicitation of Red Cross funds in the Southside Bank during the week of March 15.

A large representation from the organization attended the induction ceremony of the National Citizens Service Corps at the Elmira Free Academy on Wednesday, March 17.

The Committee of St. Ann de Beupre met on Monday, March 23, in the Catholic Charities office. This was the regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Arthur Garvey, co-chairman, presiding in the absence of Mrs. Ivan F. Brady...

The Secretarial Committee met with Miss Olivia Shannon, chairman, at the Charities Office on Tuesday, March 23.

The Red Cross group convened for their weekly session on Wednesday, March 24, at Columbus Center.

The Big Sister Council held their monthly meeting following Lenten Services on Wednesday, March 24. Misses Marie O'Dea and Rose Kingston are co-chairmen. A special need of additional members of this committee was mentioned. Referrals are now more frequent because of the recognition of the program by the schools and court.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cafe Committee was held at the same time in the Board Room of the Federal Building. Miss Mary A. Newsome, chairman, presided. Other members of this committee which meets each month to give assistance on current problems and practices are Right Reverend Monsignor John J. Lee, Dr. M. Frederick Butler, Messrs. Faustin Clune, Uri S. French, Gerald Laughlin, Edward Maloney, William Osborne, David Sheehan, Major C. E. Graves, Mrs. William Danaher, Misses Hildegarde Prechtl and Angela S. rozinski.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Infant of Prague is scheduled for 7:30 on Thursday, the 25th. This meeting will be in the Catholic Charities Office with Miss Florence P. Kane and Mrs. Edward P. Dawes, co-chairmen.

SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD FOUNDER'S CAUSE OPENED

VATICAN CITY. The approval of His Holiness Pope Pius XII for the introduction of the cause for beatification of Father Arnold Janssen, founder of the Society of the Divine Word, is indicated by the publication of a decree for this purpose by the Sacred Congregation of Rites. Father Janssen was also the founder of two missionary congregations of nuns; namely, the Society of the Servants of the Holy Ghost and the Servants of the Holy Spirit of Adoration.

SODALITY GREET'S CHAPLAIN. Speaker at the annual banquet of St. Patrick's Sodality, Elmira, N.Y. Chaplain Francis Pegnam is greeted by Mrs. Samuel Terwilliger, vice-president and toastmaster; Miss Teresa Cameron, Miss Rose Kingston, co-chairmen; Fr. Joseph F. Hogan, spiritual advisor.

Chaplain Pegnam Heard At Sodality Banquet

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"One thing I will never forget," Chaplain Pegnam said, "were the words of a young seaman who was in a very nervous condition. He had been hit on the head while loading ship and had a fractured skull. When I was anointing him and he was still conscious just a few moments before he died, he said: 'Gee, chaplain, it's swell to have a chaplain here at a time like this. That's the kind of thing that repays a chaplain, and the experience will be repeated again and again.'"

On board ship, the Blessed Sacrament remains in the chaplain's room, and all day long officers and enlisted men drop in to kneel, pray, and go away again. "Men who are fighting in battle want the truth, and it's up to the chaplain to bring it to them."

Referring to the word morale, the speaker reminded the audience of the close relationship between morale and morality, branding as "camouflage morale" those shows and entertainments which present immoral subjects and ideas to boys of 17 or 18 years, away from home for the first time. These in reality destroy morale.

One great help toward real morale is letters from home. Father Pegnam urged parents and relations not to avoid religious references in their letters, since a few words of inspiration are of great help to boys who must associate with people who are without any faith.

"We are going to win the war, we hope very soon. We have a fine group of young fighting men. If we keep up their morale, if we give them something to fight for, some principles of faith, there is no doubt about the outcome. My prayer is that the Prince of Peace will protect us all in this trying day. Will guard our men in the battle fields of the world, protect our blunes and loved ones in all perils and dangers, and our country from danger within and without... that when our men come back... continuing to live in a Christian way, they may enjoy the peace of heaven forever."

Mrs. Samuel Terwilliger, vice-president of the sodality and toastmaster for the occasion, greeted Father Pegnam in the name of the sodality and expressed her thanks to all who had assisted in making the banquet a success.

Rev. William J. Brien spoke of the fine work that Father Pegnam had done as director of the sodality, "one of the best in the diocese." Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, present sodality advisor, introduced Father Pegnam, and following his talk, presented the chaplain with a spiritual bouquet and a check from the sodality.

The invocation was given by Father Brien and the benediction by Father Hogan. Group singing at the beginning and close of the program was accompanied by Mrs.

Orestes Brownson's Life Story Told To Cornell Newman Club

ITHACA — Transition of Orestes Brownson, the Catholic leader, through religious denominations into Catholicism was traced by Dr. Theodore Maynard to a Barnes Hall audience Sunday evening, March 21.

Dr. Maynard, who spoke under the auspices of the Cornell Newman Club, an Englishman and a convert to Catholicism, has resided for more than 20 years in the United States. Born in 1803, he was converted in 1844, and died in 1876.

Brownson was described by Dr. Maynard as having once been a Universalist minister in Ithaca and an example of the "case of a child being the father of the man. While an urchin of 6, living with foster parents in Vermont, he was allowed to go to see the militia being mustered on the common for the War of 1812 and heard two church elders arguing about predestination. Brownson had his own ideas, and spent the rest of his life, from the time he was 19, arguing his religious theories.

Brownson went to Boston where he became acquainted with the Brook Farm and Fruitlands movements. Although he had little school education, he had taught himself six languages of which he was proud. While in Boston he wrote an social and political subjects and is regarded by Dr. Maynard as having been "a remarkable metaphysician. He came into the Catholic Church by reading a number of French philosophers. From all of them he gained certain ideas and transformed them to his own needs."

Bishop Fitzpatrick of Boston was a bit apathetic to some of Brownson's new theories. He later migrated to New York where he ran into difficulty with the bishop, "going out of his way to antagonize the Irish and the Jesuits," Dr. Maynard said. Brownson thought himself a friend of the Irish, and was interested in seeing them become more "Americanized," the speaker and historian asserted. Later Brownson was offered a chair in a university in Ireland, but it was withdrawn because of pressure from those in this country who did not like him.

The Catholic leader is now buried at Notre Dame University.

King Conquers

By meekness our King conquered the devil. The devil raged, Christ suffered. He who raged was overcome. He who suffered overcame — St. Augustine.

Charles Lynch. Present at the speakers table were the Rev. William Burns, Rev. John A. Murphy, co-chairmen, Rose Kingston and Teresa Cameron, Mrs. Ivan Brady, Mrs. Charles O'Hara, Mrs. Paul Brachar, Mrs. Wilfred Underwood and Mrs. Charles Lynch.

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