

rites Saturday for ex-justice CUNNINGHAM, 71

The distinguished career of the Hon. Benjamin B. Cunningham, 71, as lawyer, jurist and outstanding Catholic layman was brought to a close with his death, Wednesday, this week (Jan. 2, 1946).

Funeral Mass will be offered Saturday at 10 a. m. in Blessed Sacrament Church, following rites at Hedges Memorial Chapel, 271 University Ave., and interment will be in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.

Justice Cunningham was honored at a dinner in Blessed Sacrament parish hall on Nov. 21, 1944, marking his retirement as Presiding Justice, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department. Tributes were paid him as a layman, father and distinguished member of the Bar by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, the Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, the Rev. Thomas F. Connor, his pastor, and Supreme Court Justice William F. Love, principal speakers at the testimonial dinner.

He was an Honorary Member of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, and belonged to the Rochester and State Bar Associations.

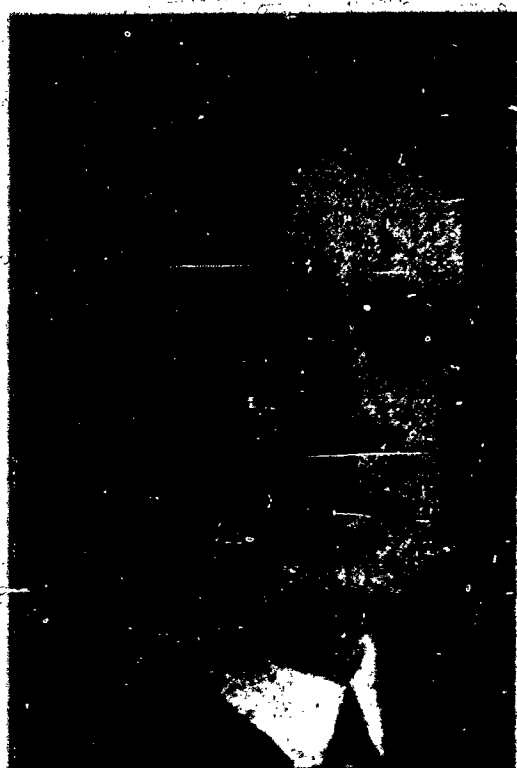
Into his private life Justice Cunningham carried over all that he maintained as standards in public affairs. He and the former Elmore MacKearin of Buffalo, whom he married in 1911, established a quiet and fulsome Catholic family life. He was a pioneer member of Blessed Sacrament Church and a close friend and adviser of Father Connor, its pastor and founder.

In his 47-year public career he served as assistant corporation counsel and became corporation counsel in 1916. He became Supreme Court Justice on Jan. 1, 1920. He served until his retirement Jan. 1, 1945, a period of 25 years.

Besides handing down important and far reaching civil decisions he was called upon to preside at the murder trials following the Auburn prison riots of 1929. In the midst of tension he calmly presided and meted out death sentences to three of six defendants.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Elmore Jane Cunningham and Mrs. Edward W. Trumbull; two sons, Benjamin

Jurist Dies



Benjamin B. Cunningham

B. Cunningham Jr., and Roderick Cunningham; a sister, Mrs. John Allen Walker, California; and several nieces and nephews.

Final Rites in Utica For Thomas J. Maher

Funeral services for Thomas J. Maher, 941 Meigs St., exemplary layman and father were conducted Saturday, Dec. 22, 1945 in St. Boniface Church. Mr. Maher died Wednesday, Dec. 19 in St. Mary's Hospital at the age of 81. Burial was in Utica.

Mr. Maher was widely known in the clothing business.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. John R. O'Hara; four sons, Lawrence P. of Bloomfield, N. J., Kenneth, Augustine and Leo J. of Rochester; twelve grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Children's Book Catalog
New York - (NC) - A new edition of "New Worlds To Live," a catalog of books recommended for Catholic children, soon will be published by the Pro Parvulis (For the Young) Book Club, it has been announced here. The Rev. Francis A. Mullin, library director at the Catholic University of America, has written the foreword.

Venezuelan Flag Donated
Mexico City - (NC) - In blessing a Venezuelan flag donated to the Basilica of Santa Maria de Guadalupe, Archbishop Luis Maria Martinez of Mexico City hailed the gift of the emblem as expressing "the homage of a people who speak the same language, who profess the same religion and are inspired by the same spiritual ideals."

Altar Group to Honor Officers

Retiring officers of the Altar Society of Our Lady of Good Counsel will be honored at a banquet Wednesday, Jan. 9, in the school auditorium.

Officers are: Mrs. Richard Thiele, retiring president; Mrs. Edwin Kress, retiring vice president; Mrs. Roy Leary, retiring secretary; and Mrs. Frank Hauser, retiring treasurer.

Following the banquet, the following new officers will be installed: Mrs. Edwin Kress, president; Mrs. William Howes, vice president; Mrs. C. Arnold Warner, secretary; Mrs. William O'Brien, treasurer.

Mrs. Arthur Meyer, general chairman of arrangements, will be assisted by the following committee: Mrs. William O'Brien, Mrs. Wilfred O'Brien, tickets; Mrs. John Urquhart, entertainment; Mrs. George Leidecker, Mrs. Joseph Hanley, Mrs. Ralph Wark, decorations; Mrs. William Howes, gift presentation; Mrs. Dennis Murray, toastmistress.

WORK BEGINS ON MONTE CASINO



Before any reconstruction will be possible at the famed Abbey of Monte Casino, south of Rome in Italy, vast quantities of rubble must be cleared from the scene. Workmen are shown here beginning to clear the site. The picture gives some idea of the great devastation that was caused in the bombing attacks upon this ancient monastery. (Giordani Photo)

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Cost	\$2,145,233.37
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Reserve	833,279.91
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