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Convention Plans Advanced by H.N.

Delegations of Holy Name Societies affiliated with Rochester Diocesan Union are making plans for attendance at the National Holy Name Convention in Boston opening Oct. 1.

Elmira K. of C. Staff Installed

With Eugene F. Egan, district deputy of the 12nd district and past grand knight of Elmira Council officiating, officers of that council, Knights of Columbus, were installed Tuesday night at Columbus Center.

Installed for the 1937-1938 year were:

Grand Knight, Dr. Louis J. Lodi; chaplain, Rev. Albert L. Simonetti; deputy grand knight, Gerald F. Mullen; chancellor, Daniel J. Donahoe; warden, Samuel J. Lehman; recorder, Hirt P. McGinn; treasurer, John T. Nugent.

Financial secretary, Thomas F. Coggins; lecturer, Francis F. O'Brien; advocate, Anthony B. Clevy; inside guard, William T. Kopko; outside guard, William J. Mulligan; trustees, Eugene F. Agan, Thomas R. Burns and Frank K. Rohde.

Refreshments were served following the session by a committee under the direction of Francis P. O'Brien.

Ryan Expected To Head Knights

Post of Supreme Knight of the Knights of Equity will be handed over to Michael T. Ryan, 112 Elliott St., at the national convention in Toledo, Sept. 11, 12 and 13, it was reported this week.

Mr. Ryan, who is Monroe County Court House superintendent, is present supreme vice air knight in the organization. He has been active in Equity affairs for a number of years.

The Rochester Court will be represented at the Toledo convention by a delegation headed by Chris A. Delanty, 444 Lake Ave., air knight of Court 10.

Named Fordham Regent New York (N.Y.)—The Rev. Joseph T. O'Brien, S.J., associate professor of philosophy and religion in Fordham College, has been announced by the Very Rev. Robert J. Gannon, S.J., university president. He succeeds the Rev. Raymond W. Schouten, S.J., who has been named rector of Canisius College, Buffalo.

Transportation arrangements will be handled by the committee headed by Chairman Arthur E. Welch, according to James V. Taylor, general chairman. The transportation committee is negotiating for a reduced rate on special service to and from Boston. When arrangements are completed, they will be outlined in the Courier-Journal.

Reservations for lodging should be made to the Housing Committee, National Convention, Holy Name Society, 9 Whitmore St., Boston 11, Mass., the committee states.

The convention will officially open on Thursday Oct. 2 at 10 a. m. with a solemn Mass in Holy Cross Cathedral, followed at 11:30 A. M. by the first business session at the Copley Plaza Hotel. At 3:30 P. M. a symposium "Briefing for Christ" will be held. That evening at the Boston Arena, Archbishop Cushing of the Archdiocese of Boston will address the delegates. This will be a public meeting.

On Friday, the morning and afternoon sessions will be held in the Boston Opera House. Friday evening, outdoor devotions including the Holy Hour, will be held at the home grounds of the Boston Braves. On Saturday, morning and afternoon sessions will again be held at the Boston Opera House. Sunday, the main Holy Name parade will start to move at 10 A. M. and is expected to continue past the reviewing stand until 3 P. M.

The city of Boston offers many interesting sights to people attending this convention. Besides the Holy Cross Cathedral, there is St. James Church, the "Boston Downtown Eucharistic Shrine." Boston is rich in its historical lore, and at every turn you can find points of historic interest to every member of the family, the committee states.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours are scheduled in the following churches of the Rochester Diocese:

Friday, Sept. 6—Perkinsville.
Sunday, Sept. 7—Point Pleasant, Rexville, Scipio Center, Wolcott.

Stop-Over on Way to Lourdes



With his mother, Mrs. David D. Wallace, Dave Van Wallace (center) of Mt. Clemens, Mich., in a paralyzed condition from his neck down since 1921, enroute to Our Lady's Shrine at Lourdes to seek her intercession, cheerfully chats with Joseph Koric, vice president, Rochester Notre Dame Club on visit at Rochester's Sheraton Hotel, Friday.

Paralytic Lourdes Bound Greeted Here by Fellow Notre Dame Alumni

By REV. RICHARD T. TOMNEY

A bright new station wagon drew up to the Sheraton Hotel last Friday afternoon. As the passengers stared, a stretcher on wheels was lifted tenderly from the car. Lying on the bed was a slim, handsome man, David Van Wallace of Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

Paralyzed and helpless for the last 23 years, the crippled traveler was on his way to the famous shrine of the Blessed Mother in Lourdes, France.

During an overnight stop in Rochester, Wallace was the guest of members of the Notre Dame Alumni Club of this area.

Gives 48 Hours

Twenty-three years ago Van Wallace was a sophomore engineering student at the University of Notre Dame. One day he went swimming, made a shallow dive and broke his neck. Doctors

gave him 48 hours to live — then they said he might last a week.

He survived to puzzle them all and they have attributed his slight improvement to his outstanding faith and indomitable spirit. Examined and treated by specialists all over the country, Van is still a helpless cripple, flat on his back for 23 years, unable to move anything but his head and shoulders for his back and both arms and both legs are paralyzed.

Wallace and his mother, Mrs. David Wallace and his cousin, William Oliver, who will drive the ambulance on the trip in Europe, sailed for France on the S. S. Erie Pyle on Wednesday, August 27.

Sailed on Wednesday Night in a two month stay they will visit Lourdes, tour France and call on some relatives in Belgium. The special station wagon built for him stretched to go

aboard the ship and will carry the party to Lourdes.

Van's hopes about visiting the famous shrine to ask for a cure are very humble. He told me sincerely: "We are just going over to Lourdes to see what the Blessed Mother has to offer. We have prayed to her for years. Now we want to visit the spot she has blessed with so many favors."

"My favorite prayer," he said, "is the Memorare. And this trip is founded on a phrase in that prayer. You know — the words go like this: 'Remember, oh most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unprotected.' That's why I think my dreams are worthwhile."

Tried Once Before

This is the second attempt that Van has made to visit Lourdes. The Notre Dame Alumni Club of Detroit staged a financial campaign in 1930 for the expenses of a similar trip. Van was in New York all ready to go when the war broke out and the State Department refused his permission to make the voyage.

This spring the Detroit group raised an additional \$3,000 to purchase a new ambulance and finance the other details of the pilgrimage.

Mrs. Wallace is a widow and Van is her only son. She admitted that her excitement over the trip had her "floating in the clouds."

"Van has always been a good boy," she said. "He has suffered a lot in these years but I have yet to hear his first complaint. He doesn't want sympathy and hates to be treated as an invalid even though he is completely helpless. And as for being a 'shut-in' — that's a joke; he's never home if he can get someone to drive him to a football game or the movies or on some trip. In his last car we travelled 88,000 miles around the country and into Canada."

The Wallaces told an interesting story about their close friend, Bishop John F. O'Hara, Bishop of Buffalo. Bishop O'Hara was a professor at Notre Dame when Van was a student there.

He promised Van that he would say the Rosary for him everyday until our Blessed Mother helped Van to walk again. For more than 20 years the Bishop has faithfully kept that promise.

Friday morning when the boat from Detroit reached Buffalo Bishop O'Hara was waiting on the dock to greet the family. He chatted for an hour with Van, blessed the new station wagon and went himself to a religious goods store to buy a St. Christopher's medal that Van wanted. His parting words were: "Van, I hope you come walking home."

John Murphy Graduates
Coming—John Murphy, a graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School and Corning Free Academy, was graduated recently from Rider College, Trenton, N. J.

Mr. Murphy, a veteran of several months' service in the Pacific area, will be associated in business with his father, Clement L. Murphy, at the Corning Paper and Supply Company. Attending the commencement exercises were Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, daughter Joan, and son Richard.

St. Anthony's Rebuilding Fete Opens Sept. 6

The Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, announces that the annual Festival will be held on Saturday evening, September 6, and all day Sunday, September 7.

The affair this year will be known as the "Rebuilding Festival" and all proceeds will be used to help boost the present fund of \$123,000 towards the original goal of \$175,000.

Father Simonetti is honorary chairman, the Rev. Ignatius St. George, general chairman; Adolph Cirilli and Michael Morelli, co-chairmen. Co-chairman of the Sacred Heart Ladies for the Festival are Mrs. Mary May comber and Mrs. Rose Caporiccio.

ALHAMBRA PICK O'BRIEN

Norman A. O'Brien, prominent Catholic layman of Rochester diocese, was chosen vice supreme commander of the Order of the Alhambra at the order's 21st biennial convention in Philadelphia, Saturday.

Counsel for the National Council of Catholic Men and a member of the national board of that organization, O'Brien is a past president of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union and a past faithful navigator of Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus.

In the Alhambra he has served as grand commander and as a supreme vizier.

He succeeds Lur C. Robalin who was elevated to the office of Supreme Commander. Robalin from San Antonio, Texas, is expected to visit Rochester this week on his way home from the convention. He succeeds George C. Klepper of Buffalo in the national leadership.

Rochester's delegation to the convention comprising over thirty St. Nobles and their wives, was headed by Grand Commander St. Hooper and Past Grand Commander Lewis J. Zwerlein.

Diocesan-Wide Boy Scout Rally Slated

A Diocesan Boy Scout Rally will be held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21, in Edgerton Park. David B. Brady, chairman of activities for the Diocesan Committee, announced today.

Plans for the rally, in which hundreds of Boy Scout troops sponsored by Catholic parishes and lay organizations will pass in review, have been under way since the Diocesan meeting in Geneva in June.

The rally will take place in the Edgerton Park Pavilion which has a seating capacity of 4,000. In the event of inclement weather, activities will be moved into the Sports Arena which seats 4,000. Parking for 4,000 cars will be available.

Religious rites for the event are being arranged by the Rev. Walter H. Fischer, Diocesan Spiritual Director.

The event is intended as a progress report by the Diocesan and Deaconry committees on Scouting in the intensive campaign undertaken in February to extend scouting to every parish in the diocese. Program is under the sponsorship of the Archdiocese, Bishop Kearney.

The demonstration is also meant as a public testimony of the endorsement of the Catholic Bishops of the United States to the recreational, citizenship training and character building program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Chairman Brady states that scout units from 11 counties, including the areas under the jurisdiction of Catholic Councils, Hudson Area Council, Finger Lakes, Louis Agassiz, Plover, Cayuga County Council and Sullivan Trail, will participate.

A colorful spectacle will be presented by the hundreds of scouts, uniforms decorated with merit badges and with troop colors flying.

Many Scouts are preparing for the award of the All State Del Medal given to all qualified scouts by Bishop Kearney. The medal will be presented to the scouts with his staff at parkmen will receive the presentation of the Scouts in Company front with

Corning Nun Notes Jubilee

Corning — Sister Mary Walburga, superior of St. Vincent de Paul's Convent and school principal, observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of her entrance into the Order of Sisters of Mercy on Sunday, Aug. 17.

The Rev. Joseph V. O'Connell, pastor, paid tribute to Sister Mary Walburga at all Masses for her years of service to the Church and her community.

Professed at Rochester on August 17, 1912, by Bishop O'Hara, Sister Walburga has served in Rochester, Elmira, Oswego and Corning. She has been at St. Vincent de Paul's for the past three years.

St. Patrick's Men Set Outing

The annual outing of St. Patrick's Holy Name Society, Elmira, will be held Sunday afternoon, September 14 commencing at 4 o'clock in Elmira Park.

John T. Ruddy and Herbert P. Ruddy are sponsoring and will be aided by James W. Ruddy, Charles W. O'Brien, John J. Ruddy, George T. Ruddy, Ernest Ruddy and Robert Ruddy.

A program of sports, refreshments and games will provide a happy occasion.

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Discussion Group Organized Along National K. C. Lines

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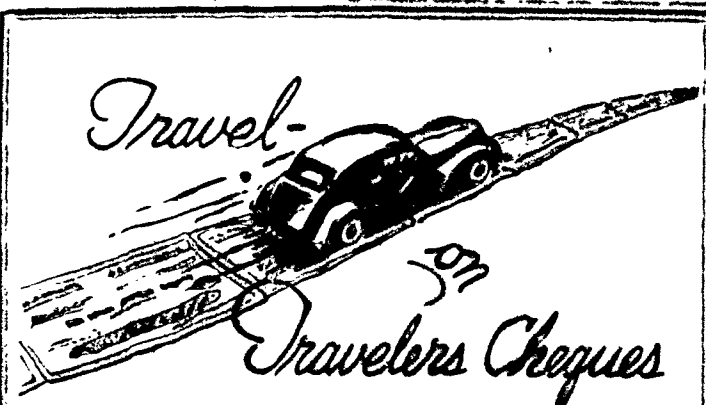
Grand Knight Louis J. Ladio has named Daniel J. Donahoe, Chancellor of Elmira Council as Chairman of the Discussion Group.

The Discussion Group program is being promoted by the Supreme Council as a crusade for the preservation and promotion of American ideas.

Heading the program for the Supreme Council is George Herman Perry, S.T.B., Ph.D., Litt. D., LL.D. and K.C.S.G. as national director. He has prepared a handbook for the Discussion Group.

Purpose of the discussion group program is to provide well informed and trained Catholic Lay leaders for the struggle against Communism and all subversive activities.

Under Attorney Donahoe's direction Elmira Council hopes to establish an active Speakers Bureau as a result of the Discussion Group.



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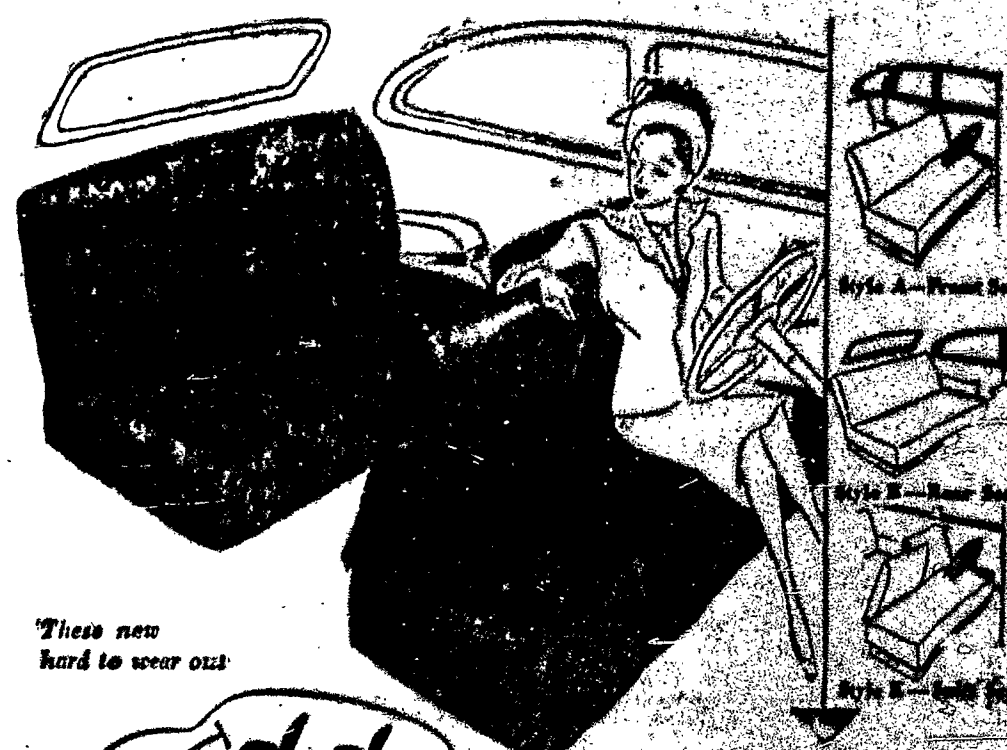


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