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State Meeting Calls CWV To New York City

Plans for participation in the New York State Convention, Catholic War Veterans of America in New York City, April 28 to 30 will be made at a meeting of Chemung County Chapter, Monday evening, April 25 in Columbus Center.

Following the meeting, St. Michael's Post will hold a business session at which delegates to the state convention will be elected. Chemung County's four posts delegates will be headed by Frank T. Ketter, county commander.

The 13th annual statewide convention of the Catholic War Veterans Department of New York will be held at Hotel New Yorker, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, April 28 to 30 with delegates representing more than 400 CWV posts of the Empire State in attendance, according to Commander Paul Dolan of Buffalo CWV department commander.

DELEGATES WILL GO from posts in Rochester, Elmira and Auburn. Monroe County delegation will be headed by County Commander Edward W. Esse.

Vincent Impellitteri, president of New York City Council and an active member of Father Duffy DSC Post No. 54 has been designated as chairman of the three-day convocation by State Commander Dolan.

The 13th Annual Military Pageant will highlight the opening day. The pageant will be presented at Manhattan Center, which adjoins the Hotel New Yorker, convention headquarters. Robert F. Wagner, Jr., is serving as chairman of the Military Pageant committee. Ted Mack, star of the Original Amateur Hour will headline an all star variety show at the pageant.

Ithaca NCCW List Fr. Reddington, Ex-Navy Chaplain



FR. REDDINGTON

Ithaca. The Rev. John A. Reddington, S.T.D., assistant pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church in Geneva, will be guest speaker at the quarterly meeting of Ithaca District National Council of Catholic women, which will be held at 8:00 p. m. Wednesday, April 27 in Parish Hall. Reports will be received from all committee chairmen and refreshments will be served.

A Lieutenant Chaplain in the U. S. Navy during the war, Father Reddington served three years including overseas service in the Italian area. While in Italy he attended many of the audiences granted by His Holiness to American troops.

Ordained May 19, 1937 in Rome by His Eminence, Francisco Cardinal Marchetti Selvaggi, Father Reddington was professor of dogma at St. Bernard's Seminary when he enrolled.

He holds a doctorate of Sacred Theology and was moderator of the Catholic Correspondence Course in religion at the Seminary.

Laymen To Hear How Boy Scouts Aid Our Boys

How the benefits of the Boy Scout movement can be made more available to Catholic boys in the Rochester area will be demonstrated at a meeting from 8 to 10 p. m. next Tuesday, Apr. 26 in Columbus Civic Centre ballroom.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney, anxious to have more laymen interested in the promotion of the Scout movement, has invited men in the area to attend the meeting, which will be featured by a 45-minute demonstration by Boy Scout Troop 246 of St. Monica's parish, under direction of Edward M. Lorscheider.

HUNDREDS OF Catholic lads desiring to become Scouts can not enroll because of the shortage of trained leadership, according to Richard J. Toole, chairman of the Diocesan Scouting's committee on personnel recruitment. It is the purpose of the demonstration to show the various phases of possible lay participation but attendance at the meeting he stressed, will incur no obligation.

A running commentary on what a Scout must do to earn Tenderfoot, second and first class and Eagle Badge honors will accompany the Troop 246 demonstration, slated to begin at 8 p. m. sharp.

With Dr. J. Arnold Donovan, chairman of Oretiana Council lay committee, presiding, brief comments are scheduled as follows: "The Bishop's Interest in the Need for Leadership," Louis A. Langie, chairman, Diocesan Lay Committee on Scouting; "Philosophy of Boy Scouting," Joseph R. Klein, district executive; "Duties and Responsibilities of the Scoutmaster," Burdette R. Nash, scoutmaster, Troop 222, Holy Cross parish; "Duties and Responsibilities of the Troop Committeeman," Clarence W. Deckman, chairman Oretiana Council advancement committee; "The Time Is Now," Martin Q. Moll, chairman Diocesan Scouting committee on public relations.

2,000 At Elmira Family Communion



Part of the throng estimated at 2,000 of family members in St. Patrick's Parish, Elmira are shown at the altar rail, Easter Sunday, receiving Holy Communion at the hands of the pastor, Rev. Msgr. William J. Egan, V.F. Many families carried out the annual custom by individual Communion Breakfasts in their homes.

Office Girls Ransom 53 China Babies

Fifty three Chinese babies have been given a new lease on life thanks to office girls at W. I. Lensak Optical Company, Rochester. The Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, diocesan director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith, reports that the girls of the Wolkensak Optical Company office have been contributing to the missions for the past five years.

It stated in 1941 when one of the girls, having some extra pennies lying on her desk, started a bank for the missions. From that day, the girls have been dropping any "extra" coins in the mission bank. Each time \$5 has been saved they have bought a Chinese baby. To date, they have 53 ransoms to their credit.

A number of girls have ransomed a baby themselves. Leading the list is Mrs. Jean Ranter with seven next is Mary Conlan credited with five four babies have been saved by Helen Costello, while Amelia Gruning and Esther Corryell have each bought three Chinese infants. Mary Ewanciew, Betty Heeks, Dorothy Juzwiak, Grace McAllister and Avanda Seward have each made it possible for two babies to gain the right to Heaven. Others with one baby each to their credit are Eleanor Burle, Edna Fitzsimmons, Marion Kirkshire, Helene McAvoy, Regina Morrison and Teresa Wonsala.

Baked Goods Sale To Aid St. Mary Girls

Auburn. A baked goods sale for the benefit of the Summer Program of the girls of St. Mary's will be held at the P. & C. cooperative store on Genesee Street on Friday, April 22, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Joseph Murphy, chairman, has requested that all donations of baked goods be brought to the store Friday morning.

2000 Bowlers To Perform In Holy Name Tournament

Approximately 2,000 Catholic bowlers will participate in the two-week-long 14th annual Holy Name Bowling Tournament opening at 7 p. m. Saturday, Apr. 23, at the Atlantic Recreation Hall, Atlantic Avenue, Rochester.

Teams from 17 communities are entered, to make the tournament the largest in the history of the Catholic Men's Bowling Association, according to Edwin Shaw, president, and William Drees, secretary.

Opening ceremonies Saturday night will be highlighted by the presence of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. William Stauffer, pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, founder of the Diocesan Holy Name Union and spiritual moderator of the bowling league, and the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, editor of the

HNS Union To Map Convention

Plans for the annual convention of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union were being made this week by the executive committee, according to Lewis A. Schur, president. Holy Name Societies in parishes throughout the diocese were requested to select their delegates to the convention, date and place for which will be announced next week.

Catholic Student Center, Northampton, La. (N.C.) Northwestern State College soon will have a Catholic student center the third State institution are Louisiana State University, to be so equipped. The others Baton Rouge and Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette.

Bath Sets Concert May 1 By Nazareth Glee Club

Bath—Music-lovers and friends of Nazareth College alike are looking forward to the Spring Concert by the Nazareth College Glee Club at the Bath Municipal Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, May 1.

At the invitation of the Rev. Henry C. Marley, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Bath, the Glee Club is being sponsored by the local Nazareth College Guild for the benefit of the Nazareth College Music Department.

As this will be the only appearance of the Nazareth choral group in Steuben County, the concert is expected to attract residents of many neighboring towns as well as the Bath area.

CONDUCTED BY J. Theodor Hollenbach the Nazareth choral group of over 100 women's voices will offer a program ranging from classical to modern selections, with solo performances by Miss Irene Parker and Miss Cecilia Chang. The latter, a gifted soprano who will receive her degree in Music this June, plans a postgraduate musical career.

Mrs. Stanton S. Brown, Nazareth '38, of Bath, is chairman of the concert.

Bath committee members include Mrs. D. L. Gabrielli, co-chairman; Mrs. Thomas V. Meenan and Mrs. Thomas E. Silney, finances; Mrs. Ernest P. Smith and Mrs. John I. Spreckmeyer, reception; Mrs. Gerald F. Stabel and Mrs. Bernard J. Fagan, tickets; Misses Mary Egan, Smith and Germaine Dittler, usher and decorations; Miss Joanne McDonnell and Mrs. Teresa Miller, program; Mrs. Joseph J. Neylon and Joseph J. Qimsby, publicity.

In addition to the Bath group, Mrs. Brown has named the following out-of-town chairmen: Corning, Mrs. Robert Roche; Naples, Dr. Kathleen Lyon; Hammondsport, Mrs. Louis J. Natale; Wayland, Mrs. Joseph Zorzi; Cohasset, Mrs. F. G. Schumacher; Hornell, Miss Josephine Fitzgerald.

Staff Card Fete Set To Benefit Library

Auburn—Members of St. Athanasius Library Staff have made final preparations for their card party to be held Monday evening, April 25 at 8:30 p. m. at the Catholic War Veterans Hall, formerly known as Water St. Hall.

The staff are sponsoring this party for the purpose of raising money to buy books for their library. There is a large demand for all sources of reading material and in order to make the library a more profitable one for the year, the entire proceeds of the party will be spent to purchase new books for the most needed sections.

Committee says there will be a prize for each table. The public is invited. Admission will be free and any donation will be gratefully appreciated.

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Corning. The annual bake sale held by the women of St. Mary's Parish, Easter Saturday morning at the Keeley Sporting Goods store was highly successful. The sum of \$929.00 was netted from the sale.

In charge of the event were Mrs. Mary Abel, Mrs. A. A. Gull, Miss Mary Fros, and Miss Mary Yarn. They were assisted by a large committee of women.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours are scheduled in the following churches of the Rochester Diocese: Sunday, Apr. 24—Elmira Reformatory; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; St. Ann, Palmyra; St. Lucy, Retsof; St. John, Spencerport; St. Mary, Waterloo.

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