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## National Leader Awards Trophy to Geneva K. C.

Geneva — For leading the state last year in membership and running second in the entire nation, Geneva Council, Knights of Columbus, was awarded a large trophy, Wednesday, Dec. 8, by Supreme Director, William C. Burke, of Utica, also State Deputy of the organization.

## Colella Renamed Holy Name Head

Auburn — Carmen Colella and his staff of officers was unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year at a largely attended meeting of Holy Name Society of St. Alphonsus Church Sunday afternoon at the Water Street Hall. Officers re-elected besides President Colella were: Vice President, Joseph Sobus; recording secretary, Joseph E. Heleck; financial secretary, Stephen Baier; treasurer, Stephen Kleintjes. Heleck will be serving his 25th consecutive term and Kleintjes will start his 26th year as treasurer. Many members were appointed to serve on committees for the coming year. Rev. Bernard Kuchman, assistant pastor at St. Alphonsus and moderator of the society, addressed the men and a report of the organization's activity during the past year was read by the secretary.

## Enjoys Holiday Fete

Auburn—Sacred Heart Society of St. Francis Church held their annual Christmas party Tuesday of last week. At a short business meeting which preceded the party, the following officers were re-elected for the coming year: President, Elizabeth Ciampaglia; Vice-President, Rose Costantino; Secretary, Anna Zampetti; Financial Secretary, Theresa Camardo; Treasurer, Margaret Picciano. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Adolph L. Gabani, pastor of St. Francis Church, was presented a basket of fruit by Mrs. Elizabeth Ciampaglia.

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The award was made at a testimonial dinner at Club 86 in honor of Grand Knight Louis L. McGuigan, whose activities in behalf of the council were lauded by the supreme director. Nearly 500 members and guests, one of the largest social gatherings to be sponsored by the organization in several years, attended the event.

AT THE SPEAKERS' table were officers of the council, Supreme Director Burke, Desmond Doherty, of New Haven, Conn., general agent of the Supreme council for New York State; Francis O'Brien, grand knight of Elmira council; Burt McGann, executive secretary of Elmira council; Gerald Mullen, past grand knight of Attica council and present Elmira Council trustee; District Deputy Victor DeWeaver, of Newark; Grand Knight Nicholas Critella of Newark Council; Rev. Edward K. Ball, pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish; Rev. Bernard Hanna, of Macedon, formerly of Geneva; Rev. William J. O'Brien of St. Francis de Sales; and Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, principal of De Sales High School.

Program was opened with invocation by Rt. Rev. Msgr. William H. McPadden, V.F., pastor of St. Stephen's church, after which the members and guests sang, "God Bless America". John F. Gleason, past grand knight of Geneva council, and general chairman of arrangements for the dinner, introduced the toastmaster, George G. Handlan, also a past grand knight. Following the introduction of the guests, Supreme Director Burke made the presentation of the membership trophy to Grand Knight McGuigan. He expressed high praise for the council's membership achievements and the influence of the Grand Knight in council growth. In a brief but inspiring address on council activities and the achievements of the organization since its founding, the supreme director told of the opportunities afforded Americans by their forefathers.

ACTIVITIES of Catholic groups, their loyalty on all occasions to the United States of America and their achievements in two world wars, were cited by Mr. Burke. Warning against the ever-present threat of Communism to this country, he emphasized that Catholics have for a long time been aware of the menace to which others are now directing their attention with alarm. He called upon the Knights of Columbus to direct every effort to combat its inroads against liberty and freedom. Highlight of the entertainment which followed the dinner was music by Sammy Kaye and his orchestra. Mr. Gleason was general chairman of the dinner. Rev. Robert Fennessy, George Handlan, and Mr. DeWeaver were associate chairmen. William E. Kramer, chairman of reservations, was assisted by a large committee.

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## NCCW Leaders Greeted in Auburn



Miss Eileen Egan of New York, National Catholic Welfare Conference-War Relief Services aide, speaker; Mrs. Frank Curtin, Rochester, member of the National Board of Directors, National Council of Catholic Women; Mrs. Richard Kalb, president Rochester Diocesan Council, N.C.C.W. are greeted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Conway, Dean of Auburn Deanery and Mrs. George Snyder, president, Auburn Deanery Council following dinner at Springside Inn, Dec. 9.

## Europe Continent of Blackest Misery, Says Relief Aide in Appeal to Auburn Women

Auburn — "Your help is needed in Europe today more than ever before," Miss Eileen Egan declared in describing overseas postwar conditions at a dinner meeting of Auburn Deanery Council, National Council of Catholic Women, Thursday evening at Springside Inn. Of the 130 women who heard Miss Egan's plea, many approached the speaker at an informal reception held later and volunteered their personal services as well as those of the groups which they represent to help in rebuilding European homes.

Miss Egan, Overseas Relief Project Supervisor of the National Catholic Welfare Council, said that Europe today is a continent of blackest misery which, considered in retrospect, might constitute the parts of a bad dream rather than the real conditions which she saw in eight countries recently visited. Speaking on the DP question, Miss Egan emphasized the ease with which the individual can aid in the resettlement of European DPs in this country. During an interesting discussion period following her talk, Rev. Basil Ostas of this city pointed out the part that he and the members of his church are playing in resettling Ukrainian people.

Mrs. GEORGE A. SNYDER, deanery president, presided at the dinner and after expressing the organization's appreciation to Miss Mary Leach and Mrs. Fred L. Armstrong for the dinner arrangements, introduced persons seated at the speaker's table. Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Conway, V.F., Rev. John F. Callahan, moderator, Rochester Deanery, Rev. Basil Ostas, Rev. Francis Waterstraat, Moravia, Rev. Leo Jones Weedsport, Rev. Francis Turner, Scipio Center, Rev. Leo McMannus and Rev. John Guy.

Also Mrs. Frank T. Curtin, National Director, N.C.C.W., Mrs. Richard L. Kalb, diocesan president, Mrs. Edward McMannus, Mrs. Clarence Hayden, Mrs. John C. O'Toole, Mrs. George Frank, Mrs. Eugene Carpenter, deanery directors, and Mrs. Theodore Florack, diocesan treasurer. During the dinner, Gerald Conroy played the piano and accompanied group singing. Miss Egan was the speaker at the assembly Friday morning at Holy Family High School where she was introduced by the Rev. William B. Davis, principal. During her stay in Auburn, Miss Egan was the house guest of Mrs. Snyder.

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## Parish Library Reports 5,838 Books In Year

Auburn — Open 147 days with 5,838 books in circulation and an attendance of 4,602, the St. Alphonsus Parish Library completed its first year as plans were made for the future operation of the library.

## Catholic Air Programs Set For Christmas

Listeners of the Auburn area will hear a full hour Catholic program, "The Joyful Hour," featuring the recitation of the Rosary, Christmas music and dramatic sketches of the Nativity next Sunday evening, Dec. 19 at 8:30 p. m. on WMBQ, according to the Christmas week announcements of the station. Featuring eighteen movie and radio stars, the annual Christmas program, produced by Father Patrick Peyton, stars Bing Crosby, Ethel Barrymore, Maureen O'Hara, Christopher Lynch, Joan Leslie and others. The show will be transcribed by WMBQ and broadcast a second time on Christmas Day.

On Christmas Eve, the Solemn Midnight Mass will be broadcast from St. Mary's Church over WMBQ with the full ceremonies, sermon and musical setting. Girls of St. Mary's Choir will also be featured on WMBQ's "Christmas Eve in Auburn" scheduled for 9 p. m. on Dec. 24. They will sing a group of Christmas carols and the Rev. E. Leo McMannus will read the Christmas Gospel by St. Luke as the Catholic share of a full hour program.

St. Mary 1932 Class  
Reunites in Auburn  
Auburn — The 1932 graduating class of St. Mary's School held a reunion Saturday night at Springside Inn. Members of the class now residing in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and other distant places were back for the get-together. Rev. Joseph O'Connell, former assistant pastor at St. Mary's church, was guest of the "old grads." Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen, pastor of St. Mary's Church also addressed the former St. Mary's students.

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## New St. Andrew's Seminary Building Slated for Spring

With final plans and blueprints for the new St. Andrew's Seminary building on Buffalo Road completed, construction has been set to begin in Spring, according to "The Sator," student publication of the Seminary out this week.

Announcement was made to "The Sator" by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Lyons, rector of the Seminary, and Joseph P. Flynn, architect, in an interview.

Due to the high cost of present building, original plans for the Seminary had to be altered, the students were told. Change of the site for the new building, the unknown number of students to live at the school and the uncertainty of chapel, refectory and location in the plans all delayed construction.

The cost of the building as originally planned would have far exceeded the total of campaign pledges. Decision was made to revise the plans rather than wait for lower costs.

PRESENT PLANS call for a three-story building with three rear wings of two stories each. The center wing will be a two-story chapel with a seating capacity of 200. The chapel will be large and finely appointed to become a fitting dwelling place for the Holy Eucharist, the center of all activity in the Seminary program.

The first floor will include a refectory and kitchen, a large study hall to seat 100 students, science laboratories, a combined music and public speaking class room, reception rooms and two faculty suites.

Second floor will have class rooms, a large high school and college library, and another faculty suite.

The third floor will contain separate dormitories for the high school and college students, and a faculty suite. The first idea of private residence rooms for the college department was put aside for several reasons, economy being one of them, the paper states. All seminarians from the city of Rochester will continue to live at home.

THE ENTIRE student body will eat in the refectory together at noon. "The Sator" states that it is the wish of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney that the students be together, at least in their respective departments, for one meal each day. It may be necessary for the students to eat in two periods—one for the college and another for the high school. This will depend on the size of the student body and the facilities of the kitchen and refectory.

A large study hall and a combined auditorium and gymnasium are planned. Features and proportion of the outer structure will be retained as far as possible, Architect Flynn has assured the seminarians.

To house the remaining members of the faculty, the present St. William House will be remodelled to provide suitable facilities and accommodations. Earliest possible date for opening the seminary is seen as the Fall of 1950.

## Court Auburn CDA Enjoy Yule Party

Auburn — The annual Christmas party of Court Auburn, Catholic Daughters of America was held at the South Street home on Thursday evening, Dec. 15. A buffet supper was served. Each member brought a gift for exchange so Santa Claus was kept busy during the evening. Mrs. Anna Mae Ferguson and Mrs. Alice Dzystryck were co-chairmen. The December meeting was held on Monday at the South Street home, where Mrs. Catherine Murphy gave a talk and showed pictures of "The Madonna".

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## New Club-House Opening Set By Seneca Falls K. C.

Seneca Falls — Formal opening of the new clubrooms of Seneca Falls Council, Knights of Columbus on West Bayard St., corner of Sackett, just west of St. Patrick's Church property, will take place Sunday afternoon, according to Grand Knight Stephen J. Byrne.

The Rev. John P. O'Beirne, pastor of St. Patrick's Church and Council Chaplain will officiate at the blessing and dedication of the home. Officers of the Council and their wives will get a reception committee Sunday afternoon. The program will begin at 3:30 p. m. for members only and will be followed by a public reception and dance.

Residence of the late Judge Gary V. Sackett, the newly acquired K. of C. property is a historic landmark. In 1932 the State Department of Education erected a marker in front of the building bearing the inscription: "Gary V. Sackett, 1760-1865, Judge Court of Common Pleas, promoter of Canal System."

The Sackett family is of Norman descent and the first Sacketts, Simon and John, came to America in 1630, landing at the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Their ship, the Lyon, was delayed in crossing and as much as it carried food supplies to the starving colonists already there, it caused great anxiety when it was finally sighted. The Governor called upon the people to set aside the day as a day of feasting and thanksgiving. To this fact, it is said, we are indebted for our American Thanksgiving Day.

GARY V. SACKETT was born in Tredford, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1760 and in 1803 his family came to Central New York, settling in Aurelius, Cayuga County. He studied law and opened his first law office in the village of Cayuga. He was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Seneca County, in 1810. He was a landowner and bought up waterpower rights. He owned practically all of the third ward of Seneca Falls in the early days and built many of the early business blocks and industries of the town. He it was who gave to the early St. Patrick's congregation the land on which the first Catholic Church was erected.

In 1833 he built the Sackett house, a stately stone mansion, after the English order of the early days. It is a three story building and the stone blocks of which it is built, according to historic legend, was quarried for use in the locks of the first canal. After making the gates of the canal of stone, it was found that they were not satisfactory as the stone damaged the boats as they passed over the rough surface. Consequently they were removed and replaced by wooden locks through which the boats slipped easily.

The house in the early days was the scene of lavish entertaining and numbered many celebrities among its guests. William H. Seward, Secretary of State under President Lincoln, and Millard Fillmore, in particular, are mentioned.

THROUGH EFFORTS of Council members and contractors, under the supervision of Grand Knight Byrne, the house has been made to duplicate the furnishings which were used in homes of that period. The chandeliers are reproductions of those used in the early eighteenth century and the drapes and furniture follow this theme. The curtains in the rooms on the first floor are copies of curtains used in an American Inn around the time of the Revolution.

The first floor, which originally was the winter living quarters of the Sackett family, has been redecorated and there now is a kitchen, modernized for convenience, a lounge finished in paneled pine, but still retaining the original fireplace and Dutch oven, as well as a card room, office and shower room. The second floor, consisting of six rooms, contains the present council room, a large entrance hall and small rooms for reading and library. These rooms have been painted and restored insofar as possible. In purchasing the home and restoring it, the Council, through Grand Knight Byrne, has planned to maintain the place as a showplace and an interesting part of local history and tradition. Inasmuch as it is the desire of the Knights to restore as far as possible the house to its original (Continued on Page 2)

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