

Rochester Area Newman Clubs Plan Federation

Formation of a Newman Club Federation, to comprise delegates representing more than 1,000 Catholic students in eight Rochester area institutions, is being planned in September, according to Thomas P. Rotundo, a member of the School of Commerce Newman Club.

Silver Jubilee Mass Set Sunday For Fr. O'Brien

Rev. Arthur T. O'Brien, formerly of Clarkson, N. Y., and now a pastor in South Dakota, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination with a Solemn Jubilee Mass Sunday, June 6, at 11 a. m. in the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport.

The jubiliarian will be assisted by the Rev. Michael J. Krieg, pastor of the Brockport church, as assistant priest. Rev. Charles P. Hubert, N. M., deacon, and Rev. John J. Donnelly, sub-deacon.

Rev. Patrick McCormick of Scranton, Pa., will be the preacher. Ordained May 26, 1923, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Buffalo, by the late Bishop William Turner, Father O'Brien served his first assignment in Lead, S. D., and later was transferred to Draper, Vivian and Murdo, Milbank and St. Joseph's Church, Westington, where he is now pastor.

PTA To Seat Staff At Sacred Heart

Newly elected officers of Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral Parent-Teachers' Association, will be officially installed at a meeting Monday evening, June 7, at 8:15 o'clock in the school hall.

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Gifford Lyng, assisted by her committee. Members and their friends are invited to attend.

Represented at the meeting were members of Newman Clubs at RBL School of Commerce, University of Rochester, Rochester Dental Dispensary, Rochester Institute of Technology, Eastman School of Music, Genesee State Teachers College and Brockport State Teachers College.

Father Hester explained that the Federation would be a district council made up of the moderator and two or three delegates from each of the eight existing clubs, which would meet monthly to compare notes, promote inter-club events and aid each club's morale.

The Rev. Austin B. Hanna, professor of world history at Aquinas Institute, was principal speaker at the May 26 meeting. Discussing "The Philosophy of Humor," Father Hanna denounced "filthy, unclean humor" and pointed out that "a sense of humor is a God-given gift, and like all other gifts is not to be misused and distorted."

Reporting on the activities of the School of Commerce unit, Rotundo said its foremost accomplishment this year was the reception of Holy Communion in a body at St. Joseph's Church on each first Friday. They were joined by some faculty members on Lenten Friday afternoons after classes in the recitation of the Rosary in Corpus Christi Church. Guest speakers during the year included the Rev. Albert J. Shannon and the Rev. Wallace J. (Continued on Page 8)

Taft Education Bill Opposed By CWV Unit

Vigorous opposition to the Taft-McCowan Education Bill was voiced at the Monroe County Chapter, Catholic War Veterans meeting Tuesday in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall.

The veterans voted to send a strongly worded letter to Congressman Kenneth B. Keating and went on record in resolution against the bill.

Signed by Mary J. Ward, Chapter Adjutant, the letter to Representative Keating stated: "According to press reports a concerted drive directed by President Truman, purely for political purposes is being made to have the House of Representatives consider the Taft-McCowan Education and rush this measure through before adjournment. This bill is being studied by the House Committee on Labor and Education for much needed revisions."

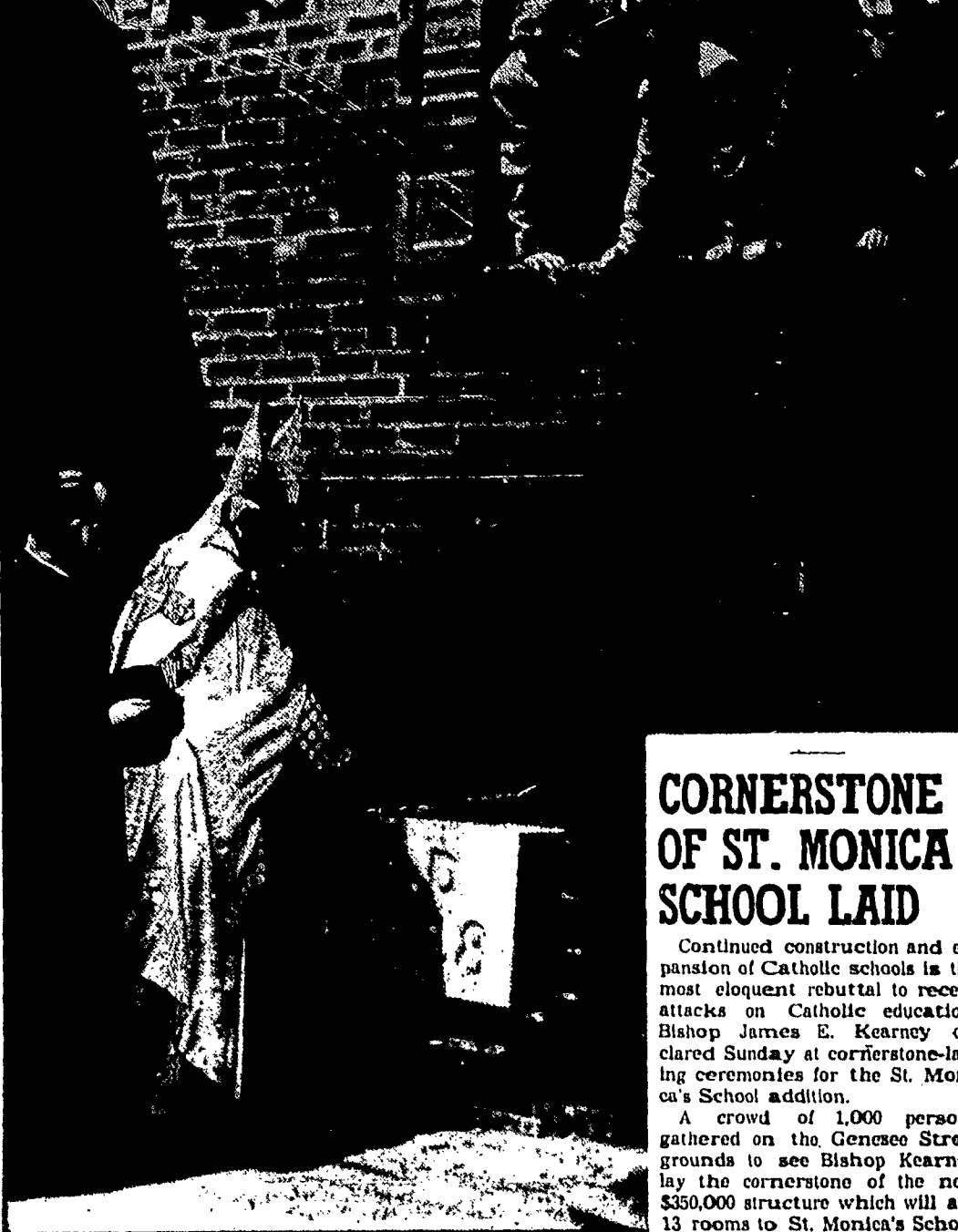
"May we, the Catholic War Veterans, call to your attention once more the unfairness of the present bill and its need of revision? This bill is unfair to a large number of citizens in Rochester as well as the country at large. It is unfair to count in for Federal Aid to Education over 20,000 Rochester children who attend non-public schools, and then count them out in allocating the funds. The G. I. Bill of Rights allows the veterans choice of school, therefore, why cannot parents select the school for their children, and, if Federal grants are given, assign them some aid such as health and transportation measures to non-public school systems. This provision of the bill needs revision badly."

"Another objection of ours is the threat of Federal control of education. The States have guided education for many years without interfering with local control of education. Why place local control of education in danger?"

"We are enclosing a copy of our resolution on this measure as adopted by the State Department of Catholic War Veterans at the convention held in Rochester on 7, 8 May 1948 at which convention you honored us with your presence and gave a stirring address. "You have been most generous in the past and we feel assured that you will give these objections of ours to the Federal Government."

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Build Schools To Answer Foes -- Bishop



Looking forward to being taught under Catholic auspices in the new St. Monica School, a group of boys watch happily as His Excellency Bishop Kearney formally places the cornerstone with Monsignor Gerald C. Lambert joining in the happy occasion.

New Priest Leads May Day Rites At St. Agnes High

Opening with High Mass celebrated by the Rev. Harold J. Goschke, newly ordained priest from Steubenville, O., May Day ceremonies were conducted at St. Agnes High School last Thursday.

Following the Mass, at which the Rev. Roy B. Morphy, chaplain of St. Agnes High School, assisted by the student body, sang a procession in honor of Our Lady was held on the school grounds.

Miss Germaine Swift, Sodality Prefect, crowned the statue of Mary. Miss Swift, who was accompanied by twelve attendants

and preceded by six kindergarten pupils, led the formation of the Living Rosary. The newly received sodality members, in white academic caps and gowns, formed the cross. The students who followed carried purple ribbons and yellow tulips.

Hymns in honor of Mary were sung to the accompaniment of trumpets. Following the crowning, the procession returned to the chapel for Benediction.

Members of the queen's cortege, sodality officers and committee heads were the Misses Germaine Swift, Violet Briz, Mary Elizabeth Heveron, Mary Lucille Dixie, Phyllis Hartman, Mary Patricia Coyne, Margaret Mary Tierney, Jacqueline McGill, Rosemary Hanley, Leona Meisenzahl, Mary Marlene Brown, Mary Ellen Ganley, Gloria Glorinda.

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4 of Every 5 Catholic High Students Graduate

Four out of five of all students who entered Rochester's five Catholic high schools in September, 1944, will graduate this month—a percentage 36 per cent higher than the national average of all high school students who complete their courses.

These figures were reported this week by the Diocesan Education Office as students and school authorities announced plans for graduation exercises.

In 1944, 1,800 freshmen registered in Nazareth Academy, Aquinas Institute, Mercy High, St. Agnes High and Sacred Heart Academy. Only 222 students have dropped out or transferred to other schools in four years. Eighty-one per cent of the original classes will receive diplomas this month.

The holding power of the Catholic educational system offers sharp contrast to the drop-out rate of the Rochester public high schools where two out of every five students drop out of school before graduation.

Last week the Rochester Board of Education admitted that only 58.7 per cent of the freshmen classes of city high schools stay the full four years to graduate. In the U. S. as a whole, only 45 per cent of all high schoolers finish the four year term.

A study of 100 typical "drop-out cases" scheduled by the Board of Education for this summer may lead to significant changes in curriculum, selective studies in order to increase the holding power of the present scholastic program, the Board indicated.

Cornerstone of St. Monica School Laid
Continued construction and expansion of Catholic schools is the most eloquent rebuttal to recent attacks on Catholic education, Bishop James E. Kearney declared Sunday at cornerstone-laying ceremonies for the St. Monica School addition.

A crowd of 1,000 persons gathered on the Genesee Street grounds to see Bishop Kearney lay the cornerstone of the new \$350,000 structure which will add 13 rooms to St. Monica's School, largest elementary school in the Rochester Diocese.

Deploping the outbreak of criticism of the Catholic school system during the last year, the Bishop described as "unworthy and unjust" the actions of critics of the Catholic schools.

"NO QUESTIONS" relative to parochial schools were raised when the graduates of those schools stormed onto the beaches of Normandy and Anzio, the Bishop said, "and by the eternal God, that question will not be asked today."

Relating to Memorial Day observance he said "the boys who studied at St. Monica's School lived up to the ideals they were taught when they gave up their lives in World War II."

The Bishop lauded the work of the late Rev. Magr. William F. Bergan, P. A., who planned the new St. Monica's school building and praised the continuance of that work by the Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert.

The present pastor, he said, has "scrupulously carried out Monsignor Bergan's hopes."

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Fr. Morotti To Mark His Tenth Sacerdotal Year

Ordained at the age of 20 years on June 11, 1938, by the late Bishop J. J. Conboy, the Rev. Alfredo Morotti will celebrate the tenth anniversary of his holy priesthood on Sunday, June 13, at St. Patrick's Church North Plymouth Ave. at Brown St.

Father Morotti will celebrate a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving on that day, according to the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor of St. Patrick's.

Attached to St. Patrick's Church, Father Morotti has also assisted at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Lucy's Churches.

Born in Bologna, Italy, the future Father Morotti was forced by ill health to suspend his studies in early life. He came to the United States 25 years ago and became an accomplished designer in metal art craft.

After achieving success in the metal art craft business he decided again to study "for the priesthood and was accepted at St. Bernard's Seminary where he completed his course with the class of ten years ago."

'Young Barry' To Run Two Nights

Genesee De Sales High School play, "Young Barry," will be presented at Genesee High School auditorium, on two nights, June 7 and 8, instead of a one-night performance as was first announced. The play will be presented by a cast of 14 under the direction of Mrs. A. J. McCann.

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Toys for Small Tots Wanted

Toys for a Play School Program to be operated at Genesee Settlement House, 10 Duke St., for small children aged 4 to 6 years are needed now, according to Miss Mary F. Hanrick, head worker at the Settlement House.

Doll-buggies, tricycles, dolls, toy-dishes and other things appealing to small children are desired.

Anyone having usable toys they would care to donate may call Mon. 4839 and someone will pick up the donations.

Spaghetti Supper Set By CWV Post

St. Patrick's Memorial Post No. 1266, Catholic War Veterans, will have its first annual spaghetti supper on Sunday June 6, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Plymouth Ave. North at Brown St. at 6 P. M.

General chairman is Carl A. Nanni, assisted by Frank Magliocco and the members of the House Committee. Following the supper there will be movies, cards and dancing. This event is being held for the members and their friends.

Sam Travaglini is commander of the Post and the Rev. Nicholas P. Alletto, chaplain.

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