

NCCW Unit Asked to Exert Power for Good

Corning.—The Rev. Albert J. Shamon of Rochester, diocesan director of the National Council of Catholic Women, was guest speaker at the annual tea of the Corning Deaneery, held Sunday afternoon at the Baron Steuben Hotel. Mrs. Fred DeMuth, president, was general chairman.

House Bought For St. Helen's New Convent

Purchase of a house by St. Helen's Church, Hinckley Road, will provide the 6-year-old parish with its first Sisters' Convent, the Rev. J. Beecher Sullivan, pastor, has announced.

A frame dwelling of colonial design, the new convent is situated at 63 Lettington Drive and is close to the present church and school building on Hinckley Road.

The new residence, Father Sullivan revealed, was purchased from Dr. Jacob D. Goldstein for the cash price of \$13,400.

Payment of \$17,438, which represented the balance of an original parish mortgage of \$19,600, was also announced by Father Sullivan.

Started in September 1943 with one grade, St. Helen's School has now grown to four grades. It is staffed by three Franciscan Sisters who presently reside at Our Lady of Good Counsel Convent.

Necessary household furnishings and equipment must be acquired and a chapel arranged before the Sisters can enter the new convent, Father Sullivan stated. Occupancy is tentatively set for the fall, he said.

Appealing in the parish bulletin to his parishioners, Father Sullivan stated:

"We must equip our new Convent for the coming of the Sisters of St. Francis this fall. We know that you want to share in the work of our Sisters who are giving their lives for the spiritual and material education of your children. These Sisters need the little comforts of a decent home to give them the courage and the strength to carry on their work of self-sacrifice. The better the Convent, the better the school."

Among the needs of the Convent, the parish bulletin lists tables, chairs, beds, kitchen utensils, curtains, etc.

30 AUBURN K. C. AT LAV RETREAT
Genova — A near capacity number of men from Auburn made their annual retreat at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House in Geneva last week-end. Frank J. Lesch, vice president of the Retreat League, who is in charge of the Auburn group led a surprisingly large number of men over the holiday week-end.

All were present in time for supper at 7 o'clock Friday evening, and all were highly satisfied with the new arrangement of opening the retreat at 9 o'clock. St. Mary's parish was especially well represented, and about 30 members of the Knights of Columbus were in the group.

The enthusiastic work of the retreat leaders and the response in the different parishes throughout the diocese indicate clearly that a banner year is in prospect at the Retreat House. Already Elmira and Seneca Falls have sent fine representations, the Rev. Augustine Aylward, C.S.S.R., states. B. Edward Shlesinger, president of the diocesan Retreat League, has notified the house for in advance that his St. Ambrose group will take every bit of space available for its week-end, June 14, 15, 16.

This week the men from St. Andrew's and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rochester, will join men from Canandaigua and Scottsville. Fred Frisch has already reported about 25 men from his St. Andrew's group. The Retreat House can accommodate 46 men.

Any men in the diocese anxious to know more about the Laymen's Retreat movement, "so dear to the heart of Our Holy Father," can obtain all necessary information by writing to Father Aylward at the Retreat House in Geneva.

Hornell Graduates Hold Picnic at Conesus Lake
Hornell — About 55 members and guests attended the reunion picnic of the St. Ann's Class of 1942 held at Long Point, Conesus Lake last week.

Officers of the class were: James Dewey, president; John Dewey, vice-president; Jerry Fitzgerald, secretary; Ruth Kuntz and Pat Mattie, treasurers.

Robert Kubiak and Henry Argenti were chairmen of the transportation committee; Carmen DiNardo, chairman of entertainment; Cecilia Kelleher, and Pat Mattie, chairmen of refreshments; Mary Catherine Horvat, invitations.

Franciscans To Donegal
London — (NC) — The Franciscans, after an absence of 300 years, are going back to Donegal in Ireland. They have planned a new house near Ballyshannon.

PERFORMERS IN 'CIRCUS'



Featured in the children's circus at St. Mary's Church were Joanna Peterson shown riding the pony led by Dolores Courtwright.

1000 Acclaim Children In Outdoor Circus

The second annual Outdoor Circus given by the children of St. Mary's school, Elmira, was held June 3 and 4 before capacity crowds of over 1000 each night.

The affair included 12 acts, all staged by the children and included productions by each grade in the school. A total of 36 children took part in the gigantic spectacle, sponsored by the men of the Holy Name Society with the assistance of the Ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society.

Outstanding acts presented were: "Crowning of the Queen" by the first grade pupils; "Crowning of the King" by the fourth grade girls; and a daring and remarkably skillful exhibition by the Tumbler. Numerous concessions started by the men and women of the parish provided refreshments and entertainment.

The Fish Pond proved to be the most popular on the grounds, passing out more than 2000 items for the two nights.

Mr. James Mallon and Mr. Raymond Sullivan were co-chairmen of the event and Mr. Allice P. Quatrano, director of physical education, was responsible for the training of the children for the events, aided by the Sisters of the school. Richard J. Connelly Jr. was Ringmaster and performed in a capable manner.

Mission in Italian Conducted in Geneva

Geneva — A special mission for the Italian members of the parish opened on Monday at 7:30 o'clock at St. Francis de Sales Church. Formal closing of the mission was held on Sunday evening.

Rev. Bernardine Bandi of New York, a member of the Franciscan Order, was in charge of the mission program.

First Communion Set for 40 St. Anthony Children

A class of 40 children of St. Anthony's Parish, Elmira, will receive their First Holy Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass on Sunday. Following the Mass the children will renew their Baptismal vows and be enrolled in the Scapular.

of the families of the student nurses were guests at a tea. Miss Elizabeth Jallagher, Miss Dolores Rous' Jr., Miss Jean Elmer, Miss L. A. Castellino and Miss Colleen Dagon poured.

Arrangements were in charge of Sister Marian Joseph, moderator of the Sodality and Miss Anne McKeivitt, superintendent of nurses.

Celebrating the crowning of the Virgin in connection with the novena in honor of the Miraculous Medal, 50 children marched in procession Monday evening, May 27, in St. Ignatius of Loyola Church.

The children's procession was led by Joanne Locasolo and Lenore Leonard, who were preceded by the Cross Bearer, John Dean. Following the procession, which entered the church at 7:30 o'clock, were the Rev. Roy Morphy of Rochester, the Rev. I. X. Cameron and the Rev. William Tobin.

The children entered the sanctuary and laid their flowers at the foot of the statue of the Blessed Virgin, Eileen Gleason, attended by Peggy Hogan and Sheel McKinley, placed a crown of flowers on the head of the statue.

The Rev. William Tobin conducted novena services and the Rev. Roy Morphy, Sodality Director, gave the sermon. The ceremony closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament by the Rev. I. X. Cameron. During the services, older children of the parish sang hymns.

FRANK K. RHODE NAMED BY K. C.

At a Council meeting held last Monday night in Columbus Center, Frank K. Rhode was elected Grand Knight of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus succeeding Thomas R. Burns.

Mr. Rhode has served as an officer of the Council for the past three years and retired the last of this month as Faithful Navigator of Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus.

Other officers elected were: Dr. Louis J. Lodi, deputy Grand Knight; James D. Barrett, Chancellor; Louis V. Smith, Warden; John T. Nugent, treasurer; Herbert K. Arthur, recording secretary; Attorney Anthony B. Cieri, Advocate; Edward Behwinkel Jr., inside guard; Michael F. DeSocio, outside guard.

A series of degrees have been scheduled to be held in the immediate future. In preparation for the Major Degree to be conferred on a large class of candidates Sunday, July 7, in St. Peter and Paul's school auditorium.

Ex-Prosecutor in Espionage Scandal — (NC) — Fifty thousand former war prisoners marched in pilgrimage to Marikremet's Shrine on the outskirts of Budapest, and under the leadership of a Service priest, himself a former prisoner of war.

Grand Knight



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Fr. Brien to Mark Jubilee

The Very Rev. William J. Acton, V.F., will be celebrant at a Solemn High Mass on Sunday at 11 o'clock in St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, in observance of his thirtieth anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood.

A class of 60 children of the parish will receive their First Holy Communion at the 8:00 Mass.

National Nurse Guild Lauded for War Aid Elect Rochesterian

Miss Mary Rose Matley of Rochester was elected president of the National Council of Catholic Nurses at the Third Biennial Convention held in Toledo, Ohio, May 28 and 29.

A resolution adopted by the Convention favored establishment of a national health program, but went on record as opposed to the Murrey-Wagner-Dingell public health bill. Chief objections were the "uncoordinated methods of administration" which it created, "excessive government control" and "unconscionable disregard for responsible autonomy on the part of hospitals and the medical profession."

The resolution was acted upon by representatives of the organization from 41 dioceses in 28 states.

The Apostolic Blessing of His Holiness Pope Pius XII was mentioned in the convention and a message was received from President Harry S. Truman in which he thanked the nurses for their wartime service, but reminded them that the continued shortage of nurses and the increased complication of hospital problems would require their efforts "toward the goal of health security for all."



MISS MARY ROSE MATLEY

FATHER GEFFEL HONORED ON HIS GOLDEN JUBILEE

Solemn High Mass marked the Golden Jubilee celebration on Memorial Day of the Rev. Dr. J. Emil Geffel, Rochester churchman, who has served 50 of his 50 years in the priesthood as pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church.

Present at the 75-year-old priest offered his anniversary Mass at 10:30 in the parish church where scores of clergy and laity.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney who presided at the liturgy during the Mass, announced that Pope Pius XII had granted a special Papal Blessing to the jubilarian-priest.

Congratulating Dr. Geffel on his years of service to the Church, Bishop Kearney also praised him for building the present modern church plant of St. Peter and Paul's.

Following the Jubilee Mass Dr. Geffel was greeted at a dinner in the school hall by 150 priests, friends, many of them from out of the city.

Addressing his guests, the jubilarian expressed gratitude and devotion for his priesthood; the memory of Bishop McQuaid, Rochester's first bishop; the Diocese of Rochester; and his own health.

The association with his fellow priests in the diocese. Dr. Geffel stated, "has always been a great source of joy and edification, and the memory of it is sweet on this day."

"I think today," he added, "of those priests already gone to Heaven. Outside of the altar and our priestly ministry, one great thing we always have in one another—elect men of God. That I have always appreciated."

Bishop Kearney and Monsignor William Hart also spoke at the dinner and extended best wishes to Dr. Geffel.

Monsignor Joseph Cameron, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church and a former student of Dr. Geffel's when the latter was a seminary professor, acted as toastmaster.

W. A. Burger Rites Conducted in Corning

Corning — William A. Burger, 58, died Tuesday, May 28, 1944, at his home, 387 Commerce St. He was born in Williamsport, Pa., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burger. He and the former Miss Mary Maroney were united in marriage in St. Mary's Church in August, 1915. He was a member of St. Patrick's Church and the Holy Name Society.

Survivors include: his widow; six sons, John, Lawrence, Francis, Richard, Arthur and Joseph, all at home; two daughters, Mrs. Leo Havens of Sly Ave. and Gloria, at home; one grand daughter.

Funeral services were held from the late home Friday at 8:30 a. m. and at 9 o'clock at St. Patrick's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

29 in First Communion Class at St. Ignatius
Hornell — A class of 29 children received First Holy Communion Sunday morning at the 8:30 Mass at St. Ignatius Loyola Church. Two by two they entered the sanctuary and knelt as the Rev. Ignatius X. Cameron gave them Holy Communion. Throughout the Mass a choir of older boys and girls sang hymns.

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