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Graduations For 3 Corning Schools Held

Corning — Graduation exercises for the three local parochial schools were held on Friday and Sunday evenings. St. Mary's and St. Vincent de Paul's choosing the former, and St. Patrick's the latter evening.

At St. Mary's the Rev. Benedict Ricciardi, O.F.M., of Seneca College was guest speaker for the occasion. The Rev. J. A. Smith, pastor, presented the diplomas as the Rev. Joseph F. McCarthy, assistant pastor, announced each graduate. The Rev. Ed. M. Tobin, assistant pastor, said benediction.

THE PRIZE FOR scholarship was awarded to Waldo Castellana and Carmen Nardi was presented with the award for religion.

The Rev. William L. Reed, assistant pastor, addressed the graduates at St. Vincent de Paul's exercises. The graduates were introduced by the Rev. Edward McKay, assistant pastor, and the Rev. Joseph V. Guilfoil, pastor, awarded the diplomas and prizes.

Diane Hae received the scholarship award. The Christian Education prize went to Doris Taylor of the third grade and the perfect attendance award to Maurine Hae.

On Sunday night diplomas were awarded to the graduates of St. Patrick's School by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. E. A. Rawlinson, pastor. In the school hall benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed in the Church.

Joseph McCannell and Margaret Collins received awards for the highest averages. Kathleen O'Hara and Francis Yartym received the prizes for Christian Doctrine.

K. of C. Boy Leadership Courses Set This Month

New Haven — K. of C. Lectures and group discussions will feature the 25th annual series of Knights of Columbus Summer Schools of Boy Leadership opening next month. Among several other places, sessions are scheduled at Niagara University from July 23 to 25, and at Christian Brothers Academy, Syracuse, from July 30 to August 1.



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Scholarships in Monsignor's Memory



Awarded from the "Monsignor Boppel Memorial Scholarship Fund" two scholarships are being presented by St. Boniface Commandery, Knights of St. John in winners from St. Boniface School, John Kinsky, (center) and Mary Ann Palfani. Awards were made by Rev. Walter J. Kohl, St. Boniface pastor at Frank Bell, A.D.C., of the Knights of St. John (left) and Thomas Morris, president of Commandery No. 23, Knights of St. John look on.

O'Leary Elected By 4th Degree

James P. O'Leary has been elected Faithful Navigator of Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, for the coming year.

Other officers designated for the Assembly are: Louis A. Lauferweller, faithful captain; Samuel A. Deffenzo, faithful admiral; Frederick Speerich, faithful pilot; Frank Belligotti, faithful scribe; Thomas A. Cowley, faithful controller; John P. Allen and William J. Mulligan, sentinels.

During the past year, the Assembly has completed arrangements to purchase the necessary capes and chapeaux to equip two platoons. A drill master will be selected and train the color guard.

Corning K. C. Name Marx

Corning — At the annual election of officers of Corning Council, Knights of Columbus, J. Colton Marx was reelected as grand knight. Installation rites followed the election.

Others elected to serve with Mr. Marx were Joseph Sweet Bonadi, chancellor; Anthony Paton, warden; Arthur Kramer, recording secretary; Albert Lynch, financial secretary; Francis Giblin, advocate; Mathew Richardson, inside guard; Joseph Roche, outside guard; John Dougherty, treasurer; John J. Smith, trustee.

Family of Nurses Dubuque — NC

With the recent graduation of twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Lamey from Mercy Hospital of Lorain College the 10th and 11th members of the Lamey family entered the nursing profession.

Franciscan Sister Marks Golden Jubilee In Order

Hornell — Sister M. Margaret, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Morris of Addison, observed her Golden Jubilee as a nun of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis at Solemn High Mass June 20, at Allegany.

Ithaca KC Lists Radio Drama

Ithaca — With the principle of freedom of religion under strong attack in many parts of our unshrunken "One World," there is a special significance for Americans in the third of the "Foundations of Our American Ideals" radio programs, presented by the Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus, and broadcast locally over station WHCU (870 kc.) under the sponsorship of Ithaca Council.

The program, an historically accurate dramatic sketch, will be heard at 7:15 p. m. Tuesday, July 6.

This third episode in the "Foundations" series is centered on the murder in the cathedral of Thomas a Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, whose heroic resistance to a king's attempt to encroach upon freedom of religion is a notable event in the exciting story of mankind's long battle for liberty.

The dramatization of the Archbishop's bold defiance of a powerful ruler is an emphatic reminder of our debt to the past and a major incident in the development of the theme of the "Foundations" broadcasts.

Mrs. R. B. McKinney Of Coming Dies

Corning — Mrs. Rosalyn B. McKinney, 37, of 115 W. First St. died at Corning Hospital Friday morning, June 25. She was born in Watkins Glen and came to Corning as a child to reside. She was married to Thomas L. McKinney in St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, in April, 1930. She was a member of St. Mary's Church, the League of the Sacred Heart and the Corning and Painted Post Graduate Nurses' Association.

Besides her husband, Mrs. McKinney is survived by a daughter, Judith E. McKinney; her mother, Mrs. C. T. Haskins of Binghamton; two brothers, Adrian and John Bartholomew of Binghamton and several uncles and aunts.

Funeral services were held from the home of Gerald McKinney Monday at 8:15 a. m. and in St. Mary's Church at 9 o'clock. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Johnson City.

Donations Made To Pope's Storehouse

Geneva — Members of the Rosary Society of St. Francis de Sales Church secured a number of gifts in a shower held for needy infants of Europe. The gifts were for the Holy Father's storehouse.

The shower was held on Wednesday, June 30, at the school house.

Thomas Jennings, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. John Green were in charge of arrangements.

Refreshments and a program followed the meeting.

53 Graduates Told to Live Their Faith

Hornell — A class of 53 eighth graders of St. Ann's School were graduated June 24 at exercises held in St. Ann's Church. The students were pupils of Sister M. Helen and Sister M. Azula.

The Rev. Paul J. Gibbons delivered the commencement address. "Mere knowledge of the truths of the Catholic faith is not enough," he told the graduates. "Living your faith, professing it, and making sacrifices for it are necessary for the salvation of one's soul," he continued. "Courage and conviction have always been demanded of those who chose to stay close to Jesus Christ."

As a keynote of his talk, Father Gibbons used the words of St. Paul, "Keep the Faith."

"In the face of temptation, in the face of an immoral, lawless world that will attempt to trample under foot all you have learned to hold true and sacred, keep the faith," the priest declared.

AS A MEANS for safeguarding the faith he recommended daily prayer, frequent assistance at Mass and reception of Holy Communion, fidelity to Our Lady's Rosary and regular morning and evening prayers.

"Again, to love your faith, to live it, you must ever keep fresh in your souls the knowledge of its precious truths. Continue your study of it by faithful attendance at religious instruction. Avoid any associations or any reading that will stifle in your souls. It is your most precious possession. Do everything necessary to preserve it."

"For the past eight years, faithful women consecrated to God, have stood before you in the classroom to give you that faith. You have learned to love and to reverence these Sisters of Mercy and you would want to do nothing to disappoint them. Remember then, that if in years to come any one of you abandons this faith for any reason whatsoever that you will set at naught all they have done."

"Remember," Father Gibbons charged, "that every graduation is a commencement. One day there will come for all of us a truly important commencement day. On that day, Jesus Christ, the greatest Teacher and the fairest Judge the world will ever know will award the diplomas. On that day one thing only will decide whether we have passed or failed — whether we have kept the faith."

Members of the class were presented by the Rev. John Healy to Father Gibbons who presented the diplomas. The girls in the class wore white caps and gowns, and the boys red caps and gowns, traditional colors of St. Ann's graduation classes. After decorations were in keeping with the color scheme.

Services closed with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Rev. Ignatius X. Cameron was celebrant, the Rev. William J. Tobin was deacon and the Rev. John L. Coonan was the subdeacon.

Graduates attended a Mass Thursday and received Holy Communion in a body. The Rev. Paul J. Gibbons celebrated the Mass.

Maryknoll Nuns Open New Fields

Maryknoll (N.C.) — Opening two new mission territories, Africa and the Caroline Islands, and strengthening their established missions in many lands, the Maryknoll Sisters will send 44 sisters this summer. Twelve are assigned to work among Chinese, Japanese and Negroes in the United States; thirty-two will go overseas to missions in Hawaii, China, the Philippines, Burma and Japan, as well as the new territories.

Sister Mary Stanislaus of New York will head a group of four sisters assigned to pioneer in Kwak, Tanganyika, British East Africa, not far from the equator. There are but eleven priests in the 8,250 square miles of the Musoma-Maswa Vicariate.

Elmira Police Warn Of Speed

A warning to motorists against speed is contained in the July traffic bulletin of Elmira Police Department.

The bulletin states "Speed is a killer: Stay alive. Take it easy when you drive. Always drive at such speed that you will be able to protect yourself from the other guy who is NOT smart enough to be careful. Be alive on the 5th." Elmira Police Dept., Traffic Dept.

ECHS Graduates Told of Character Need to Combat Materialistic Ideals

Spiritual collapse of American life under materialistic standards was deplored by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., addressing 29 graduates of Elmira Catholic School at graduation Sunday afternoon in St. Patrick's Church.

"This nation was founded and its rights preserved by toll, sweat and blood," Msgr. Brien told the students. "We have witnessed such material progress that our standard of living now rates as necessities things that were once luxuries. This progress has brought about a spiritual collapse," he said.

Asserting that the education of God from thinking has led to immorality of all kinds, he stated "People want everything handed to them. They speak of leaders in society as the ones who get the breaks."

"YOU NEED the honesty of mind and integrity of character and determination to carry out your convictions in your daily life. Each must work out his own salvation — and must not be swayed by the fallacy that a thing is right because everybody is doing it," he told graduates.

Helen Milliken was valedictorian, and Pauline Kujawski was salutatorian.

HONORS awarded at the exercises were:

The religion award to John Winiakowski and Miss Milliken; scholarship award to Miss Milliken and Miss Kujawski; English award to Miss Kujawski; science award to Miss Milliken.

French prize to Miss Milliken; business prize to Ann Hurley; American Legion award to the outstanding young man to Mr. Winiakowski, and the Catholic Daughters of America award to the outstanding young lady to Miss Kujawski.

Honor students of the class were Helen Milliken, Pauline Kujawski, Ann Reidy, John Winiakowski, Theresa Crossed, Josephine Savino, Joanne Torney, Mary Theresa O'Brien, Alfred Schiavi and John Bacon.

Class officers are Alfred Schiavi, president; Theresa Crossed, treasurer; John Winiakowski, secretary.

The class was presented to Msgr. Brien by the Rev. William A. Burns, school principal.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was celebrated by Msgr. Brien assisted by the Rev. Theodore J. Wirtzler, Father Burns and the Rev. John A. Murphy.

Several hymns were sung by the Catholic High School choir.

Also attending were Revs. Thomas J. Toole, Leo G. Lynch, William J. Gaynor, William J. Naughton, Thomas Florack, Leo G. Schwab, Ladislav Szczepanski, John N. Cieslinski, John L. Simonetti, Ignatius St. George, all of Elmira, and Joseph F. Hogan of Owego.

Speaking at the St. Patrick's School graduation in the church Sunday night, Father Burns stressed the importance of high school years to graduates of the school.

Chinese Communists Seize Three Priests

Peiping — NC — Three Chinese Catholic priests from the city of Linfen, in Shansi province, were taken prisoner by communists a few days ago. Communist troops abandoned the city last month at the end of an intense 70-day siege, according to word received here.

The priests, members of the prefecture of Hungtung, are the Revs. Andrew Li, Barnabas Lou, and Benedict Li. They are reportedly held at Chavheng, north of Linfen, where two other priests and a seminarian of Hungtung prefecture have been taken prisoner since last September.

Several other priests and more than ten seminarians at Linfen are said to have survived without harm the fierce battle for the city, and until recently, at least, had not been molested. Two Belgian Bollandist priests, Fathers Nicolas Wendens and Michel Keymolin, reportedly enjoy sufficient freedom to conduct a busy medical dispensary near Hungtung. Fears for their freedom and safety had been voiced repeatedly since they were cut off from communication last fall.

Shiuchow Bishop Consecrated Shanghai — (NC) — The Most Rev. Michael Ardolino of the Silesian Fathers has been consecrated as Bishop of Shiuchow, in Kwangtung, South China.

Colleges and business men are asking for more explicit information on the activities, personalities of high school students as well as their grades, he said.

Show Others American Way Of Life, Graduates Told

Hornell — Their responsibility and "opportunity to open the eyes of the world to the power and beauty of the American way of life," was impressed on graduates of Hornell High School by the Rev. Ignatius X. Cameron, pastor of St. Ignace Loyola Church.

Speaking at the Baccalaureate service in the school auditorium, "was an American citizen rather than a man of religion," Father Cameron also addressed a capricious crowd of parents and friends.

"The world of men everywhere, and America itself will be just what thinking men make them," the priest said.

As a cause of much of the evil existent in the World today, Father Cameron cited the "faulty thought processes of those who have lost sight of first principles, the appreciation of true values and have worshipped the God of material reality."

"Out of this thinking has emerged the school of social error which robs man of his personality and dignity and makes of him only a unit in society," the priest stated. "It is this school of the blind leading the blind which teaches that man derives his rights from that society and from society alone. Logically it follows that man exists only for the state, and not the state for man."

"WITH THE DENIAL of all spiritual reality, it is only a step to the denial of free will and the reality of the unconquerable soul. There is no morality but expediency. The end justifies the means and the result is a perfect picture of the totalitarian state. Is this the American way of life?" Out of the glorious past rings the truth of true Americanism which is that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among them life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"No state gave man his rights," Father Cameron continued. "They are given him from his Creator, his God. It is the duty of the state to safeguard, not take away, those rights. The state was made for man and not man for the state, and the most powerful ruler is but the servant of the least of his little ones. That is American thinking based on the law of God and the dignity of

man. In that American way there is no room for a Hitler or a Stalin."

THE TRUE American heritage is being threatened, the speaker pointed out, by some of "our own so-called educators who have been blinded by the false notions of spurious liberalism and the material advance of a science uncontrolled by morality. Up to the present our vaunted scientific progress has not been the cradle of our liberties but the grave of our ideals and our hopes. Unless we hold fast to our American ideals we shall fast lose the blessings of our American heritage."

Addressing the audience at large, Father Cameron declared that the decision of the Supreme Court regarding released time for religious education would have a future "vital effect which almost no one is qualified to determine."

"It" he said, "that training must go, the sad effects will be felt in Hornell. In this community religious education has received tremendous good through the same intelligent cooperation among the schools, Board of Education, teachers, parents and those taking part."

"It would be very regrettable," the priest continued, "if such a service as baccalaureate could no longer be held."

"AMERICAN education, as it was known in our colleges and universities such as Harvard and Yale was in its beginnings religious. It is a lamentable loss of American educational vitality that so many of our schools have forgotten their high purpose and have sold their birthright for the pottage of European materialism, which had its beginnings in eighteenth century France. That amounts to intellectual treason to our country. The un-American thinking of the Deweys and Thorndikes of teachers colleges and their progressive education has done more to make possible totalitarian thinking in this country

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