

Priest-Statesman Dies
 Prague—(NC)—Mgr. Bohumil Stasek, for many years before World War II an organizer and leader of political movements among Czech Catholics, has died here of the effects of an illness contracted while a prisoner of the nazis for six years in Dachau concentration camp.

Banquet, Clambake Plans Set By Geneva Rosarians

Geneva—Plans for the annual banquet of the society were discussed at the first fall meeting of the St. Francis de Sales Rosary Society held Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the school hall. Tentative date for the banquet is set as Oct. 6.

Rev. Vincent Collins, new moderator of the society succeeding Rev. Valentine Jankowiak, was introduced by the society president, Mrs. Ivan Haines. Father Jankowiak has been transferred to Elmira.

Members of the society will be in charge of the opening dinner of the Community Chest. Mrs. Charles LaNasa is chairman of the committee.

Banking Opens Tuesday In Parish Schools

Auburn—The banking system of the parish schools of Auburn will get underway Tuesday, Sept. 28.

Saving for a goal will be one of the primary objectives of the money management program during the coming school year. In the school saving program, students are provided with the opportunity to develop thrifty habits and through regular banking each week to accumulate a reserve that will enable them to participate in special training after graduation from high school.

Saving for graduation expenses, for summer camp and for investment are a few of the other goals stressed in the program. However, the importance of saving regularly will be emphasized rather than the amounts deposited.

Training in money management has been an important part of the educational program in Auburn for many years. Every Tuesday is Bank Day in school. At that time, students may deposit any amount of five cents or any multiple of five cents. A passbook, in which each deposit is recorded, is issued to every student enrolling.

Nurses Sodality Staff Installed

Newly elected officers of the Sodality of Our Lady of St. Joseph's School of Nursing were installed at ceremonies held in the Little Flower Chapel, Dunn Memorial, Elmira.

Inducted were: Prefect, Ann Diviny, Vice Prefect, Jean Guzman, Secretary, Mary Catherine McCoy, Treasurer, Mary Marie, Chairman of Our Lady's Committee Shirley Collins, Chairman of Eucharistic Committee, Mary Bean, and Chairman of Apostolate Committee, Geraldine Gersbach.

Aims and purposes of the Sodality were outlined by the Rev. Phillip McManis, Spiritual Director who commended retiring officers and sodality members for their untiring efforts in the advancement of the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Sodality during the past year.

Following installation ceremonies, the Perpetual Novena Service in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal was held closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Workers To Stress Catholic Women's Club Program In Membership Campaign

Every Catholic parish in the city will be canvassed within the next few weeks by workers on the membership drive of the Catholic Women's Club, who will be seeking renewals and new members for their goal of over 2,000 members, leaders said today.

Opening with a luncheon at the Chatterbox Club at 12:15 p. m. Friday, Sept. 24 with Mrs. Ronald J. McDonald, membership chairman presiding, the workers will receive final campaign instructions.

Mrs. Herbert F. Janick, president, has invited all out-of-town Catholic women who are now residing in the city to join in the various activities.

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DRIVE WORKERS will stress diversified activities of the club including awarding of tuition scholarships of four years to girls who wish to continue their education in a Catholic High School—two to Nazareth Academy and two to Mercy High School.

Sponsoring of Girl Scout Troops, whose meeting rooms have just been newly redecorated; Mission Group of Members working with the Inter Faith undertakings to help establish neighborhood clubs for the aged, known as Friendly Clubs under the supervision of Social Agencies; group working in cooperation with the National Council of Catholic Women.

Young Matron Group consisting of young mothers who wish to discuss their many problems with each other and to meet socially.

The largest group within the club is the Business Women's Group who have their own supper meetings and elect their own officers; sponsor a scholarship to a Catholic High School for a deserving girl who might otherwise be unable to continue her education. During the course of the year this group raises enough money to undertake a

Visits China Missions

New York (NC)—The Very Rev. Gabriel Gorman, C.P., provincial of the Passionist Fathers in the eastern United States is enroute to China for a visitation of Passionist missions in that country. It will be Father Gorman's first visit to the Orient.

Elks Present Mercy Hospital Gift



William K. Young, Exalted Ruler, Auburn Elks Lodge (right) presents check as payment for a new Auto Sterilizer to Sister Mary Aurelia, R.N., superintendent of Mercy Hospital in Auburn. Viewing presentation of Elks' gift to hospital are: (from left) Maurice I. Schwartz, chairman of Social and Community Welfare Committee, Auburn Elks Lodge; Sister Mary Francine, R.N., Pediatric Ward and new milk Laboratory supervisor and George Frank, Board of Trustee member of Mercy Hospital. The new milk laboratory will sterilize bottles of prepared formulas for infants, making it unnecessary to handle any part of the bottle after sterilization.

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Brutsche, Miss Isabel Conroy, Miss Mary I. Clark, Miss Martha E. Conroy, Miss Helen L. Costello, Miss Anne A. Flood, Miss M. Betty Kelly, Miss Alice F. Kirk, Miss Rose M. Tschelder, Miss Betty Whalen.

Dedication Of Scouts Slated

Dedication of Holy Apostles Boy Scout Troop No. 118 to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place in Holy Apostles Church, Sunday, Sept. 26 at 5 p. m.

The ceremony said to be the first official dedication of a Catholic Scout Troop will consist of unveiling and blessing of the troop banner of the Sacred Heart, then each member will approach the altar to receive the new colors and emblems, to be followed by Solemn Benediction.

Scoutmaster, H. L. Patterson is directing arrangements.

Franciscans Report 706 Priests in China

Shanghai—(NC)—Seven hundred and six Franciscans of the Order of St. Francis Minor are now attached to Catholic missions in China, according to an official list published by Franciscan headquarters here. Chinese Franciscans number 126.

The Franciscan friars staff 28 mission territories, including five archdioceses, in China. Their institutions include three regional major seminaries and a leper refuge.

First Catholic missionary to come to China was a Franciscan, John of Montecorvino, who came overland from Rome to Peking, then called Cambaluc, in 1294. He was named archbishop of Cambaluc in 1307.

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Cable From Germany Sent DeSales Class

Geneva—A cablegram from Frankfurt, Germany, was read at the annual reunion of the class of 1942 of De Sales High school, Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Seneca Lake Country club. It was from Humphrey Donahue, who is in the Armed Forces in Germany.

There were fifty-eight members present at the dinner. A special hour followed.



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Catholic College Asks Status of University

Tokyo (RNS)—Application has been made to the Ministry of Education to elevate the Roman Catholic College of Foreign Languages in Nagoya to the status of a university. It was disclosed here.

According to the Rev. Aloysius Pache, rector, the Nagoya college now gives courses in English, Chinese, French and German, and these courses would serve as the nucleus for a College of Letters in the proposed university.

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