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## 400 Hear 3 Speakers At Elmira Interfaith Dinner

The Rev. Donald M. Cleary, Catholic chaplain at Cornell University was the Catholic representative at Elmira's annual Interfaith Dinner, Monday night, which attracted an overflow crowd of more than 400 persons to the Mark Twain Hotel.

## Poster Contest Winners Named at NCCW Press Tea

Auburn — Miss Kathleen McEvoy, 15, a pupil at Holy Family High, was judged winner of the religious poster contest decided at a press tea Sunday afternoon in the home of Auburn Court 263, CDA, sponsored by the Auburn Deanery of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Judges of the nine entries which were submitted were Miss Helen W. Sabourin, art teacher in Central High School; John K. Hohman, representative of the Rochester Courier-Journal here, and George R. Metcalf, of the Auburn Citizen-Advertiser.

Special guests at the tea to which all Auburn newspapers were invited, were the Rev. Richard Torrey, associate editor, and Mardus Q. Moll, director of public relations of the Courier-Journal.

FATHER TORREY SPOKE to the large assemblage of women concerning the progress of the diocesan weekly and the necessity of the Catholic press. Mr. Moll outlined the effort and expense entailed in publishing the Courier-Journal. They brought with them a comprehensive exhibit arranged by the staff of the Courier-Journal. A number of other Catholic newspapers were displayed.

Responsible for setting up the exhibit were Mrs. L. Harvey Clark, librarian at St. Alphonsus parish library, and Miss Agnes Nolan, deanery chairman of shrines in home committee. Mrs. Joseph P. Cuddy, deanery president, welcomed the guests. Miss Isabel T. Goss, Mercy Hospital Guild president, and Mrs. George Frank, grand regent of Auburn Court, CDA, supervised tea tables. They were assisted by a large committee representing various Auburn parishes.

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## Capuchin Urges Use of Vote To Halt Reds

Geneva—Use of the power of the vote was recommended by Rev. Seraphin Tirone, O.F.M. Cap., father superior of the Capuchin Fathers, Lochland Rd., as the most effective weapon in the fight against Communism.

He spoke at the 13th annual Italian Night dinner of the Geneva Council, K. of C., at K. of C. home, Feb. 24. One hundred and fifty men attended.

Warning against the inroads of Communism, Father Tirone said the percentage of Communists in Hungary is only about 17 percent, yet they have taken over the power there. He urged an active democracy if we are to keep the democratic way of life in America.

M. Maurice Chacchia was toastmaster. Joseph Reo expressed his thanks to the committee for the successful program.

Grand Knight Louis L. McGuigan spoke briefly on membership calling particular attention to the fine record of the local council.

District Deputy Victor DeWeaver of Newark spoke on organizational activities. Police Chief Daniel C. Murphy also spoke briefly.

OTHERS HEARD were Rev. Edward K. Ball, pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish; Rev. John Reddington, and Rev. Vincent Collins, also of St. Francis de Sales; and Rev. Robert Fennerty of St. Stephen's church; and Rev. Emilio Banchi, O.F.M. Cap., of the Capuchin Order, who spoke in Italian.

Joseph Palone was M. C. for the entertainment program which followed the dinner. Frank Alvaro was chairman of entertainment.

Among the entertainment features were piano solos, "Warsaw Concerto"; "Tea for Two"; and "Lover"; by Peter Mangione, of Auburn; and two songs, "Bella Bella Marie" and "Tree in the Meadow" by Dominic Carnovale, with Mrs. Anita Kitch as pianist.

J. Anne Pelone of Auburn performed intricate dance steps and also sang, "Buttons and Bows"; "Tea for Two" and "Four Leaf Clover"; Frank Alvaro, Jr. was accompanist.

E. A. McMahon Rites Held in Corning

Corning — Edward A. McMahon, 57, of Washington, D. C., formerly of Corning, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1949. He was born in Antrim, Pa., the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMahon. Mr. McMahon lived in Corning for many years before going to Rochester where he married the former Miss Genevieve Hickey of that city. About twenty years ago the couple moved to Washington where they have lived since.

Survivors include his wife one son, Edward Jr. at home five brothers, Dr. T. A. McMahon of Scranton, Thomas of Athens, Pa., Fred, Leo and Patrick, all of Corning, several nieces and nephews.

The body was brought to Corning to the home of his brother, Patrick McMahon, from where funeral services were held Saturday at 10 a. m. and in St. Patrick's Church at 10:30 o'clock. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

## Capping Ceremony at St. Joseph's



In impressive capping exercises at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, Sunday, Feb. 17, Nurse Winifred Little holds Florence Nightingale lamp while Nurse Mary Teresa O'Brien lights candle from the lamp.

## Ithaca NCCW Unit Appoints Aides

Ithaca — The executive board of Ithaca District, N. C. C. W., met at the home of the president, Mrs. Arthur A. Criss, 515 Dryden Rd., Ithaca, on February 14 and 23 respectively, to name committee heads and members of committees, and to draw up a constitution and by-laws for the organization. The Rev. John T. Walsh, moderator, was present at both meetings.

Committee chairmen and members of committees appointed by Mrs. Criss are as follows: Organization, Mrs. George Zellari; war relief, Mrs. W. J. Ryan, Mrs. J. E. Benedict, Miss Mary Porelli, Mrs. Rose Moon, Groton; family and parent education, Mrs. H. M. Haddock, Mrs. Lawrence Daniels, Mrs. William Driscoll, Miss Margaret Corcoran, Groton; speaker's bureau, Mrs. Norbert H. Schickel, Mrs. J. R. Bedell, Miss Mary Hastings.

Catholic Charities, Mrs. Elizabeth Hartscock, Mrs. Hugh Scanlon, Mrs. Duke Keefe, Miss Catherine Heffron, Groton; shrines, Mrs. V. Arthur Sprague, Mrs. James Renick, Mrs. Maurice Lantz, Mrs. Theodore Sykes, Groton; libraries and literature, Mrs. Margaret McCormick, Groton, Mrs. Kathleen Smith, Mrs. Mary Finerman, Mrs. John F. O'Brien, Groton; public relations, Mrs. W. F. Alder, Mrs. Josephine Mellberg, Mrs. George Bossack, Mrs. Frances Coleman, Groton.

## \$300 Raised For Trumansburg Church

The sum of \$300 raised at a card party by St. Peter and Paul Church parishioners, Elmira, will be turned over to the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, pastor, for restoration of his fire-damaged Church of St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg.

Father Kelly and his people extended thanks to all who helped make the party a success, according to The Chimes parish publication.

## 41 Students Receive Caps At Nursing School Rites

"Nursing is not merely a profession but may be called a sacred mission that embodies the practice of the virtue of charity," a class of 41 student nurses was told by the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor of St. Anthony's Church at the capping ceremony, Sunday night.

The student nurses received their caps from St. Margaret Adelaide hospital administrators, in the Little Flower Chapel, Dunn Memorial.

Twenty-three Elmiraans were in the class which entered the hospital's school, Sept. 1. The spirit of nursing, symbolized by a lighted candle, was given by Miss Winifred Little, vice president of the Junior Class.

FATHER SIMONETTI presented the example of Christ in His charitable and sympathetic dealings with the sick and afflicted and urged the students to keep this Divine example of charity and sympathy continuously before their minds. Unless they did, he warned, they would lose their ideals and fall prey to routine.

The speaker assailed the modern pagan method that measures the value of an individual by his usefulness to the State.

"If a person loses his usefulness because of old age, or because of insanity, or because of an incurable malady, what value," Father Simonetti asked, "would our moderns place upon him—no value."

"They would consider that person useless to the State, useless to society and deprecate his death, they don't call it murder—they call it mercy killing—Euthanasia."

Father Simonetti urged the students to follow Christ, the Exemplar of Charity and Our Blessed Mother, the true exemplar of nurses. He asked, "If Christ has been called the Great Physician, may not Mary, who cared for Him and nursed Him be called the ideal, great nurse?" The nurses recited an Act of

Consecration to our Blessed Lady, Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, concluded the ceremony. Celebrant was the Rev. William J. Naughton, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, assisted by Father Simonetti as deacon and the Rev. Philip J. McGhan, hospital chaplain as subdeacon.

## 800 Applaud Play Given in Corning

Corning—The play, "The White Town's Talking," by John Emerson and Anita Loos, was presented Saturday and Sunday nights by St. Patrick's Dramatic Club in the school hall. High appreciation was expressed by the audience of some 800 persons for the excellent production, directed by Mrs. Thomas Spruck.

Members of the cast included: Henry Simmons, a manufacturer; Walter L. Poland; Harriet Simmons, his wife; Norma Kozy; Eitel Simmons, their daughter; Mary Bavin; Chester Blinney; Simmons' partner, Karl Kist; Lally Lythe, motion picture star; Ann Lawn; Donald Swift, motion picture director; James Rossell; Roger Shields, a young Chessman; Gerald Lavin; Ella Wilson, a friend of Eitel's; Patricia Joyce; Sally Ota, another friend of Eitel's; Barbara Goss; Anne; a maid; Joyce; Platts; Sadie Bloom, dancing teacher; Helen Gusselski; a taxi driver, Richard Gandy.

Following the play Sunday night a party was held for the members of the cast and their families.

## Lourdes Unit To Hear Fr. Kelly

A cordial invitation has been extended to the public to attend this interesting program.

The regular monthly meeting of the Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Elmira, will be held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the church hall.

The Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, pastor of St. James parish, Trumansburg will give an illustrated lecture on his recent visit to Fatima.

A voluntary offering will be taken up to aid Father Kelly in his church rebuilding program. The church was completely destroyed by a recent fire.

## New Mission in Japan

New York — (NC) — A total of 480 Catholic missionaries have arrived in Japan since August 15, 1945. Largest group of the men missionaries are 55 Jesuit priests, scholastics and Brothers, while the biggest group of women missionaries are 21 Religious of the Sacred Heart.

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