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## LEGION LEADERS CONFER



Electing by Monroe County American Legion with other officers for the 1946-1947 year, the Rev. Leo T. Matasewski, chaplain, (left) and County Commander Russell P. Edwards, president of Catholic schools, confer on county legion's program against subversive forces in the U. S.

## K. of C. Family Picnic Set at Eldridge Park

The Knights of Columbus sponsored family picnic will be held on Sunday at Eldridge Park, Elmira. All members and their families are extended a sincere welcome to attend and participate in an extensive program of games, sports and entertainment to be provided.

The north end of the park and baseball diamond number three has been reserved for the use of the Knights and the events will be under the direction of Walter Supple.

George Fettle Jr. and Neil Sullivan are co-chairmen and will be assisted by the following committee: Charles Leone, music and entertainment; Gerald Mullins, special; Samuel DeRosier, prizes and Peter Baker, refreshments.

A registration booth will be set up and all members are urged to report there as soon as possible after arriving at the park.

In event of rain the picnic will be held in Columbus Center.

## SERVES GIs IN NIPPON



Chaplain Michael P. O'Brien, priest of Rochester diocese shown in the oriental environment in which he ministers to the spiritual needs of U. S. Army men especially in the 234 Station Hospital.

## BIBLE EXPERT FROM ROME VISITOR AT ST. BERNARD'S

One of the Church's distinguished Biblical authorities, the Very Rev. James M. Vosta, O.P., secretary of the Pontifical Commission de Re Biblica, is a guest at St. Bernard's Seminary, this week of the Rev. Dr. Edward J. Byrne, professor of Sacred Scripture.

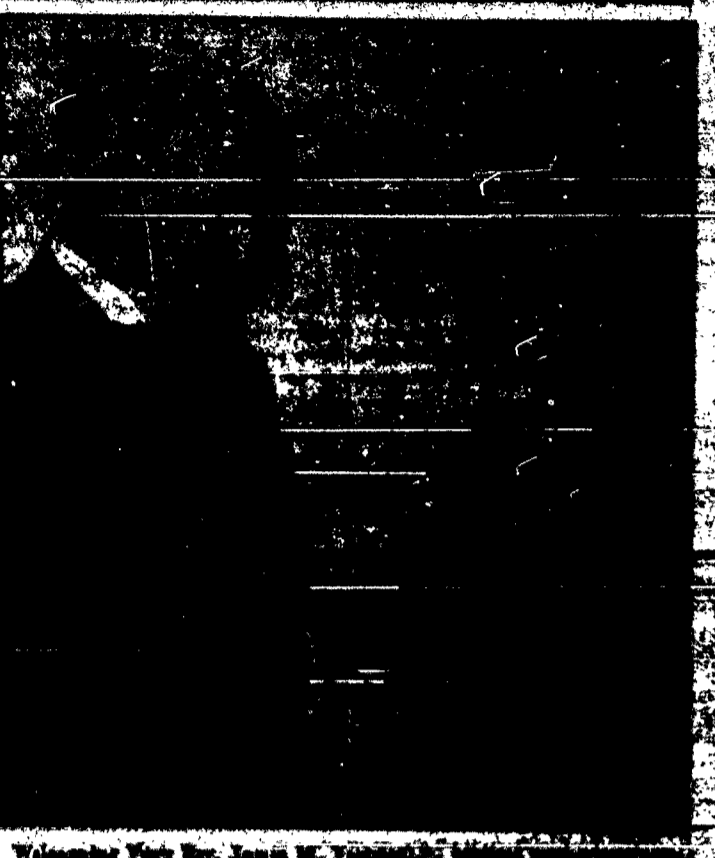
Father Vosta is in the United States to lecture at the General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America scheduled for August 27-29 in Boston.

In a two-week stay at St. Bernard's Seminary, the scholarly Dominican Father will lecture in Latin before the student body and faculty. This week Wednesday he lectured on the Bible of the Latin Church. Next week on Wednesday he will discuss Biblical Study in the Present Time.

Listed at Niagara U.

On tour of the United States and Canada, Father Vosta is visiting seminaries and giving lectures. He is scheduled to give ten lectures at the Bible Institute of the Catholic Biblical Association of America to be held at Niagara University from August 25 to 26. He will be on the faculty with Dr. William Foxwell Albright of Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore who will teach of archeological excavations of Bible sites in the Near East.

Father Vosta left Rome on Tuesday, June 26 and is expected to return on Oct. 13. For 25 years he has been on the faculty of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome which con-



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## 3 Franciscans, Natives Of Rochester at New Posts

A former chaplain and two other priests, all of whose homes are in Rochester, are among recent appointments announced by the Triennial Chapter of the Franciscan Province of the Holy Name at the completion of its sessions at St. Joseph Seraphic Seminary, Calloon, N. Y.

Rev. Gervase McMillen, O.F.M., recently released from service as a chaplain in the U. S. Navy, has been assigned to St. Francis Friary, Brookline, Mass. A well-known athlete during his college days at St. Bonaventure, Father Gervase has become a prominent Franciscan preacher.

Newly appointed Guardian of the Franciscan House of Studies, Holy Name College, Washington, D. C., is the Rev. David Enler, O.F.M., Dean of Theology at St. Bonaventure College. Early this year he celebrated his 33rd anniversary as a Franciscan Priest. His brother, the Rev. John J. Enler, is pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, N. Y.

The Rev. Richard Harold, O.F.M., who has been pastor for

## HANLEY HEADS FOURTH DEGREE

Coming — At a recent meeting of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree T. V. Hanley was elected faithful navigator to succeed J. E. Fitzgerald.

Chosen to serve with Mr. Hanley were: Michael Bonady, faithful; Michael Gortis, faithful; Paul Danaher, faithful pilot; Arthur Kramer, faithful compiler; George Bobrik, faithful inner sentinel; Andrew Rocca, faithful outer sentinel; and Paul Lovette, financial secretary.

Meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at 8:30 p. m. At the next meeting the office of faithful diar will be filled.

## Chaplain O'Brien Lauded By Nurse Back from Japan

High praise for the work of Army Chaplain Michael P. O'Brien, priest of the diocese of Rochester, was voiced this week by First Lieutenant Amelia Sibillo, Rochester Army Nurse, who has just returned home after 10 months overseas.

Lt. Sibillo returned from Yokohama where she was attached to the 334 Station Hospital at which Father O'Brien also serves as Catholic Chaplain.

Describing Father O'Brien's influence on the G. I.'s, Miss Sibillo stated, "He kept us all straight by his good example. His office is always filled with GIs and their stay in Japan is better for having met Father O'Brien."

The chaplain, formerly assistant curate at Old St. Mary's, Rochester, is slated to leave Japan for the United States this month, she reported.

Japanese Catholics, relates Miss Sibillo, are very devout. "They take off their shoes before entering church and kneel up straight during the entire Mass. They have no chairs. At the consecration they bow very low and touch their heads to the ground."

Japanese women, she said, bring their babies to church strapped to their backs. "This makes it a bit noisy when the babies start crying."

Lt. Sibillo, who is now on terminal leave, resides at 526 Genesee St. She is a graduate of Nazareth Academy and St. Mary's School of Nursing.

## MISSION HOUSE RECTOR NAMED

Rev. Raymond Weisenberger, S.V.D., has succeeded the Rev. Hugo Aubry, S.V.D., as rector of St. Michael's Mission House conducted by the Society of the Divine Word at Conesus, N. Y. It is announced today at the Chancery. Father Aubry will remain at the Mission House.

The newly named rector was ordained August 15, 1939 and made his studies for the Holy Priesthood at Techy, Ill. and Sacred Heart College, Girard, Pa. Father Weisenberger's home is in Arcadia, Wis.

He was stationed at St. Michael's from 1940 to 1944 and for the next two years was assistant prefect of studies at Girard.

## MAP LAWN FETE AT HEIGHTS

The Rev. William M. Cannon, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights, announces the appointment of Albert Scholten, T. A. Doran and Miss Mary Orsley as an executive committee to arrange for a Lawn Festival to be held Thursday evening August 15 on the rectory grounds.

A complete program of games, sports and entertainment will be available under the direction of additional committee workers that will be announced in the near future.

## Cites Rochester's Housing Problems

Rochester's housing problems are given a national airing in the Catholic Charities Review, official organ of the National Conference of Catholic Charities and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in an article by the Rev. John S. Randall, chairman of the Rochester Religion and Labor Council.

Describing the efforts of citizens groups to meet current housing needs, Father Randall cites as major problems the clearance of slum areas which "breed vice, crime and disease" and the need of adequate housing for veterans and their families.

He traces the activities of groups of interested citizens from the formation of the Better Housing Association, formed here nearly 10 years ago, up to the present Citizens' Temporary Housing Committee and the recently formed Veterans' Housing Committee.

Concluding Father Randall out-

## Marine on Furlough

Pfc. Bernard M. Dalley, 710 N. Main St., has returned to the Marine Barracks at Quantico, Va., after spending a fifteen day furlough at his home.

## DEATH CLAIMS 2 CORNING WOMEN

Coming — Mrs. Raymond Hanley, 40, of 234 First St., Paines Post, died Tuesday, July 16, in the Osteopathic Hospital, Philadelphia.

She was born in South Corning, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Richards and was united in marriage with Raymond Hanley in June, 1926, in St. Patrick's Church. She was a member of St. Patrick's Church, of Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America and the Stella Maris Society of St. Patrick's Church.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Hanley is survived by one daughter, Marilyn, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richards and one brother, Donald, all of Corning.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at 8:15 o'clock from the late home and at 9 o'clock in St. Patrick's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mrs. Victor E. Passmore, 43, of 162 Lexington Ave., died Monday, July 15, in Corning Hospital following a long illness. She was born in Corning, the daughter of Thomas P. and Mary Griffin O'Bryan and was married to Victor E. Passmore in Buffalo. She was a member of St. Mary's Church.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Raymond, at home, Victor E. Jr., who left for Albany just a few hours before his mother's death to try entrance examinations for the Army Air Corps; Paul and Ronald, at home; three daughters, Joan, Patricia and Carole, at home; one sister, Mrs. Mildred Updyke, Corning; one brother, Thomas E. O'Bryan, Corning.

Funeral services were held from the A. W. Bellby and Son Funeral Home Thursday at 8:30 a. m., and at 9 o'clock in St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

## Blanche Thompson's Twelfth Book Out

Blanche Jennings Thompson, one of Rochester's most outstanding writers, is now the author of an "even dozen" books for her latest book, *A Candle Burns for France*, has just been released by The Bruce Publishing Co.

Miss Thompson, who is the head of the English department at Benjamin Franklin High School, has been writing books for over 20 years, most of them juveniles.

One of the "Basic Books for Catholic Children" is her *With Harp and Lute and Silver Pennes*, her first book, has received many honors. It was chosen by the American Library Association as one of the "100 Best American Children's Books," has been translated into Braille and has gone through 47 printings up to the present time.

Another of Miss Thompson's outstanding books is *The Oldest Story*, a précis of the Bible written particularly for Catholic children. Her writings also include several English textbooks, a prayer book for the modern business woman, *All Day With God*, and more than 120 articles, short stories, plays, and poems published in magazines.

*A Candle Burns for France*, Miss Thompson's new book, is an attempt at a new treatment of saints lives for children. It is the story of a little French girl who falls asleep in a chapel of Our Lady and in her dreams seven great French saints appear as little children to tell her about themselves. The book is illustrated in both color and black and white drawings by Kate Seredy.

## Rites Held for Priest's Brother

Funeral services for Francis Szczepanski, brother of the Rev. Ladislaus J. Szczepanski, pastor of St. Casimir's Church, Elmira, were conducted Monday, July 22, 1946, in St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester.

Son of Joseph Szczepanski, Mr. Szczepanski died Friday, July 19, 1946. His home is at 814 Ave. D.

Father Szczepanski officiated at the Solemn Requiem Mass, assisted by the Rev. Joseph A. Balcerak as deacon and the Rev. Henry Adamski as subdeacon.

In the sanctuary were the Rev. Dr. Stanislaus Krolak, and the Reverend Fathers Valentine A. Jankowiak, Stanislaus Szwajcz of Brooklyn, Anthony Mych of Albany and Matthew Sudara.

Surviving besides Father Szczepanski and his father are four other brothers, Louis, Florian, Bernard and Paul and one sister, Miss Agatha Szczepanski.

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