

St. Bernard's Choir Auburn Concert Set

Auburn—The Choir of St. Bernard's Seminary of Rochester under the direction of Rev. Benedict Ehmman will give a concert in Auburn on Tuesday evening, April 10, in the auditorium of Central High School.

The concert will be sponsored by the organists and choir directors of the Catholic churches of Auburn. Following are members of the sponsoring committee: Mrs. Frederick Herring, organist and Clarence Hayden, director, St. Aloysius Church; Mrs. H. G. Munnick, organist and director, St. Alphonsus Church; Miss Kathleen Plunkett, organist and director, Holy Family Church; Frank Ciesla, organist and director, St. Hyacinth's Church; Gerald St. Hyacinth's Church; and director of St. Mary's Church, Professor Constantine Galyk, director, St. Peter and Paul Church.

President of the Musical Arts Society of Auburn, is chairman of the ticket committee. Mrs. Welch will be assisted by a large group of Auburnians.

The Auburn Concert will mark the first time that the choir of St. Bernard's has left Rochester since 1939 when it gave a concert at Cornell University. Father Ehmman who has directed the choir since 1936 is nationally known as an authority on Church Music and for the past several years he has given an annual concert to over 2000 audiences at the University of Notre Dame, St. Joseph's School of Music in Rochester.

(He is author of the Laboratory column on page 13)

Army Opens College Program

Seventeen-year-old high school graduates in nine counties in Western, New York are urged to take advantage of the Army's free college training program by Major Thomas D. I. Cronan, Commanding Officer, Rochester Recruiting District.

The next group of young men who desire to enter the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program will be given an opportunity in April to qualify for assignment in July, August, or September, it was stated.

Applicants must achieve a satisfactory score on an ASTRP Qualifying Test which will be administered in Monroe, Wayne, Ontario, Orleans, Genesee, Livingston, Wyoming, Yates and Seneca county high schools Thursday, April 12.

In addition to the qualifying test, applicants must meet certain requirements of age, citizenship, high school graduation and must enlist in the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

In outlining a summary of eligibility requirements for assignment to college, Major Cronan explained that an applicant must be 17 years old but not more than 17 years 9 months on the last day of the month preceding that in which he is assigned to college. He must have also been born after September 30, 1917 and before September 1, 1920.

Applicants were urged to inquire immediately if they can qualify for free college assignments.

Interviews will be available beginning Monday April 2 at the Federal Building, Church Street, Rochester 4, New York for general information. Major Cronan also stated that principals in each high school locality in the nine counties governed by the Rochester Recruiting District will also have available information.

Strict Economy At Vatican Hits Cardinals

Rome (CIP) — Rumors that the Vatican is going through a serious financial crisis because of the devaluation of the Italian currency do not correspond to the truth, according to information received from well-informed sources. The rumors were probably due to the fact that while the civilian staff of the Vatican recently received a salary increase the celebration of higher ranks have not received a corresponding increase. The reason for this, however, was not that the money could not have been made available but that in view of the grave crisis through which Italy and the world are now passing the ecclesiastical dignitaries did not wish to have a privileged position.

The monthly salary of the Roman Curia, which is \$1,200 a year in American money, according to the official rate of exchange, is among those whose income has not been increased. Owing to the devaluation this amount is pitifully small and has caused considerable embarrassment to some Cardinals. Cardinal Marchetti says he sold his own automobile.

But he does not have down. He has to live on his own money and he has to pay for his own expenses.

Pacific Missioner, 14 Years, Sees Marine from Home State

By SGT. JOHN F. SMELLY (Marine Column Correspondent)
Somewhere in the Pacific (NC Delayed) — The war is Father Albert Lebel, Brunswick, Me., is a horrible thing, but it has a silver lining. Father Lebel, after 14 years as a missionary in the Pacific, is meeting men from Maine again.

He became acquainted with a now close friend, Marine Sergeant Henry R. Albert, of Augusta, Me. Father Lebel happened to be standing close to the Sergeant. "I'm from Maine," the latter said to a man next to him. The priest overheard him. "Maine and," he said, "what part?"

"Augusta," the Sergeant replied. "Eben chris," the priest said. "My brother lives in that beautiful town."

Father Lebel plans to spend his entire life as a missionary among the natives. Sergeant Albert asked if he had any desire to return to the United States. "Just for a visit," the priest said. "I would like to see my mother again."

Washington (CIP) — A conference to study problems facing delegates of the United Nations at the forthcoming conference in San Francisco will be held at Trinity College here on April 2 and 3 under the auspices of the Catholic Association for International Peace.

Church Officials Laud Catholic Contribution in 1945 Fund Campaign

Catholic churches throughout the country have responded to their appeal to their members to contribute to the War Relocation Authority.

prompt and generous contributions to its War Fund. Spiritual leaders from pulpits told the Red Cross story, and reports from all parts of the country indicate widespread interest in the part of their churches.

The significance of this contribution of time, money and effort by Catholics is being felt in the various centers of wounded men. Blood back to the Red Cross is being sent to the Red Cross. It is the hope of the Red Cross that the Catholic contribution will be a significant part of the total.

Getting On In The World

INTER-RACIAL COUNCILS
The inter-racial problem is one of the most serious issues now confronting the church and the nation. It can be solved by prayer, by education, by good example and by direct activity under the guidance of the hierarchy and clergy. We express the hope that Catholic inter-racial councils will multiply throughout the country and that both races will cooperate to the fullest extent in solving local and national problems in solving these prejudices. The magnificent

Federal Employees to Get Time for Good Friday Rites

Washington, D. C. — For the first time in the history of the Federal Government, a letter from President Roosevelt will be sent to all Department heads of the government, ordering the release with regular pay of all federal employees who want to attend church services between noon and 3 p. m. on Good Friday.

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