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Friar Explains Graymoor To Sodality

"The interesting part of the Society of the Atonement is that it was not founded by a Catholic, but by a Protestant Minister in the Anglican or Episcopal Church or as it is known in Great Britain, the Church of England."

With this statement, the Rev. David F. Gannon, S.A., Guardian of St. John's Atonement Seminary, Montour Falls brought to 200 members at the Sodality of Our Lady, St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, banquet in Mark Twain Hotel Jan. 16, the story of his order and its plans in Rochester diocese.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick's spoke briefly on the work of the Sodality.

When renovations are completed at the Friar's newly acquired property at Montour Falls, formerly Cook Academy, it will become a seminary for students in the Society of the Atonement, the speaker stated.

ON TAKING OVER the building Father Gannon read among records "What we might consider a prophecy," he said. In the archives of a "fine school abandoned by the Baptists," was written that Cook Academy may change and perhaps it should not remain as it used to be, but it will always remain a force for good in a changing world.

Father Gannon said that the request of Charles Cook that the building "should always remain a Christian school was a great help to us in the final negotiations to secure the property."

The birth of the idea of establishing the Religious order that has now taken over Cook Academy was formed and took root in the mind of a ten-year-old boy whose name was Lewis T. Wattson, the speaker recalled.

"The idea was implanted in the mind of the boy by a remark made by his father, the Rev. Joseph Newton Wattson, who at that time—1873—was the rector of the Episcopal church at North Kent, Maryland," Father Gannon recounted.

"THE MINISTER said to his son 'I was present once in the Roman Catholic Cathedral of



Rev. David F. Gannon, S.A., Guardian of St. John's Atonement Seminary, Montour Falls, (left) speaker at the St. Patrick's Sodality banquet in Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira, is shown with some at the speakers table. With Father Gannon are: (from left) Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.G.; Rev. William J. Gaynor, moderator, Mrs. John K. Coughlin, Sodality President and Mrs. Edward R. Davis, banquet chairman.

Baltimore when the Paulist Father Walworth preached to a vast congregation that packed the building to the doors. Then he added, 'What we need in the Episcopal Church is a preaching Order like the Paulists.'"

"Instantly the boy heard an interior voice saying that is what you will do some day, found a preaching order."

"Eventually the boy entered the ministry of the Church of his forebears, the Anglican church."

"THE DREAM of his life was his when he with a nun of the Anglican church established the

Society of the Atonement in 1899, at Garrison, N. Y., on a mountain known now throughout the Catholic world as Graymoor."

The Anglican minister, the Rev. Mr. Wattson at Graymoor was greatly influenced by the Oxford Movement in England 70 years before his Society was established. Mr. Wattson became one of the leaders of the Roman movement in this country.

The minister founded "The Lamp" a magazine still the organ of the Society and in 1908 started the Church Unity Octave now widely observed.

Father Gannon told how the minister became a Catholic and was ordained a priest in Dunwoody Seminary in 1910, and brought the Society with him into the church.

Father Paul as the minister became known in religion told Father Gannon that about 14 years ago there were some 700 Anglican ministers praying with the Society of the Atonement in observance of the Church Unity Octave. This year, Father Gannon said 2,000 ministers observed the Octave of Prayer.

Peace Can Be Won, Mead Tells HN Men

With everything good on our side, in the long run we will win the peace for which America fought, declared former Senator James M. Mead of Buffalo in addressing 200 St. Patrick's Holy Name men and guests at Elmira's Mark Twain Hotel, Sunday night.

The former Senator speaking on "The Developing Red Menace," expressed confidence that the fight against Communism will eventually be won.

He warned that the Iron Curtain is moving in, and said that men every day are being denied their rights and privileges. But, Senator Mead maintained, the martyrs of this period are an inspiration to men to revolt.

"THE CRUSADE which is now being carried on is the most inspiring since the shadow of the Cross on Calvary," he declared. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., pastor, said the opening prayer and addressed the men. The Rev. William J. Murphy, spiritual director, led the group in renewal of the Holy Name pledge and gave the closing prayer.

"We are living in a terrifying armistice," Senator Mead warned after recalling that the Russians have been carrying on a program to conquer the world since Czar Peter I.

Eleven nations are already locked behind the Iron Curtain, the speaker said, with war looming in Indo-China and no peace sighted in Indonesia while Communists can foment insurrections. With its agents seeking to foment trouble in all nations, the shadow of the Russian bear has been over Korea and Japan and is now over China.

He warned that if some other nation had the atomic bomb the whole East Coast of the United States could be wiped out even before war would be declared. The Reds, he said, respect only military might. They have no respect for treaties or ordinary human decrees.

TO SURVIVE, the United States must become and maintain a great military machine until the crisis is over, he believes. "We must maintain the bipartisan foreign policy. It is a case of living as free men or dying." (Continued on Page 8)

Talk On Lourdes Set For IHS At Banquet, Monday

The Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, will be the guest speaker on Monday evening at the regular monthly meeting of the Immaculate Heart Society of SS. Peter and Paul's parish. Father Schwab's topic will be, "Our Lady of Lourdes."

THE BUSINESS meeting will be preceded by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. A social hour and refreshments will conclude the evening's program.

Miss Frances Betterby, president will be assisted by the following: Mrs. Leonard Sullivan, Miss Stella Jones and Miss Anastasia Rosinski.

Angelus Crusade Opened By K. of E.

A concerted effort to revive the devotion of the Angelus throughout the nation has been initiated by the Knights of Equity with the distribution of 12,000 pledge cards, the Rev. Roy B. Morphy of Corpus Christi Church, Rochester, Supreme Chaplain, announced today.

Supreme Knight Michael T. Ryan also of Rochester pioneered the idea of the Angelus Crusade and recommended it to the organization at the National Convention in Pittsburgh.

With the permission of His Excellency Bishop Kearney, the Knights of Equity, an organization motivated by Catholic thought and Irish traditions, have printed for national circulation 12,000 cards bearing a promise to join the Angelus Crusade.

AN EXPLANATION of the origin and practice of the Angelus devotion to Christ's incarnation is printed on the other side of each pledge. In medieval Europe, the morning Angelus bell tolled a call to prayer for peace; commemoration of Our Lord's death on the Cross was associated with the noon bell; and the evening Angelus was a popular imitation of the night prayer of the monks.

This devotion was known as the Angelus from the first words of the prayer, "The Angel of the Lord declared: Unto Mary!" (Continued on Page 8)

HNS To Hear New Pioneers Manager

Members of St. Patrick's Holy Name Society, Elmira will hear Joseph V. McShane, newly appointed business manager of the Elmira Pioneers, as their guest speaker at the meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 10 in the school assembly room.

McShane a newcomer to Elmira succeeds Roy Clunk. He is a graduate of St. Margaret's parochial school, St. Louis University, High and St. Louis University.

Scout Groups Hear Talk By Fr. Alletto

Boy Scouts, Cubs, Girl Scouts and Brownies together with their leaders received Holy Communion in a body at the 9 o'clock Mass last Sunday in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira.

The Rev. Nicholas Alletto newly appointed assistant pastor outlined the value of Scouting. He also spoke of how the Catholic Church had taken an active interest in the program and had added the religious angle to the work considering that to be the foremost need.

2 Chaplains Now Overseas

Two diocesan priests, chaplains in the U. S. Navy, this week reported their arrival at overseas posts.

The Rev. John Widman was transferred from the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., to Receiving Station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands.

The Rev. Joseph Cloonan, formerly based at Receiving Station, San Diego, Cal., arrived at Tsingtao, China, as chaplain aboard the USS Chilton, Navy transport.

Before entering service in August, 1948, Father Widman was assistant pastor of St. Philip Neri Church, Rochester, and Father Cloonan was assistant at Holy Family Church, Rochester.

St. John Sodality Slates Dinner

The Sodality of Our Lady of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira will hold its annual dinner at Van Tassel's Tea Room Monday evening, Feb. 14 at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. John Benjamin and Mrs. Fred Rehwinkel are Co-Chairmen. Assisting them are Mrs. Charles Kruckow, Mrs. John Kennedy, Helene O'Herron and Agnes Zaback.

Reservations must be in by Thursday, Feb. 10 and may be made by calling Mrs. Rehwinkel at 7981 or Mrs. Kruckow at 28003.

Corning Group Lists Three-act Comedy

Corning Rehearsals are under way for the production of "The Whole Town's Talking," a three-act comedy by John Emerson and Anita Loos, on Monday, Feb. 28 and Tuesday, March 1, by members of St. Patrick's Dramatic Club.

Karl Drist is chairman of the casting committee and is being assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spruck, W. Lee Poland, Richard Grady, Carl Hyde and Miss Mary McLychock.

At a recent meeting of the Club Miss McLychock was named secretary for the year.

Benefit Party For Chapel Set

A mammoth sized Valentine Card party will be held in the new St. Anthony's school building, Elmira, Thursday evening, Feb. 17 to raise funds to purchase rubber kneeling pads for the Chapel.

The affair is being sponsored by the various parish Societies and is headed by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cieri and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maycumber. They are being aided by a committee of over 100 parishioners.

Ladies of Columbus Elect Mrs. Strong

Mrs. John E. Strong is the new president of Ladies of Columbus, having been elected at a meeting last week in Elmira's Columbus Center.

Installation of the new staff will take place at the next meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 22 at Columbus Center.

Named with Mrs. Strong are: Vice-president, Mrs. Francis O'Brien, secretary, Mrs. William P. McCarthy; treasurer, Mrs. Frederick Specchio; sentinel, Mrs. Frank Belligotti; social chairman, Mrs. Gerald Norton; trustee for two years, Mrs. Herman Cassidy.

Retiring are president, Mrs. Mary Gorak; vice-president, Mrs. Strong; secretary, Mrs. Merlin Evans; treasurer, Mrs. Florence Kasper; sentinel, Mrs. Robert Burns; social chairman, Mrs. Burt McGann.

Refreshments and cards followed the meeting.

Should Obey Traffic Laws

A brief but pointed Traffic Bulletin is issued for February by Elmira Police Department. The Bulletin states: "The laws will PROTECT YOU, if you RESPECT THEM. Don't depend on luck! KNOW and OBEY all traffic laws!" Elmira Police Dept. Traffic Bureau

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