

Pastor Blesses New KC House In Seneca Falls



The new home of Seneca Falls Council, Knights of Columbus is blessed by the Rev. John P. O'Beirne, pastor of St. Patrick's Parish. A historic landmark, the house was formerly the home of the late Judge Gary V. Sackett.

Seneca Falls — The ceremony of the Blessing of the new home of Seneca Falls Council, Knights of Columbus, took place Dec. 19. Rev. John P. O'Beirne, pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, accompanied by three altar boys, led a procession which began at the Rectory to the new home.

Trinitarian Nun Dies; Known For Work In Diocese

Sister Catherine Marie Turner of the Missionary Servants of the Blessed Trinity died Dec. 21, 1948, at the Motherhouse in Philadelphia, the Sisters in Rochester Diocese were informed this week.

Sister Catherine Marie was widely known for her work in St. Patrick's parish, Rochester, having served when the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay was pastor of the cathedral and under the Rev. Leo C. Mounsey, present pastor of St. Patrick's Church. She was the first of her community to work in Lyons.

Doing social work and catechetical work with the children, Sister Catherine Marie was in Rochester for seven years before being taken ill and going to the Motherhouse.

The funeral Mass was celebrated by the Rev. John M. Carthy, M.S.S.T. and final abjuration at the grave was imparted by Archbishop George Caruana.

Sister is survived by Sister Mary Simon, also of the Missionary Servants of the Blessed Trinity. The late Sister Mary Anna, also of that order was another sister. The three sisters were originally from Clyde, N. Y.

Rebuilt College Blessed Chungking, China

Rising from the ruins of war, the first new unit of St. Paul's College, a Catholic high school for girls, conducted by the Marist Brothers, was dedicated here in this far western city, famous as China's wartime capital.

Free Seed for Churches Atlanta, Ga.

Thousands of pounds of Kentucky fescue seed has been offered to Georgia rural churches to beautify their grounds. The seed is given free of charge to any church, regardless of race or denomination.

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Fr. Paul Hatch Marks 25 Years In Priesthood

Auburn — Rev. Paul V. Hatch celebrated his 25th anniversary of his ordination in the Holy Priesthood, when he sang a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Francis' Church, Rancho de Taos, New Mexico, where he is pastor, on Dec. 22.

Father Hatch was born in Auburn, a son of the late Lawrence A. and Maria Kennedy Hatch. Following his graduation from St. Aloysius' School he entered Georgetown University. He transferred to St. Thomas Seminary at Denver, Colo., and finished his Theology course at St. John's Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas.

HE WAS ORDAINED

by the Most Rev. John Baptiste Morris, D.D. Bishop of Little Rock in St. Andrew's cathedral in that city on Dec. 22, 1923 and returned to Auburn where he sang his first solemn high Mass in St. Aloysius Church on Dec. 30, 1923.

Father Hatch taught at Little Rock College following his ordination. He has also taught at Uxala, Fla., was Probst of the Oratory at Rock Hill, S.C. and more recently Chaplain at the Taos Indian Reservation in central New Mexico where he is also pastor of St. Francis' Church, Rancho de Taos.

Father Hatch will be honored at a dinner and a reception next spring when he comes east for a vacation. Many of his relatives live in Auburn and vicinity. Among them are his brother, George R. Hatch, C.Q.M., U.S.N. Ret. of Summit, N.Y., his sister Mrs. Bennett H. Dowling of Cortland, N.Y., Mrs. Joseph J. Flynn, Mrs. Fred J. Kruger, Sr., Mrs. Leo Kane and Miss Lillian Hatch all residing in Auburn and his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Brausch of Auburn.

Seneca Falls Youth Enlists In Service

Seneca Falls — James W. Brady, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brady, Adams St., a veteran of five years' service with the army, has reenlisted in the U.S. Army and has been assigned to the Headquarters Company, 17th Airborne Division at Camp Pickett, Va. James has a sergeant's rating of his previous five years' service; he spent two overseas in Germany.

William Lahey, son of Mrs. Helen Lahey, has been visiting his grandmother and aunt Mrs. Mary Lahey and Miss Mary Lahey. William enlisted in the army and received his basic training in Camp Dix. He is now at Camp Kilmer, N.J., and expects to sail from the United States for overseas duty, on December 24th.

Pfc. Thomas E. McGuire of U.S. Marine Corps is spending a leave day, December 25, with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGuire, E. Bayard St. Thomas is now attending Sea School at Portsmouth, Va.

Rochesterians Work In Africa Mission

Activities of two Rochester regiments as priest and a nun in the African missions are reported in a bulletin received from temporary Catholic Action Headquarters at Mt. Mary College, Oudense Kongo, Good Coast, British West Africa.

Installations Set By St. John Knights

Installation of officers will be held by St. John's Knights of St. John with two ceremonies next week. Officers of Commandery No. 40, O.L.P.H. will be seated Monday, Jan. 3 by Charles Keller and Ray Crombar and Commandery No. 38, at the Knights of St. John and Ladies Club, Andrews St. by Charles Volger and August Moler, Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Father Erb whose home was on Austin St. conducted a course in Catholic Action at the Akim-Swedru Catholic Mission. He has also spoken on Communism at Achimota College and has heard at two meetings at Kotofodua.

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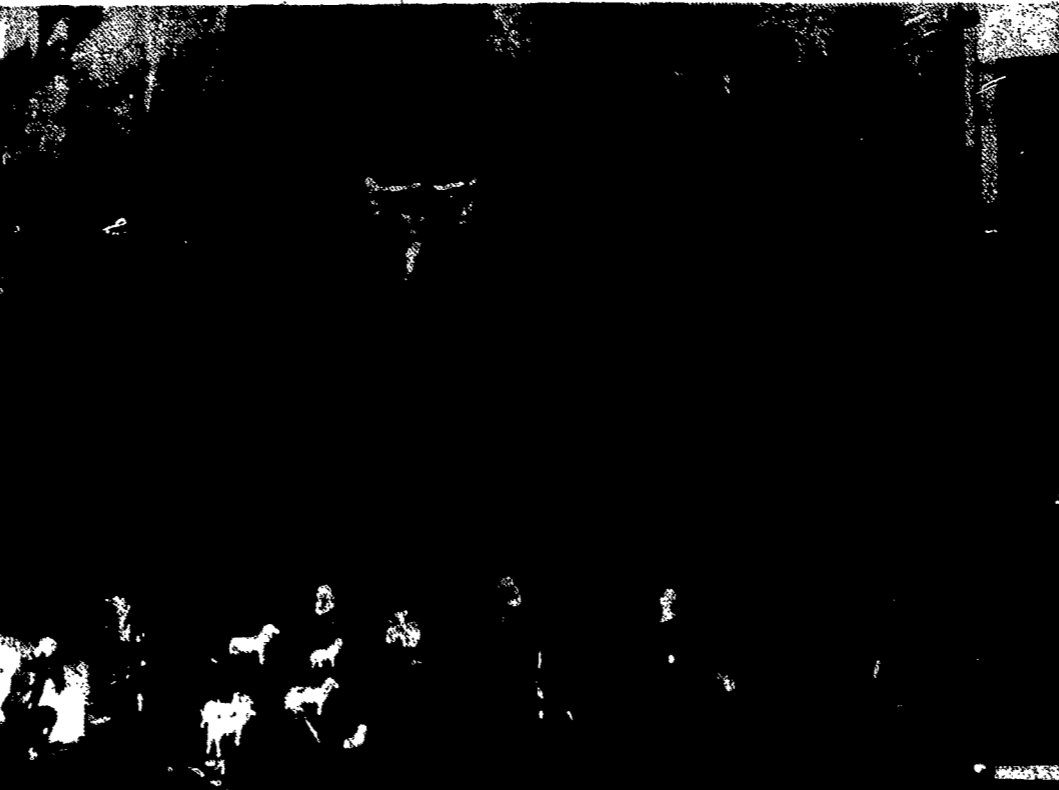
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Nativity Crib In Auburn Store



Shoppers in Auburn were drawn to this beautiful nativity scene on display in the Bennett and Tracy Shoe Store window on Genesee St. The figures of the holy drama are beautifully modeled and softly colored with special attention given to the careful delineation of facial expression. Through the zeal of Miss Mary Tracy of the shoe firm, downtown Auburn was provided with a display of the true meaning of Christmas.

Tableau Features Contrasts Found In Italy Told By Geneva Couple

Geneva — If Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Smaldone of Exchange St., had been content to stay in the little town of Castel Civita, during their recent visit to Italy, they wouldn't have seen much of the country. But a planned bus trip during their six-month stay gave them first hand information of conditions in Mr. Smaldone's native land. They arrived home Dec. 5.

"There's a bright side and a dark side to everything," Mrs. Smaldone said on return. "But we didn't see or experience any of the darker side. Our trip was wonderful. I can only tell you what we saw. Naturally after a war like the last one, there are a lot of things not so good."

It was Mrs. Smaldone's first trip to Italy. She was born in this country. Mr. Smaldone came here in 1912.

"We had no difficulty in securing our passports in Cananda. It was very easy. We left Geneva May 9 and sailed from New York on the Vulcania, landing in Naples."

FIRST STOP for the Smaldones was Castel Civita, in the province of Salerno which is the home town of Mrs. Smaldone's family and the birthplace of her husband. It is an historical town, built in 725.

Mr. Smaldone has one brother and three sisters and about twenty nieces and nephews living in the little Italian town. Mrs. Smaldone has only an uncle and four cousins there. She had never seen them before.

"I fell in love with Salerno," she said. "Even though the city was bombed during the war everything has been pretty well taken care of now. The streets have been paved. Buildings are going up. Things are much better there."

"My cousin's home in Salerno was much like our own home. It has all modern improvements even to an electric kitchen, bath and other facilities."

Salerno, a city of about 90,000 is about as far from Castel Civita as Geneva is from Rochester.

BEST PART of the whole trip she said, was their bus tour. They spent six days in Rome and then traveled through many interesting cities and towns including Sorrento, Naples, Cassino, Perugia, Padua, and Siena, Ravenna, Milan, Genoa, Venice, Pisa and Verona.

"The agricultural part of Italy is still in the primitive stage," Mrs. Smaldone said. "They don't have the machinery and farm implements they should have. But in northern Italy there are tractors, plows and other equipment."

"They make use of every inch of ground. There's no starvation in Italy that we could see," she commented.

"Things are much better now than during the war," she continued. "There's a good potato crop and more wheat and corn. We arrived at a nice time. It was in June. Fig trees were in blossom and it was a lovely sight."

In Turin and Milan, northern Italy, there are fine textile works and there is plenty of aluminum ware of good heavy quality in the shops, she revealed.

Economic side of the picture is a bit confused with high prices and low wages, according to Mrs. Smaldone. As an example, she told of a clerk in a five and ten cent store, who earns about \$48 a month.

"If she buys a pair of shoes from that money, they will cost her at least \$6. That takes about half of her week's wages."

Rome, the city of churches, "is very beautiful," she said. We saw St. Peter's, Vatican City, and Castel Gondolfo. People in Rome were well dressed. The shows and hotels were packed. "There was plenty to eat in the hotels, and prices were reasonable," she said.

Auburn Children Burn Comics in Huge Bonfire

Auburn — Opening a campaign to wipe out so-called comic books that deal with crime and those not suitable for children, pupils of St. Peter and Paul's School, started a huge bonfire with the objectionable books here Tuesday.

(Photo on Page 1)

Quick action on the drive against the comics came after the Rev. E. Leo McMannus, assistant pastor, St. Mary's Church, had addressed the Parent-Teacher Association of the school and had stressed the danger of such types of literature now being read by youth in America.

The school children not only cleaned out their homes of any such books, but they also made a house-to-house canvass resulting in a large amount of books, collected and burned.

Sister Boniface, principal of the school; Sister Marcella and the Rev. Stephen A. Chomko, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, cooperated with the P.T.A. in launching the campaign.

The action recalled that of the students of St. Patrick's parochial school, Binghamton, N. Y., who burned 2,000 comic books on Dec. 10.

St. Mary's Group Dispenses Yule Cheer To Many

Auburn — The extensive program of Christmas activities sponsored by St. Mary's Rosary Society for children of St. Mary's parish attending both St. Mary's School and the various public schools of the city, needy children and the residents of the County Home was highlighted by the Children's party held Wednesday afternoon in Lyceum Hall.

Mrs. Richard Corcoran, assisted by a large committee, prepared and wrapped hundreds of individual gifts of toys and candy for the school children.

Monsignor William E. Cowen, pastor of St. Mary's Church, was master of ceremonies. Musical numbers by the various grades of the school were presented, with Gerald Conroy, organist at St. Mary's as accompanist.

As in previous years, the climax of the party came with the arrival of the special emissary of Santa Claus, John O'Toole, who distributed the gifts to the children.

THE LARGE Christmas tree in Lyceum Hall was again covered with gifts on Wednesday evening when the members of the Rosary Society conducted their own party. The chairman of the program was Mrs. Fred Armstrong.

Musical selections were given by a quintet composed of Miss Sylvia Antonacci, Miss Marie Antonacci, Miss Madeline Antonacci, Mrs. Patricia Gagan and Mrs. Anne Shaylor, with Gerald Conroy as accompanist. The fascinating Christmas reading, "The Littlest Angel," was given by Mrs. Thomas Ditton. Mrs. Joseph McLean served as delegate of Santa Claus. The gifts brought to the party were later given to a local agency for needy children.

Culmination of the Rosary Society's Christmas activities were reached Sunday afternoon when the annual party was held at the County Home. Arranged by Mrs. John Foster and Mrs. Herbert House the party featured entertainment by several artists and gifts for the men and women of the Home.

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Parish Library Given Yule Gift

Auburn — The annual Christmas party for members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Rosary Society of St. Alphonsus Church was celebrated Monday evening in the Recreational Hall, Water Street, with many attending.

The group voted to donate \$50 to the St. Alphonsus Parish Library.

Girl Scouts from Troop 12 gave selections on the piano and according to the direction of Miss Catherine Casper and Miss Catherine Anton, scout leaders.

To the tune of Jingle Bells, Mrs. Santa Claus (Mrs. Howard Fuller) made her appearance and distributed gifts to all members. Refreshments were served by the Girl Scouts and members of the Society.

Talk On Art Slated For PTA Meeting

Regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Sacred Heart School will be held Monday, Jan. 3 at 8:15 p. m. in the school hall.

Madeline Nucliff will speak on "Christian Outlook on Art."

Hospital Women's Board Sets Meeting

The Women's Board of St. Mary's Hospital will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 5, at the Century Club on East Avenue. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a. m. with Mrs. Rudolph Siebert presiding. Following the meeting, Mrs. Leo Simpson and Mrs. Edward Hanover will entertain the Board at luncheon.

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