

## 1,890 Catholic Boy Scouts In Diocese, Report Reveals

Membership in Rochester Diocesan Boy Scout troops now total 1,890 boys according to the annual report compiled by the Rev. Walter A. Fischer, Diocesan Director, Catholic Committee on Scouting.

The victory contribution of Catholic troops who participated in War Bond drive rallies, waste paper pickups, tin salvage and other such activities, is reviewed in Father Fischer's report.

The troops assisted pastors in church by ushering and by helping with special collections, and on the parish grounds where they shared some of the tasks of upkeep.

As part of the religious program, the 63 Scout units of the diocese will observe a Central Scout Friday in February, 1946. Also scheduled for this year is a Scout Field Mass and Rally.

With the cessation of gas rationing, the boys and their leaders will be able to plan more central events, not the least of which is the sponsoring of a Scout baseball league next Spring.

### Parish School Records Largest Registration

The largest increase in registration of any parochial school in Elmira occurred in St. Peter and Paul's school when the Fall term opened last week, according to the report of the Rev. William J. Naughton, Pastor.

The increase amounted to 15% over last year's registration and was very gratifying to the priests and Sisters of the Parish.

Finishing touches of the improvement program will be completed this week and the children of the school have been most enthusiastic in their acceptance of these planned changes.

## Father Aylward Urges Men To Make Retreat

The Very Rev. Augustine Aylward, CSS.R., newly appointed rector of Our Lady of the Lake Diocesan Retreat House at Geneva addressed the First Friday luncheon club at the Mark Twain Hotel urging those present to make every effort to attend the retreat scheduled for the week end of October 5, 6 and 7 and set aside for Catholic men of the Elmira Area.

Father Aylward outlined the program followed at a Retreat reminding his listeners that all Priests make retreats annually and that the Holy Father also made provisions in his busy schedules to do the same.

The Very Rev. William J. Eilen, V.F., expressed his appreciation to Father Aylward for coming to Elmira and assured him that all Pastors of the Diocese would cooperate in assuring a complete success of the "All Elmira Retreat."

Any Catholic Man interested in making reservations to attend or desiring further information is requested to call Fred F. Shortleeve at Elmira 6497.

## Herman Cassidy Named Full Time K. of C. Aide

Grand Knight Thomas R. Burns of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus announces today that the Council has engaged the services of Herman E. Cassidy in the capacity of general secretary to be employed on the basis of full time.



Herman E. Cassidy

"Under this new progressive move Cassidy will be available at Columbus Center throughout the day, thus placing the Center in a position to render service to its nearly one thousand members for the first time since acquiring the present building," the Grand Knight states.

Mr. Cassidy is a graduate of Mount Assumption Institute, Plattsburg, and Niagara University, class of 1928. At the latter, he majored in business administration.

Prior to joining the staff of Columbus Center, Mr. Cassidy was engaged in teaching commercial subjects for a period of ten years for New York State, having been associated at Clinton Prison and Elmira Reformatory.

Mr. Cassidy has been appointed Financial Secretary of the Council by Supreme Knight Francis P. Matthew and in this office succeeds Robert J. Maloney who resigned effective Sept. 1.

A member of Elmira Council for the past four years, Mr. Cassidy is the father of five children, a communicant of St. Charles Church and resides at 170 McAmbley Ave., Elmira.

### Priest-Scientists Cross Trying Sub-Arctic Area

Montreal — (NC) — Three French-Canadian scientists, two of them priests, have just completed a crossing of Ungava in the sub-Arctic. They are the Rev. Armele Antoine Dutilly, O.M.I., now of the Catholic University of America, Washington; the Rev. Ernest Lepage, of the Rimouski Agricultural College, and Pierre Dagenais, of the Jacques

Cartier Normal School, Montreal, Ungava, a territory of 355,000 square miles, occupies most of the Labrador Peninsula north of the Province of Quebec.

Father Dutilly is an internationally-known naturalist and biologist. Father Lepage is a noted botanist, and Mr. Dagenais is distinguished as a geographer.

### Reformed Church Raises \$500,000 for Medical Unit

New York — (RNS) — More than \$500,000 has been raised in the United States for expansion of the Missionary Medical College for Women at Vellore in South India. It was reported here by Dr. F. M. Potter of the Reformed Church in America.

### U. S. Priest Honors War Dead V-J Day in China

Headquarters, Fourteenth Air Force, China — (NC) — "Grant us, O God, so to live that they may not have died in vain . . . may they rest in peace." With these words of hope and inspiration, the Rev. John S. Kelly, U. S. Chaplain and a priest of the Diocese of Sioux City, concluded an impressive ceremony in observance of V-J Day here.

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