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Final Tribute to Mercy Nun Paid in Elmira Rite

Hundreds of persons, lay people, clergy and Sisters gathered to pay final tribute to Sister Mary Fidelis Demovan, R.S.M., principal of St. Patrick's Parochial School, Elmira, Monday morning, Feb. 16, 1948, at funeral services in St. Patrick's Church.

Sister Fidelis, who had served the Park place school for 45 years, died Friday night, Feb. 13, 1948, in St. Joseph's Hospital. She was in the 56th year of her religious profession as a Sister of Mercy.

The Rt. Rev. Magr. William J. Ryan, V.F., celebrated the Solemn Requiem Mass, assisted by the Rev. Leo Schwab, deacon, and the Rev. William Burns, subdeacon.

In the sanctuary were: The Rt. Rev. Magr. Francis J. Lane, and the Reverend Fathers Michael Hyam, William J. Naughton, Thomas Toole, Arthur Smith, John S. Maloney, Albert Simonetti, John V. Loughlin, James Lane, Edmund O'Brien, Joseph Hagan, William J. Gayner, John A. Murphy, William L. Reed, and John Chelkowski.

The entire student bodies of St. Patrick's School and Elmira Catholic High School attended the services.

THE DELEGATION of Sisters of Mercy from Corning, Harnett and Rochester was headed by Reverend Mother Magdalen of the Rochester motherhouse, superior of the order, and Mother Camilla, Mother of Novices. Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Mary's and St. Peter and Paul's schools, Elmira, also attended.

A choir of Sisters of Mercy sang the responses and hymns were members of the community. Burial was in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery, Elmira.

Sister Fidelis, who had been in the hospital since last June, was retired from teaching in 1933, but remained as active head of St. Patrick's School until September, 1946, when she was succeeded by Sister M. Cecilia. She had been with the parish continuously since 1913 and previously had spent a 10-year period there.

HER LIFE was devoted to religious and educational work and the veteran educator maintained a high scholastic standard in the school. She also introduced new

methods of technique in the classroom. Many of her former students have reached high and important positions in Elmira and other communities.

A native of Cobourg, Ontario, Canada, Sister Fidelis was graduated from Loretta Abbey at Toronto in June, 1893, and then taught in a government school in Ontario.

She received the habit of the Sisters of Mercy Dec. 27, 1900, and was professed by the Most Rev. Stephen Vincent Ryan, Bishop of Buffalo, April 4, 1903, at Batavia.

She came to Elmira in 1907 to St. Patrick's, following four years at Niagara Falls. After a decade in the Elmira school, she transferred to St. Mary's Corning for four years, when she went to the Rochester motherhouse for three more years. In 1913 she returned to St. Patrick's as principal.

Monsignor Ryan, pastor, expressed the grief of the parish over the death of the esteemed Sister of Mercy.

"Sister Fidelis' long service as teacher and principal has meant much in the development and growth of our parish," he said. "Her devotedly to duty and continued interest in the welfare of her pupils have been reflected in the large numbers of St. Patrick's graduates who have achieved positions of prominence in our community and elsewhere."

Secretary Openings To Be Discussed

The third vocational talk in this year's series will be given to the Secretarial Club on Friday, Feb. 20, at 6 p. m. Edmund Plant of the Industrial Relations Department of Eastman Kodak Company, will speak on the subject "Secretarial Opportunities for College Graduates." Mr. Plant also conducts a private counseling service.

On Wednesday afternoon V. J. Salak, personnel director, spoke to the senior class on the opportunities offered to college women in the Technical and Health Association of New York State.

LeMoyne and Nazareth Set Freshman Debate

The freshman women's team from LeMoyne College, Syracuse, will debate with the freshman team of Nazareth College on Friday evening, February 27 at 8:15 in the Nazareth College Auditorium. Mr. Gerald Kelly, Professor of History at Nazareth College will be the debate manager.

The topic of the debate will be the national debate topic of the year, "Resolved that a Federal World Government should be established." Rev. Eugene Culhane the director of the debating group at LeMoyne will accompany the two young ladies who are representing that college: Miss Nancy Fahey and Miss Hulmeier.

Miss Mary Bush and Miss Joan Warthing will represent Nazareth in the debate.

Elmira Bowlers' Prowess Wins Cup



The Cyril J. Stott trophy for bowling proficiency between Elmira and Rochester Councils, Knights of Columbus, was won by the Southern Tier bowlers. After acceptance of the cup by Grand Knight Louis J. Lodi, Elmira, master of the Fifth District, Fourth Degree, offered another trophy for competition. As trophy is awarded, taking part are (from left): Grand Knight John J. Elmer, Rochester; Rev. J. Edmund O'Brien; Grand Knight Lodi; Basil J. Vallone, Joseph E. Berrigan, chairman of Elmira bowlers; Joseph E. Rooney, chairman Rochester bowlers.

Elmira Knights Win 'C. J. Stott' Bowling Trophy

A delegation of bowlers from Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, invaded Elmira Sunday for their half of the annual home-and-home series in a last attempt to stave the tide of an Elmira victory and thus keep in the running for a chance at the Cyril J. Stott trophy.

The trophies from the Flower City, led by Joe Rooney, were not equal to the occasion and went down to defeat at the hands of their brothers from Elmira by a wide margin.

This victory for Elmira, the third in as many years, permits them to retain permanently the trophy presented by Past Master Cyril J. Stott of Rochester.

EDGE SCORE for the losers was garnered by Joe Rooney with a 556 and a 214 single. Sixty came through with a sizzling 546 and a 211. Ferretti rolled a blistering 223 to top all single bowlers.

Charlie Ruhmel led the victors with a 574 followed by Tom Rohde with 549.

The victors were entertained by the local knights at a dinner in Columbus Center at which congratulations were offered by the Rochester bowlers, District Deputy Eugene F. Agan and Grand Knight Louis J. Lodi.

An announcement was made by Basil J. Vallone, master of the Fourth Degree, that he would offer a new trophy for future contests between the two rivals.

Star performances on the lanes of Elmira's bowling emporium were registered by C. Ruhmel, 574; A. Malahie, 543; Backus, 543; Leahy, 520; Mustco, 511; O'Neil, 505; McGann, 504; and DeSocia, 504, for Elmira.

Rochester's best efforts were scored by Joe Rooney and Gene Austing with 556, Ed Skeilly, 546;

Catholic Schools Opened For American Negroes

Washington—(AP)—It began in September with 80 pupils in the kindergarten, first and second grades. The hope is that each year a new room or two can be added until a full six-grade curriculum is provided. After that the colored children will go to the regular parish schools.

This Catholic school is in a Negro neighborhood in Fresno, California. The story of its beginning is one of many such stories from all parts of the country, related in the 1946 report of the Commission for Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians.

In Toledo, the Oblates who operate St. Benedict's have been adding a grade each year to their school, and now have five grades, according to the report. Work is now underway on the remodeling of a house next to the church, which would provide two more classrooms and living quarters for the Sisters.

In Levanon, Georgia, deep in the South, a school, convent and rectory were completed. The school opened with an enrollment of 63 children, and according to the report, "gives to a complete plant."

Daniel McKee Heads Hornell H. N. Unit

Hornell—Daniel McKee has been named president of the Holy Name Society of St. Ignace, Loyola Church, Hornell.

Other officers elected with McKee are: Edward V. Craig, vice-president; Lawrence Lynch, secretary; Warner Murphy, treasurer; Benjamin Jenkowski and James Clark, marshalls; George Dewey and James Gleason, delegates.

Rev. William Tobin is moderator of the group.

Jack Hill, 536; Cliff Sargent, 521; Len Kellman, 521; El Gerretti, 511; Rocco Natalie, 504; and Bill Woerner, 502.

in physical appearance far as a Savannah-Albany diocese offering any which the State has provided for Negro children anywhere in the district.

In southern Louisiana, where about one-third of all the Catholic Negroes in the country live, a number of new schools and chapels will dot the countryside. A new mission church and school for Negroes has also been established on the outskirts of New Orleans.

150 Seniors to Take Scholarship Exam

About 150 high school seniors from the Catholic and public high schools of Western New York will take the competitive scholarship test Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at Nazareth College.

Following the examination the results will be entertained at luncheon at the college cafeteria. About 30 of the girls will stay at the college dormitory Friday night.

The college is offering seven scholarships from \$400 to \$1,400 each.

Maryknollers Aid German Seminarians

Coshocton—(AP)—A ton of food a month is being sent to the diocesan seminary in Mainz, Germany, by students at the major seminary of the Maryknoll Fathers here who have "adopted" the 230 students at the German seminary.

Two shipments have already gone out, each over a ton. Included in the shipments were 2,000 pounds of flour, 700 pounds of oatmeal, 500 pounds of sugar, 1,500 pounds of clothing, and other articles such as books, pencils and writing paper.

Adoration Men Set Communion Mass March 12

The Rosary, which may be celebrated by members of the Rochester National Adoration Society at 7:30 p. m. in St. Patrick's Church on Friday, March 12.

Following the Mass, the annual Communion Week-end for Rosary men will be served at the Powers Hotel with Edward Galen, vice president in charge of arrangements.

When Rosary men will also be present at the breakfast which will be served over by President Thomas J. Howell.

Rev. Leo C. Rooney, pastor of St. Patrick's and spiritual director of the Society, will greet the members at their one-yearly social affair.

Tickets will be available from local lodges at the regular price of Saturday night, Feb. 20. A report on the impressive 10th anniversary Holy Hour and midnight Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, Jan. 31, at which Rochester was specially honored.

N. B. Professor M. L. Lefebvre, Ind. — (AP)— Formerly a professor of mechanical drawing at the University of Notre Dame, where he spent more than 20 years, he was held in St. Basil's Church here.

Cornerstone Rites Set For New Elmira School

Cornerstone of the new St. Anthony's school will be blessed and set in place on Friday, Feb. 19, at 10:30 a. m.

The ceremony will be presided over by the Rt. Rev. Magr. William J. Ryan, V.F., assisted by the Rev. Leo Schwab, deacon, and the Rev. William Burns, subdeacon.

The new school will be located on the corner of Broadway and Elmira streets, between Elmira and Rochester streets. The school will be a 10-story building, with a total area of 100,000 square feet. It will contain 12 classrooms, a gymnasium, a library, a cafeteria, and a playground.

The school will be named in honor of St. Anthony of Padua. The cornerstone will be set by the Rt. Rev. Magr. William J. Ryan, V.F., assisted by the Rev. Leo Schwab, deacon, and the Rev. William Burns, subdeacon.

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