

Groton Sodality Fills Boxes for Children in Austria



Preparing boxes for orphan children in Austria are these members of Our Lady's Sodality, St. Anthony's Church, Groton. In front row (from left) Rev. William E. Hayes, pastor; Beverly Hester, Mary Leo Mahop, Patricia Neville, Gloria Harrington, Kathleen Holland, Joan Clark, Shirley Sandwick, Victoria Santoro, Helen Triaki, Eileen Drake, Mrs. William J. Hastings. Center row (from left), Arlene Harrington, Dorothy Burke, Faye Murray, Jean Hains, Geraldine Haines, Helen Wilson, Jean Waigok, Virginia Miller, Kathleen Hester, Margaret Rippen, Michelle Kantana. Rear row (from left), Eleanor Carey, Phyllis Hester, Ann Maria Hero, Patricia De Courtes, Barbara Adams. (Photo by Hoegger Studio, Groton).

Priests Attend Meagher Rites

Auburn — Funeral of William H. Meagher, a director of Mercy Hospital, was conducted Wednesday morning, Nov. 19, 1947, from the family home, 158 State St. and at Holy Family Church.

Mr. Meagher, Auburn, mortician and businessman, died suddenly Sunday, Nov. 18, in Mercy Hospital.

Rev. Emmett F. Magee of Spencer sang the Solemn Requiem Mass, assisted by the Rev. John B. Crowley as deacon and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Conway as subdeacon.

In the sanctuary also were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen, Rev. Robert Dillon, chancellor of the Syracuse Diocese, Rev. M. A. McMahon of Shantastica, Rev. Leo Crowley of Syracuse, Rev. Francis Hester, Rev. Joseph Haffey, Rev. P. J. Cuddy, Rev. James Sharples, Rev. Irwin Sullivan, Rev. Charles Langworthy, Rev. Eugene McCarthy, Rev. William F. Davis and the Rev. Alfred Horr.

The Sisters of the Third Franciscan Order Minor Conventuals, from Mercy Hospital, attended the services.

Honorary bearers, who are funeral directors, were: William F. Muller, William E. Rounds, Charles H. Rounds, Frederick J. Welch, Adam J. Leja, Edward D. Ure, Meredith Langham, Avery E. Neagle, Glenn F. Mosher, John J. Pettigrew and Gordon Doherty.

Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery where Father Magee imparted the final blessing, assisted by a large delegation of clergy. Active bearers were Dennis Donahue, John Donahue, Devey Bennett, Daniel Bennett, Charles Dunningan and Thomas Vall.

Auburn Knights Hold Open House, Bazaar

Auburn — An open house and turkey bazaar was held at the K. of C. Home in Genesee St. for the members, the Ladies Auxiliary and guests on Nov. 20. Although alterations have not as yet been completed in the home, enough space is now available to accommodate a large crowd.

There was no regular meeting of the council that evening. Refreshments, in charge of Edward Coonan, chairman of the house committee, were served in the dining room. Assisting Lecturer Welch with the arrangements were Joseph Shaw, William Corbett, Clarence Hoey, John Mur-

phy, T. Joseph Colley, Robert Hoey, Carmen Colella and Fred Erick Weick.

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Forced Military Training Scored By Msgr. Cowen

Auburn — Calling upon national authorities to clean up the evil influences of military life which brought moral harm to American service men during the war, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen of St. Mary's Church vigorously condemned the proposed Universal Military Training program in a luncheon address before the Auburn-Kiwanis Club Thursday noon at the Hotel Osborne.

"I personally am opposed to compulsory military training," Dr. Cowen declared, "because of the evil influence which the army, navy and other forces have upon our youth. The whole matter of this military-business is a material affair with the morals of our youth a secondary affair."

Continuing, Dr. Cowen said that some military leaders are not willing to guide the lives and philosophy of American youth. "I believe," he stated, "that a boy who is taken by the government for compulsory military training hasn't a chance to live the same good life, marked by morality and reverence, which he would have in his own community. Every lad is a creature of God with a God-given right and a Christian obligation to pursue a life which will bring him the highest spiritual experiences. To deny our youth these things is a sin against God and against the Church."

Dr. Cowen criticized the military policy makers for "the sugar-coated Universal Military Conscription of our youth, which military authorities are trying to slip over in the form of what is called 'Universal Military Training.' A mass of American youth is no insurance that Russia or any other power will be restrained. Our need is for a specialized group of scientific experts, keyed to the needs of the new era of military action, not a return to the mass forces which, since the first war in history, have marked military thinking."

Indian Reservation Site to Be Decided

Auburn — Announcement was made recently of the grant of \$300,000 from the United States to the Cayuga Nation for a reservation, by Dr. Earl Bates of Ithaca, advisor to the Indians in this area. This money will be used for the purchase of land near the original site of the home of the Cayuga Indians, near Canoga, N. Y., six miles south of Seneca Falls.

The Cayugas have been struggling for a reservation of their own for many years and it is their desire to return to the land of their forefathers, originally called Skanytatenate, on the west shore of Cayuga Lake and the birthplace of Red Jacket.

In the past these Indians have been living at the Seneca Reservation in Cattaraugus County, south of Buffalo. Many of them are skilled mechanics and a desirable point in locating in this territory is the labor market for such craftsmen.

Further information will be given out next month by Dr. Bates when he plans to visit in Seneca Falls.

Bays Candle Firm
Syracuse — Norman E. Woodworth of New York City has purchased the Mack-Miller Candle Co., the suppliers of church candles for 54 years.

Sodalists Help Austrian Nuns

Groton — Boxes to be sent to a few Franciscan Sisters caring for three hundred orphan children in Austria were filled by members of Our Lady's Sodality of St. Anthony's Church, here Nov. 16. Names of the Sisters were received from the National Council of Catholic Women with which the Groton Sodality is affiliated.

With the Sodalists believing that active charity is a necessary ingredient of true devotion to

Mary, each girl contributed to the fund to assist the Sisters in their work, according to the Rev. William E. Hayes, pastor of St. Anthony's. The Sodality has thirty members.

Officers are Prefect, Gloria Harrington, Vice Prefect, Kathleen Holland; Secretary, Jean Clark; Treasurer, Patricia Neville; Father Hayes is Spiritual Director and Mrs. William J. Hastings, Counsellor.

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