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Father Duffy Cites School Aim

On Guard!

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She is a very Fashionable Lady. Right now she's waiting for John. He'll be along shortly. They're dining out tonight. Be sure to notice the beautiful living room where the Fashionable Lady is sitting. She calls it ultramodern. At least that's what the architect told John and her. Yes, that oriental on the floor is genuine too. She's very proud of the books that flank the fireplace. John uses them for decoration, but she's read them all—from Hemingway to Steinbeck.

The home is admittedly magnificent. John and she worked and planned for years and now they have everything. . . . Well . . . almost everything. When John drives along it will be in a Packard . . . eight cylinders and white wall tires. That dog curled up at the Fashionable Lady's feet is a pedigree Sealymon. . . . He's just eaten his can of Redheart; that's why he's sleeping. . . . John calls him "Duke" and she calls him "Darling."

The Fashionable Lady spends hours getting ready to go out this evening. . . . She wishes John would hurry along. . . . It's that story in the evening paper that attracted her. . . . That story of how Tommy brought his fiancée in "on a wing and a prayer." She knows Tommy and Tommy's mother too. She remembers how young she Tommy's mother looked when she married Tommy. . . . At the time she called Tommy's mother "a fool" . . . but now Tommy's a hero. . . . These stories annoy the Fashionable Lady. Why can't she forget that other night when the paper boy came to say "readers" and told her "the mother hasn't got any jewelry but I bought her a service pin to wear for me."

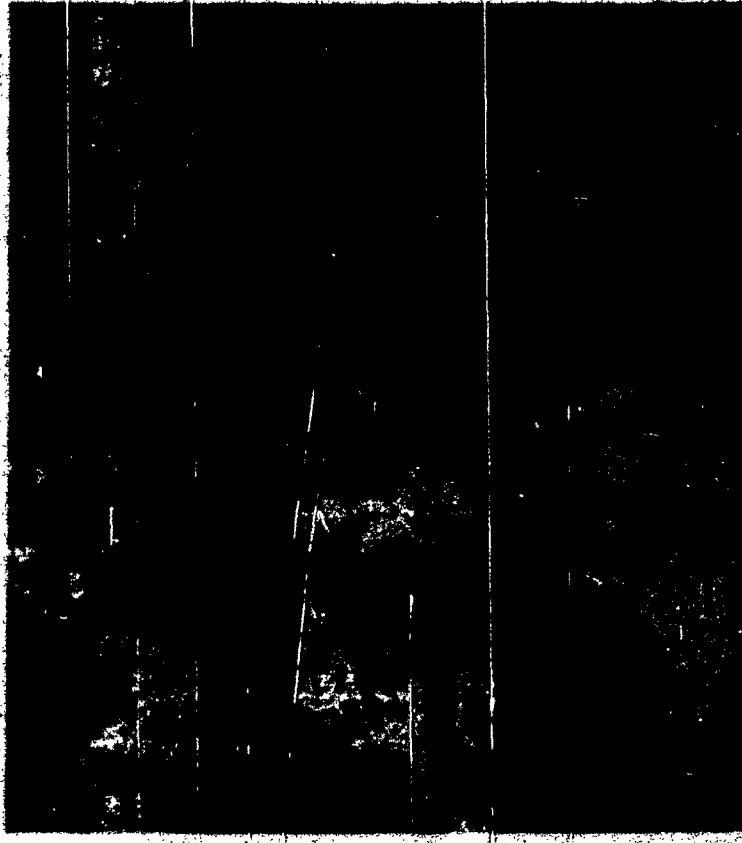
These thoughts are firing the Fashionable Lady. . . . Why doesn't John come? She feels so alone. . . . but even when John comes she'll be alone. These days she's always alone. . . . even in a crowd she's alone. Tommy's mother has a hunch. The paper boy's mother has a little star on her shabby coat. All the Fashionable Lady has is a victory garden and a war bond that she won as a door prize. . . .

How still it is now. . . . Everything is so quiet. . . . Why doesn't John come home? . . . If only the dog would bark. This house is so silent. . . . the house that John and she gave their lives to build. . . . SILENCE! . . . Now the Fashionable Lady knows the one fault of this beautiful home. SILENCE was the curse of this home right from the start! Even when John is home, that silence, that absence is there. . . . Does John know what is wrong with this house? Does he understand the mistakes they've made? . . . Yes, but like the house he too is silent.

But if there is silence in the house, there is thunder in the Fashionable Lady's soul. . . . the voice of conscience is eloquent in reproach. . . . These horrible thoughts are thundering in her brain! . . . Her secret is storming the doors of conscience. The years—her years and John's—are in rebellion!

Her mind is fatigued now. . . . This wrestling with conscience has exhausted her. . . . How long will this battle of soul go on? Will John come home? . . . or for all eternity? . . . Why don't these thoughts stop? . . . Tommy will be

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COMFORTING THE FLOCK. His Holiness Pope Pius XII, Bishop of Rome, is shown in his city, joining with his people in prayer. (The Holy Father returned from the visit with his second head-of-state—see Story, Page 3.)

Bishop On Program Of State Verein Meeting In Elmira

With arrangements completed, committees in Elmira are prepared to greet delegates and members coming Sept. 4, 5 and 6 for the annual Labor Day weekend New York State Convention, Catholic Central Verein of America and National Catholic Women's Union.

Convention motto is taken from Pope Pius XII's Christmas message of 1942: "The call for the moment is not immediate but action, not immediate but what has been, but reconstruction of what is to arise and must arise for the good of society. It is for the best and most distinguished members of the Christian family, filled with the enthusiasm of Crusaders, to unite in a spirit of truth, justice and love to the cause, God wills it."

The Elmira Convention committee is headed by Louis J. Lutz, Chairman, with Margaret Kennedy as Co-Chairman.

Opening the convention formally on Sunday, Sept. 5 will be a joint session of the societies of the Mark Train Hotel, convention headquarters at 3 E. M. The Hon. Henry Strachan, Mayor of Elmira, will welcome the delegates. At 10:30 a. m., delegates will march to St. John the Baptist Church, escorted by uniformed Knights of St. John and Ladies Drill Teams from various cities in the state.

Solemn High Mass. Highlight of the convention sessions will be Solemn High Mass at St. John's Church at 11 a. m. at which His Excellency, the Most Rev. James M. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester will preside. The Holy Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. John M. Haskins, C. M. R. of New York City.

An extensive program including discussions and addresses on industrial, social, economic, civic and post-war problems, music, athletic, radio meetings, parades and entertainment will be added to religious services on the program.

Starting Sept. 4 will be given over to registration of delegates,

Emphasizes Duty Of Parents In Choosing School In Wartime

"The problem of selecting a school is a matter of conscience for every Catholic parent who has a child of school age," states the Rev. John M. Duffy, M.A., Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, in his annual school-opening statement, which was issued today by the Diocesan Education Office.

Rejecting the attitude that utilitarian education is a means of material advancement and prosperity, Father Duffy stated that "the primary purpose of education is to train young people how to live a good life, and emphatically not how to make a good living."

While lauding the splendid achievements of Catholic schools in every war effort which all within their sphere, Father Duffy also reminds parents that "the primary purpose of the school program is not to train war or to train business. The primary purpose of the school is to provide sound education, to prepare the child or youth as to live in this world that he will attain his goal—'Heaven, Life Everlasting, God!'"

All elementary and high schools in the Diocese of Rochester will open Tuesday, Sept. 7, according to the announcement of the Diocesan Education Office.

Formed Violinist. Maryland, Org.—Appointment of Mrs. Mary Phelan, violinist, as a member of the state faculty and head of the string department, has been announced here by Maryland College.

Gift of Holy Father. Little Rock, Ark.—A gift from His Holiness Pope Pius XII, the Most Rev. John B. Morris, Bishop of Little Rock, has presented cash to the German professor of war quarters at Camp (Jardin).

Milan Cathedral Shattered by Bombs

VATICAN CITY—The Milan Cathedral has been so damaged in air raids on that city that the structure is endangered and will not be usable for some time, it is stated in an official letter received in Vatican City.

The famous Milan spire, of varying height and each surmounted by a statue, have been largely destroyed.

The largest of these spires—the central one—was supported a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, titular of the church, is still standing. Many others have been blown off in the bombardments. Some are tottering at a dangerous angle. Some are a mere shell. In addition, some of the statues surrounding surviving spires are damaged and threaten to fall.

The facade of the Cathedral has been struck by incendiary bombs. The main doors are irreparably lost. The spire has been hit and a number of columns have been damaged. The organ and the choir of the cathedral have been completely destroyed by the bombs.

WE LEAVE OUR MONEY — THEY GIVE THEM LIVES

Text Of Fr. Duffy's Statement

Complete text of statement issued by the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent, Catholic Schools, Diocese of Rochester, at the opening of schools is as follows:

Tuesday, September 7, 1943. The new school year is the most important and high period in the Diocese of Rochester. The Diocesan Education Office, with its many parishes, will be busy with the opening of schools. . . .

The school year will start in the new school year in the same manner, but under most unusual circumstances. . . . The school program is not to train war or to train business. . . .

Every teacher and parent is reminded of his duty to cooperate in the new school year. . . . Every teacher and parent is reminded of his duty to cooperate in the new school year. . . .

The primary purpose of the school, however, is not to train war or to train business. . . . The primary purpose of the school is to provide sound education. . . .

If parents wish their own good, they should be the best. . . . If parents wish their own good, they should be the best. . . .

Jesuits' Residence In Holland Seized Church Demolished

NEW YORK—The residence of the Society of Jesus at Vlieland, Holland, has been seized by the German authorities and the church has been demolished.

THEY GIVE THEM LIVES