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Testimonial Dinner Honoring Bishop Set By Lay Retreatants

A testimonial dinner in honor of Bishop James E. Kearney commemorating his 10th anniversary as Bishop of Rochester will be held Monday evening, Nov. 10 at the Powers Hotel.

The dinner is being sponsored by the Laymen's Retreat League. Frank E. Wolfe, president of the retreat league, made the announcement early this week. The Bishop will deliver one of the principal addresses.

Bishop Kearney has been in many ways a special patron of the league. The alias in the retreat house at Geneva and many of its accompaniments are gifts from him, according to Wolfe. He has given too wholehearted support in his official capacity to the retreat work. The men of the retreat movement are glad that this occasion of the tenth anniversary of Bishop Kearney's tenure as Bishop of Rochester gives them an opportunity to pay some measure of their respect and honor to a great friend, said Mr. Wolfe last night.

The Laymen's Retreat League comprises all the laymen of the diocese who make an annual retreat at the diocesan retreat house at Our Lady of the Lake, Geneva. It has its beginnings in the small group of men who in 1913 made the first men's retreat in the diocese at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester. From that year through 1941 there was an annual retreat held each year for laymen at St. Bernard's.

Late in 1941, the Redemptorist Fathers, with the approval of Bishop Kearney, acquired the present retreat house at Geneva and since 1942 all laymen's retreats have been conducted there. Retreats are held each week end throughout the season beginning in May and ending in November. Each weekend sees a group from a different parish of the diocese making the retreat. While the season is not yet over it is expected that more than one thousand men will make a retreat this year at Geneva.

The committee on arrangement

ments for the dinner consists of Very Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, CSSR, retreat master, honorary chairman, Frank E. Wolfe, general chairman, Elmer J. Bloomer, George D. Bryant, Frank R. Davis, John W. Degus, Raymond J. Hasenauer, Theodore J. Houck, Emmett V. Norton, Clarence R. Piehler, George P. Schmidt, R. Edward Shlesinger and James V. Taylor.

Freshmen Meet At DeSales High

Geneva. About 200 students gathered to welcome the Freshman class of DeSales High School at a reception held Friday, Oct. 17 and sponsored by the Senior class.

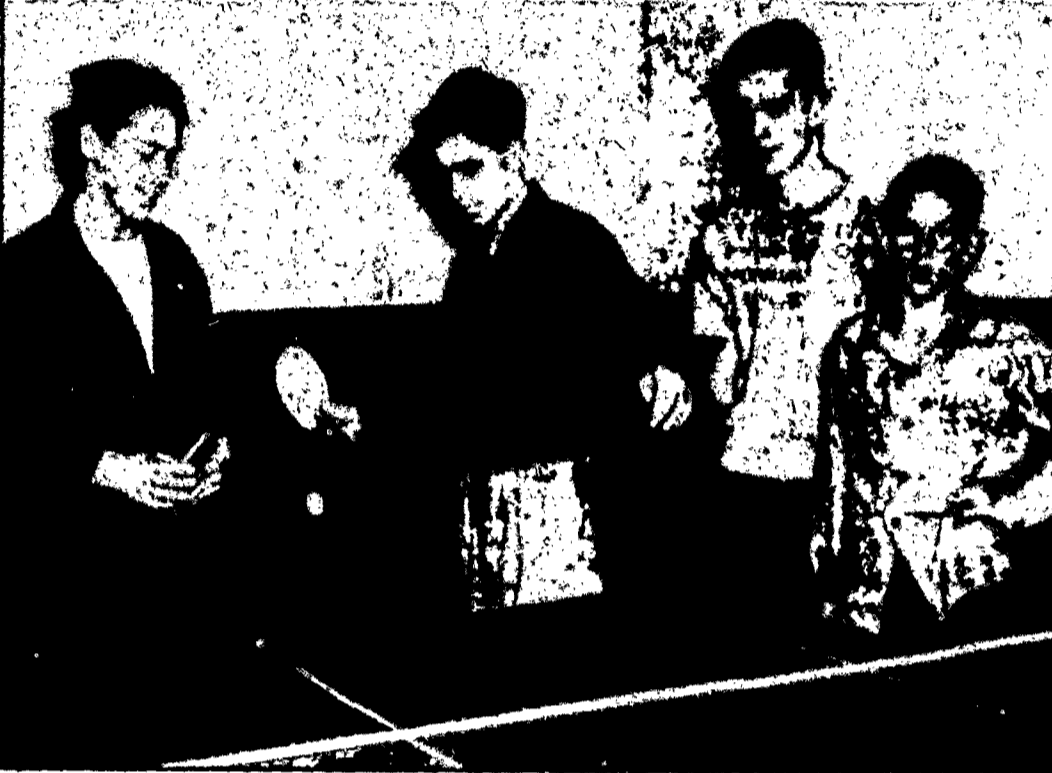
Rev. Raymond Nolan, principal of the school, addressed the group and welcomed them to high school. Rev. Robert Fennedy and Rev. Valentine Jankowak, as well as some of the teachers were guests at the reception which was held in St. Francis de Sales school hall.

On the decorating committee were Jean Brewer, chairman, Verda Kleser, Joan Monaco, Steven Leguina, Mary Passalacqua, Jean Lynch, Thomas McDonough, Jack Handlon and Louis Bruno.

Entertainment was in charge of Florence Eitz, Mary M. O'Malley, Winifred McDonald, Eleanor Damico, Mary Pullano, Sylvia Geraghty, Anna Mae Rynone, Joseph Chibbert, Edward Constable, Bernard Lynch, Philip O'Malley, and Paul Gindling.

Paul Bree and Nick Felice were in charge of tickets. Joan Dwyer arranged the musical program.

Squires Join in Balanced Program



A well-balanced program for members of Columbian Squires, St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, keeps the young men busy. In top photo a group chats with the Rev. Gabriel Kearney, O.Carm., guest speaker. Squires (from left) are: George Tahan, Jerry McAuliffe, Kenneth Ferrell; Cultural Committee; Martin Ferrell, chairman. Ping pong is enjoyed, in lower photo. Ed Davis, about to hit ball shows (from left) Francis Laper, Bob Conner and Jack Maywall how it's done.

Bishop Dedicates Second Geneva Catholic Cemetery

Geneva. St. Mary's Cemetery, second Catholic cemetery in Geneva, was consecrated and dedicated Thursday, Oct. 23, by Bishop James E. Kearney of the Rochester Diocese.

The ceremonies were held at 3 p. m. at the newly-acquired property, formerly the Martin Connolly Farm on Pre-Emption Road, comprising 73 acres of land.

Clergy of St. Francis de Sales and St. Stephen's parishes with the pastors, Rt. Rev. Monsignor William M. McPadden of St. Stephen's Church, and Rev. Edward K. Ball of St. Francis de Sales Church, participated in the service.

First act in the consecration of the cemetery was the planting of a cross on which candles were later lit by the Bishop. Bishop Kearney recited prayers for all who are to be buried in the cemetery property after which the clergy joined in the recitation of the Litany of the Saints.

FOUNDAI CONSECRATION of the grounds by the Bishop then took place. Father Ball, pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish, revealed today that the cemetery property is being staked out this week after which lots will be available.

St. Mary's Cemetery will be the second Catholic cemetery in Geneva. St. Patrick's Cemetery on North Street which was established in 1869 was considered no longer adequate and purchase of the new property was recently completed.

Bishop Kearney was accompanied to Geneva by Rev. Dr. John E. Maney of Rochester, formerly of Geneva.

While in Geneva, Bishop Kearney confirmed a large class, last at St. Francis de Sales Church. The pastor, Rev. Edward K. Ball; Rev. John Brill of St. Stephen's Church, and other members of the clergy participated in the service.

100 Girl Scouts At Seneca Mass

Seneca Falls. In recognition of National Girl Scout Week, approximately 100 Catholic Girl Scouts attended 8:30 Mass in St. Patrick's Church in a group on last Sunday. They were accompanied by the leaders of the various troops.

Mrs. J. A. McMahon, Mrs. Vincent Gliglio, Mrs. James Ahrens, Mrs. Gerald Masten, Mrs. McRobert Cracknell and Mrs. Van Epps.

The Seneca Falls Rotary Club has completed plans for the entertainment of the children and teenagers of the town for Halloween.

A costume parade will be held Thursday evening, October 30th, and prizes will be awarded for various outstanding costumes. This will be followed by a huge bonfire to be held at the athletic field on Ovid St. Typical Halloween refreshments will be served by the committee.

On Friday evening, a block dance will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 with music by a clown band. Prizes will be awarded again that evening for various costumes.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cutler of Dunkirk are parents of a son, David, born October 15th, in the Dunn Memorial Hospital. Dunkirk Mrs. Cutler was Miss Margaret Doran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Doran.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis, Ovid St., are parents of a daughter, Katherine, born Oct. 19 in the Seneca Falls Hospital.

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Mayors in 2 Cities Act to Ban Showing 'Forever Amber' Film

The mayors of Auburn and Geneva took action this week to stop the showing of "Forever Amber," the motion picture condemned by the Legion of Decency in their respective cities.

Auburn. After a conference Saturday with Joseph N. Schwartzwalder, tone manager of Schine Theater, Mayor Edward T. Boyle announced that the controversial motion picture, "Forever Amber," will not be shown in Auburn this week as scheduled.

In his statement to the press, Mayor Boyle said that since the first announcement of the coming of the picture to Auburn, complaints have been received from clergymen and people of all denominations, from women's societies and from committees combating juvenile delinquency requesting that "Forever Amber" be banned.

The mayor presented the issue to Mr. Schwartzwalder, who complied and informed Mr. Boyle that the picture will not be shown in Auburn.

Geneva. Showing of "Forever Amber," the motion picture scheduled to be screened here Oct. 28, 29 and 30, was postponed on Monday following a conference between Mayor Charles F. Nieder and Schine Zone Manager C. C. Young.

Action followed Mayor Nieder's request that Schine give up the showing of "Forever Amber" on the grounds, the mayor said, that "the picture was not fit for our Geneva people."

MR. YOUNG made this statement: "In a conference this morning between Mayor Nieder and Schine officials, it was mutually agreed that the picture 'Forever Amber' which was to play at the Geneva Theater Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week has been set back until a later date."

"The Schine theater organization which operates the theaters in Geneva is always willing to cooperate with city officials for the best interests of all concerned."

The Times received an unprecedented number of letters to the Editor. In the letters, Geneva residents took sides on the question of the picture, and many of the letters had been received.

The office of Mayor Nieder said that telephone calls and letters have been pouring in, congratulating the mayor on his action asking for this picture showing to be stopped. His office also reported that the showing of "Forever Amber" had been ordered postponed in the City of Auburn.

Mayor Nieder said that Mr. Young, the Schine manager, had offered to give a private preview of the picture before any civic group the mayor may appoint. The mayor said he appreciated this gesture on the part of the Schine company. He has not yet announced whether he will accept the offer and make such an appointment.

Rev. Raymond P. Nolan in his sermon at St. Stephen's Church said Sunday in part:

"The courageous action of the Mayor of Geneva in requesting the authorities of Geneva Theater not to run 'Forever Amber' is worthy of our commendation and support."

"I am sure that every clergyman of Protestant faith is just as interested in safeguarding the morals of his people as the Catholic priest is. Every Protestant man or woman who has a definite faith in God and professes to be a follower of Christ has the same obligation as Catholics."

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Cardinal Flays Bigotry At Chaplain's Tribute

Syracuse. "Thank God there was no discrimination in the armed forces against the chaplains of all faiths," declared His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, at speaking here in tribute to the World War II chaplains from the Syracuse diocese and St. Bonaventure College, he declared postwar discrimination against Catholic school children.

More than 1,000 persons attended the tribute ceremony.

The Cardinal said that today's bigots, "men in the clothing of shepherds," have not yet learned that "it is a violation of the American tradition of separation of Church and State for members of a fire department to extinguish a blaze in a parochial school and to have children from burning to death, and so do hope they will content themselves and satisfy their discriminatory thirst at seeing little children left standing by the roadside in the snow as public-paid-for buses transport other American children to and from school."

"YOU CHAPLAINS are unaware of such discrimination in the army and navy," he continued. "No such discrimination was practiced when our boys were called upon to serve their country as soldiers. Public buses and all public conveyances first services were then at the disposal of all the boys and there was no stigma of having gone to a school like George Washington attended, where belief in God, love of God and charity toward one's fellow men were taught, together with patriotism, arithmetic, reading, writing and spelling."

"And thank God there was no discrimination in the armed forces against the chaplains of all faiths and no one claimed that their service was contrary to any American tradition," Cardinal Spellman said. "You, chaplains, you are permitted to serve your God and your fellow men in the inferno of war and the circumstances of peace."

Sponsored by the St. Bonaventure club of Central New York, the banquet at Hotel Syracuse attracted a long list of distinguished lay, as well as religious, leaders. Among those at the table of honor, in addition to Cardinal Spellman and his secretary, the Rev. Christopher J. Weldon, were the following:

The Most Rev. Walter A. Poery, D.D., bishop of Syracuse; the Very Rev. Thomas Flanagan, O.F.M., rector of St. Bonaventure Seminary; the Very Rev. William J. Schlarth, S.J., president of Lemoyne college; the Very Rev. Daniel Lutz, O.F.M., minister provincial, province of the Immaculate Conception, B.V.M., of the Order of Friars Minor; the Very Rev. Brig. Gen. Raymond C. Scollin, USMC, retired, of Auburn; the Rev. Gervase McMillen, national secretary of St. Bonaventure alumni; William A. Kearney, president of the St. Bonaventure club of Central New York.

Other special guests of honor were Harold A. Martineau, chairman of the committee of arrangements; the Rt. Rev. Magr. David F. Cunningham, vicar-general of the Syracuse diocese; the Rev. Robert E. Dillon, chancellor of the diocese; the Rt. Rev. Magr. Charles F. McAvoy, senior alumnus of the Syracuse diocese; the Rt. Rev. Magr. John P. Boland, state labor mediator.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 24, at 10:00 a. m. in the home and at 10:30 a. m. in St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Patrick's Church, Geneva.

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