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Conference at Cornell U. Mapped by Area Newmanites

Newman Clubs of the Central Province will gather in Ithaca with Cornell University as host on April 29, 30 and May 1, according to the Newman Newsletter of Sampson College for February March.

The Newsletter is the official news link among the approximately 27 Newman Clubs comprising Catholics in secular and other non-Catholic colleges and universities in New York State embracing the dioceses of Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, Albany and Ogdensburg.

Edited by the Newmanites at Sampson College, the staff advisor is the Rev. Paul J. Cuddy, Catholic chaplain at Sampson.

Announcement of the Conference at Ithaca, is made by the Rev. Donald M. Cleary, Catholic chaplain at Cornell University. Theme will follow that set by the National Convention held last year in Minneapolis, "The Social Responsibility of the Catholic Student."

THE CONFERENCE will open on Friday night with registration and open house at the Newman Oratory.

Saturday's program will consist of Mass, Panel Discussions, and registration of students arriving on that day. Separate luncheons will be arranged for club officers and chaplains. Saturday afternoon will be given over to more panel discussions with particular aim of strengthening and co-ordinating the work of the Province.

Saturday night an informal dance will be held. Sunday morning a Corporate Communion will be followed by a Communion Breakfast in the Campus Union memorial room. At this breakfast resolutions will be adopted and election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.

Catholic personnel in the universities with a priest assigned full time are: Cornell, 10,800; Sampson College, 1,800 and Elmira College, 385 according to data furnished by the Newsletter.

The publication reports that closed retreat for girls of the Cornell Newman Club was held at the Conaice, Rochester and for Cornell boys at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva.

The editor is Robert Brennan and associates are Donald Johnson, John McGorray and John McGowan.

Elmira K. C. Bowlers Await Rochester Unit, and Trophy

Rochester Knights of Columbus bowlers will invade Elmira on Sunday for a return match in the home and home series held each year. The Flower City aggregation has a lead of over 300 pins on their Southern Tier rivals as a result of the first match played earlier in the year in Rochester and are determined to hold that lead in order to gain first possession of the new trophy presented by Basil J. Vaillancourt, Master of the Fourth Degree for this District.

The Trophy was recently on display in the Elmira club house "but is now believed to be in the illegal possession of Rochester Council as a result of a visit to Elmira by a member of the Rochester bowlers," the Elmira Knights state.

Bowling in Elmira for the two arch rivals will commence at 3:30 p. m. on Rossi alleys. Following the match a dinner will be served in Columbus Center. Joseph H. Berrigan is in charge of arrangements.

Sodality To Mark St. Joseph's Day

Members of the Sodality of Our Lady, Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Elmira were to observe St. Patrick's Day by attendance at Church services at 7:30 in the evening.

Following services the group assembled in the hall for a social hour.

One of the projects the Sodality has arranged for this month will be reception of Holy Communion at the 7:30 Mass on Saturday, the Feast of St. Joseph. They will observe their monthly Communion Sunday by receiving again at the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday.

Girl Scouts and Brownies of Our Lady of Lourdes parish will receive Holy Communion at the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday. Leaders and committee members of both groups will receive with the Scouts.

The third Sunday of each month has been designated as the day for these two organizations to receive Holy Communion in a body.

All Girl Scouts and Brownies of the parish, even though members of other Troops are urged to participate in this spiritual activity each month.

Parish Unit Sends \$346 To Trumansburg

Rammondspont — That St. Gabriel's Rosary Society had donated \$200 to the rebuilding of the Trumansburg Church recently destroyed by fire was announced at the Society's meeting.

To this was added the amount of a special collection, \$146 making a total of \$346 sent to the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, pastor at Trumansburg.

Members heard of a profit of \$100 resulting from the bake sale sponsored by the Society. About 27 members attended. Committee in charge was Miss Margaret Cowley and Mrs. Leonard W. Green.

The Rev. Joseph P. McDonnell, pastor, spoke briefly on the subject of discrimination against any person or group on the basis of race, color or creed.

Hornell Rosarians Conduct Reception

Hornell — A large group of women parishioners of St. Ann's were received in the Rosary and Altar Society at ceremonies Sunday afternoon, March 6.

The Rev. Laurence Gannon, pastor, enrolled the members. He spoke of the beauty and effectiveness of devotion to the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin and encouraged its daily recitation. He also reminded members of their obligation to receive Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month.

Ceremonies, which opened with group recitation of the Rosary, closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At the close of devotions a meeting of promoters and new members of the Society was held.

Clergy, Laity Laud Editor Tom O'Connor On His 25th Year as Catholic Journalist

By ARTHUR P. FARREN
Described by Bishop James E. Kearney as "a great man because of his consecration to duty in a very simple way," Thomas H. O'Connor, widely known veteran news editor of the Catholic Courier-Journal, received scores of bouquets of praise at a testimonial dinner for him Monday night in Hotel Sherman.

Bishop Kearney, who declared that "Tom O'Connor never lost the viewpoint of the other person," was joined by several priests of the diocese, as well as Catholic and secular press leaders and friends, in paying tribute to O'Connor on completion of his 25th year in Catholic press work.

NEARLY 200 persons, including representatives of most of the major lay organizations of the diocese with whom Tom O'Connor has been associated during the last quarter-century, were on hand to congratulate the genial, soft-spoken newspaperman, who was cited as "a courageous pioneer in the Catholic press field," and "a gallant and fruitful worker" who has helped develop the Courier-Journal into one of the "most alert, progressive, well-managed and efficiently edited Catholic papers in the nation."

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, P. A. V. G., editor-in-chief of the paper, and the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, former editor, both told of the trying days of the paper in the 1930s and paid glowing tribute to O'Connor's loyalty and perseverance.

"WE OWE a great deal to you," Monsignor Hart said as he presented a purse to the news editor, "and this material recognition of your work is a sincere

but inadequate token of our esteem and appreciation."

Flanked by his wife, Helen, who herself received tribute from many of the speakers, and six of their seven children, O'Connor humbly responded with a simple, sincere "Thank you."

Characterizing the testimonial chiefly as "evidence of the approval and development of the Catholic press in Rochester Diocese," O'Connor lauded the interest of the Bishops of the diocese.

RECOUNTING THE early days of his career, he said he took a job with the Catholic press 25 years ago with the idea of "keeping it a year and then getting something better."

Although repeatedly told "no future," he admitted that "the something better" never could have brought him as much public tribute and personal satisfaction.

Bishop Kearney keynoted the tributes with his declaration that "Tom has been the personification of loyalty not only to his superiors but to every Catholic parish, every Catholic organization and every Catholic person in the diocese." Among other speakers were:

The Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, managing editor of the Courier-Journal, who termed the guest of honor the "anchor man and balance wheel" of the paper's staff; Frank Hall of Washington, director of the NCWC

editor of The Times-Union, who stressed that O'Connor "has devotedly served the entire community" (Continued on Page 12)

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