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Ex-Reformatory Inmates Hail Chaplain At Dinner

Known as "Father Lane's Gang," a group of former inmates and their families heard unfolded a systematic program for assistance to those released from Elmira Reformatory at their third annual dinner in New York City, April 18.

The 110 present heard tribute paid to Rt Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, chaplain at the Reformatory for the past 28 years. Welcome was extended to those who paid the penalty for their offenses.

Among those present to honor Monsignor Lane and "his Gang," were Edward P. Mulrooney, former New York City Police Commissioner; John Schoenfeldt and Edward Cass, both members of New York State Commission of Correction; Lindsey McHarrie and Miss Patsy Campbell, of Columbia Broadcasting Company; Patrick F. Schanlan, managing editor of "The Tablet," Brooklyn; Miss Jean Cox of the Legal Aid Society, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Christopher Weldon, Catholic Charities Director, New York Archdiocese, the Rev Felix Penna, S.D.B., New Rochelle and the Rev. Andrew Adamek, S.V.D., New Jersey State Reformatory chaplain. Monsignor Lane described his work as chaplain at Elmira Reformatory He expressed the hope that the State would do more to promote a religious program in all institutions. He commented on the small appropriations for religious work and showed by figures how important is this work.

With one of the former inmates as chairman, the meaning and purpose of "Father Lane's Gang" was outlined by him. The "gang" is composed of former inmates of Elmira who have become successful since graduating from the "College on the Hill," some of whom have been out 20 years.

The Chairman explained that the "graduates" would like to extend a helping hand to those released on parole. They would like to try to bridge the gap between institutional and the normal way of living The ywant to help the newly released to make proper adjustments. They want to help them make a successful parole by counseling and advising them about problems that are bound to arise

The Chairman said the "gang" feel that these men would rather come to them knowing that they had to face the same difficulties and that the old grads had successfully mastered the temptation and problems that all have to face when released on parole

Old former inmates want to welcome those recently out into their circle of friends "All of which may be summed up" the Chairman said "by stating that they want the new parolee to feel that someone beyond his family really cares and wants to help him make good."

The "gang" will always be under the direct guidance of Monsignor Lane who, it was stated has asked another priest nearer New York City to direct and supervise when he is unable to do so himself.

Commissioners Mulrooney, Cass and Schoenfeld commended the movement highly. They described it as a real step in the work of helping parolees. They said it is anoter distinct achievement by Monsignor lane to be added to those he has already contributed to the institutional and parole programs not only in this state but in others throughout the country.

Messages of regret at not being able to attend and of wishes for success were read from John A. Lyons, Commissioner of Correction Frederick A. Moran and Edward Donovan, both Parole Board members Edgar Bromberger, New York City Chief Magistrate, Myles McDonald, Kings County District Attorney; Superintendent, Col. Leroy Weaver, of Elmira Reformatory; Philip Heimlich, Youth Counsel Bureau; Envoy J Stanley Sheppard of the Salvation Army and the Rev Thomas Donovan of Sing Sing.

Dinner was followed by dancing and entertainment furnished by radio artists, headed by Lanny Ross, Jean Glue and Piute Pete.

NC Aims Told At Diocesan Board Meeting

A discussion of the institution of the National Catholic Welfare Conference was presented by the Rev. Albert J. Shamon, Diocesan Moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, at the quarterly meeting in Elmira last Sunday.

The Bishops felt the need of reaching all Catholics, and to do this the two federations, the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women were formed, said Father Shamon. "Through these lay groups the Bishops of the United States project service to God and the Nation."

HE EXPLAINED how the Bishops, meeting in Washington pass along to the laity through NCCM and NCCW, their official stand on spiritual material and moral questions, and their solution to the difficulties The progress of these official statements is from national council to diocesan council, deanery council to parish group.

"This gives the Bishops the unity and forcefulness needed today to preserve Christian ideals in these troubled times"

Following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament the presidents of the deaneries and districts of the Diocesan Council gave brief reports on their work in the past year. Reporting were Mrs Leo Muckle, Rochester; Mrs. Joseph Cuddy, Auburn; Miss Mary Newsome, Elmira; Miss M Stenger Corning, Mrs. Arthur Cross Ithaca; Miss J Fitzgerald, Hornell.

Other features of the quarterly session were a reading of the history of the famed picture of Our Lady of Good Counsel by Mrs. John J. Murphy Mrs. Daniel Kennedy sang the hymn of Our Lady of Good Counsel, accompanied by Carrol Kennedy.

A move to hold future directors meetings in the city of Geneva the most central in the Diocese was adopted

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Observes Golden Jubilee

Notre Dame —(NC) The Rev George Saucage C S C, Procurator General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination April 2

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Ukrainian Good Friday Observed

According to the Julian Calendar, parishioners of SS. Peter and Paul's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Auburn observed their Good Friday, April 24. Above shows the faithful in church, Good Friday as they humbly approached the Holy Sepulchre on their knees, to honor the Savior, and to kiss the five wounds. This practice continued until the Resurrection services Easter morning.

Courier Editor Set For K. C. Breakfast Talk

Seneca Falls — Seneca Falls Council, Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Communion Breakfast Sunday, May 15 The entire Council will meet at St. Patrick's School at 8 20 a m and will proceed to St Patrick's Church to attend the 8 30 Mass, at which time they will receive the Blessed Sacrament. After Mass the men will go to The Armitage where breakfast will be served at approximately 9 30

Rev John P O'Beirne, Pastor and Chaplain of the Council will give the Invocation Toastmaster at the Breakfast will be Edward A McArdle

PRINCIPLE SPEAKER will be Rev Patrick J Flynn, Editor of the **Catholic Courier Journal**, official newspaper of the Diocese of Rochester

Deputy Grand Knight Henry Simolo is general chairman. Members of the committee are James Carnavale, Nemmo D'Aurelio Anthony Di Dominick, Lawrence Doran, John Dragone John Farrell James Fay, Fred Fornes William Gargan, Nicholas Gentile, Albert McNaney, Louis Marro James Moreland, William Reagan Harold Ricci, Frank Saracino, Frank Shannon, Gabriel Sinicropi and Martin Towner

An effort has been made to contact all members of the Council However if by accident any member has not been notified of the Breakfast it is through oversight and he is urged to advise Mr. Simolo

Noted Laymen To Address K. of C.

Auburn — Fenton Moran Executive Secretary of the William J. Kerby Foundation of the Catholic University of America, will address the members of Auburn Council Knights of Columbus at their Communion Breakfast Sunday, May 1, in the Osborne Hotel.

Chairman John D. Boedicker requests that all Knights meet at the K. of C. home at 7 30 a m. From there they will march to Holy Family Church and receive Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass.

Assisting Chairman Boedicker are the following committee members Carroll Caffrey, Clarence T. Hoey, Avery E. Neagle, Thomas Vail and Andrew McLane.

Edward Mulcahys Observe Golden Wedding Jubilee

Geneva — Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Mulcahy of 35 Genesee St., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, April 24 at a family dinner and reception at The Armitage in Seneca Falls. They were married on April 26, 1899, in St. Francis de Sales church, by the late Very Rev. William A. McDonald. Attendants at the wedding were Miss Ellen Kane of Geneva and the late Timothy J. Mulcahy.

A HIGHLIGHT OF the day was the receipt of a cable imparting the papal benediction and felicitations from His Holiness Pope Pius XII. The cable was sent to the Rev Thomas C. Kane of Seneca Falls, a nephew of Mr. and Mrs Mulcahy He read the message to the group during the anniversary celebration

Mr and Mrs Mulcahy have two sons Paul and Edward of Geneva, and a daughter, Mrs. Edward C. Howley of Yonkers. Another daughter Mrs. William J Hotaling of Glen Ridge, N.J., died recently at her home

The religious observance of the anniversary opened with a Mass of thanksgiving in honor of the occasion at 10 a m. in St. Francis de Sales church Rev John Reddington was celebrant Mrs. Thomas A Kane was organist

Offertory duet "Jesus, the All Beautiful" was sung by Mrs. Thomas A Kane and Mrs Daniel Deegan

Dinner was served at noon for the members of the immediate family at The Armitage in Seneca Falls A reception was held from 3 until 5 p m at the Armitage There were fifty present.

Pouring were Mrs J E Clossey Miss Elizabeth Kane Miss Ellen Kane of Geneva and Mrs. Joseph J Myler of Rochester all nieces of Mr and Mrs Mulcahy.

Guests were present from Buffalo Delhi Rochester Seneca Falls Yonkers and Upper Montclair N J

Friday Club Meeting Set

Auburn — Rev. Stephen Chomko, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Church will be the guest speaker at the May meeting of the First Friday Supper Club to be held Friday evening, May 6, in the Knights of Columbus home Father Chomko will discuss the ceremonials of the Eastern Rite churches

William Murley, chairman, has extended an invitation to all Catholic men in Auburn to become active members of the First Friday Supper Group Tickets for the supper may be obtained by calling at the K. of C. home in Genesee Street

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Hospital Dance Aides Appointed

Auburn — A benefit dance for Mercy Hospital will be held under the co-sponsorship of the Flower Guild and the Nurses Alumnae Association at the Osborne Hotel Friday evening, April 29

Mrs Joseph Cuddy and Mrs William Burns are co-chairmen Mrs. Charles Geherin assisted by Mrs Fred Armstrong Mrs. Raymond Clancy and Mrs Frank Smith is in charge of tickets Miss Laura Failey Mrs Joseph Shaw and Miss Margaret Ferres are on the Publicity Committee

Members of the Nurses Alumnae serving on the Reception Committee are Miss Evelyn Armstrong Mrs Loretta Vigliano Mrs John Kinsella, Mrs. Charles O'Donnell and Mrs Thomas Brennan

The following will represent the Flower Guild as receptionists Mrs. Genevieve Glynn Mrs Mary McCargo Miss Beatrice Daily Mrs Geraldine Lauderback and Mrs Mildred Jetty

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Italian Mission Opens In Geneva

Geneva — An Italian mission opened on Sunday at St. Francis de Sales parish under the direction of Very Rev Felix Mirabello of the Capuchin Order, New York City.

The mission, for Italian speaking members of the parish, was marked by morning mission Mass at 6 a m., and evening devotions at 7.30 p m.

Bishop Sails For Rome Visit; Sets Radio Reports On Return

Two personal radio reports on the highlights of his trip to Rome will be made to the people of the Rochester Diocese on May 22 and 29 at 1 p. m. over Station WHAM, His Excellency Bishop Kearney promised today as he prepared to sail for Italy.

The May 22 address will be made from Vatican City and will be rebroadcast for the diocese by transcription air-mailed from Rome. In this first talk the Bishop said he would discuss his first impressions in the Eternal City and his observations of religious and political affairs in Italy.

THE DAY AFTER his return to the United States the Bishop will broadcast a further account of his activities in Rome and a full description of his personal visit with Pope Pius XII.

This program, an informal interview entitled "Report to the Diocese," will also be broadcast on WHAM from 1 to 1:30 p. m., May 29.

Bishop Kearney left New York at noon today (April 28) on the SS Saturnia bound for Naples. Accompanied by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Lyons, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary and the Rev. Dr. John E. Maney, the Bishop will reach Naples on May 6 and drive to Rome with the Very Rev. Msgr. Richard K. Burns, a Rochester priest now vice-rector of the North American College in Rome.

DURING THEIR 10-day stay in Rome the Bishop will personally present a complete written report of the activities of the Rochester Diocese for the past five years to the Congregation of the Council, a Vatican department responsible for the supervision of all dioceses throughout the world.

The Bishop disclosed that on one morning of his visit to Rome he is required to say Mass in the Basilica of St. Peter where the first Pontiff of the Church is buried.

Then he will formally report his presence in Vatican City by signing the official register of the Basilica and then following his Mass will pray at the tomb of St. Peter beneath the high altar of the church.

Also required is another morning visit to the Basilica of St. Paul for the celebration of Mass, prayers at the tomb of the saint and the signing of the official register.

CLIMAX OF THE Roman stay will be the private audience with Pope Pius XII in the Pope's offices.

The content of this conference is informal the Bishop indicated and does not concern the official diocesan report already made to Vatican departments. The date for the papal visit is set after the Bishop's arrival in Rome.

Bishop Kearney also plans to celebrate his daily Masses in various churches of Rome which have associations with the people of the Rochester diocese. He said he would visit the Shrine of the original picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the tomb of St. Cecelia and St. Agnes, the shrine of St. Francis Xavier and the North American College.

HE INDICATED that he intends to pay informal, friendly visits upon the superior generals of religious communities which have representatives in the Rochester diocese, such as the Redemptorists, the Irish Carmelites, the Italian Capuchins, the Franciscans and Religious of the Sacred Heart.

Also sailing with the Bishop and his party today are the Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, Bishop of Syracuse, and the Rt. Rev. David F. Cunningham, vicar general of the Syracuse Diocese. They will return with the Bishop on the SS Saturnia on May 18 arriving in New York on May 28.

Other travellers on the Saturnia today, also heading for the quinquennial visit to the Holy See, are the Most Rev. Michael J. Ready, Bishop of Columbus, Most Rev. George L. Leech, Bishop of Harrisburg and the Most Rev. Ralph L. Hayes, Bishop of Davenport.

Two other Bishops of New York State, Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C. of Buffalo and Most Rev. Edmund M. Gibbons of Albany are already in Rome completing their official report to the Vatican.

Federal School Aid Asked By Fleming Altar Group

Auburn — "It is the basic right of parents to select a non-public school for the education of their children," declared a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Altar Society of St. Isaac Jogues Chapel in Fleming held in the chapel, last week.

Mrs. Helen Walsh was elected president of the society. Named with her were Mrs. Stella Steigerwald, vice president and Mrs. Ruth Reohr, secretary and treasurer.

The society's resolution declared that "the children of those parents who do not select public schools should not be excluded from sharing in health and welfare services and bus rides."

EXTENSIVE PLANS were made by the society for welfare work in cooperation with the National Council of Catholic Women, and the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Arrangements for the annual installation banquet to be held at Springside Inn next month were made.

The society members adopting the resolution stated therein that "approximately 400 million dollars annually" is saved to the taxpayers of the United States through Catholic schools.

THERE IS GRAVE danger in having appropriation going to public schools only, which might establish a precendent in all other government appropriations for social welfare including private hospitals, etc. Non-public schools are American schools, as well as the public schools," the resolution stated.

The resolution called on the members to write to their senators and representatives, asking them to support the Morgan-Johnson Bill or the Fogarty Bill and to oppose the Thomas Bill.

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Parish Wins Converts

Okayama, Japan — (NC) — A total of 120 converts were received into the Church at Okayama parish last year and 150 are under instruction. The parish, conducted by the Jesuit Fathers, now has about 750 Catholics.

NCCW Back Aid To Schools, Slate Showing of Film

Auburn — Mrs. Joseph Cuddy president, presided at the April meeting of Auburn Deanery Council, National Council of Catholic Women, held Tuesday evening in the Catholic Daughters home. Two Federal School Aid bills were endorsed.

The appointment of Mrs. Edward J. Boyle as chairman of the NCCW dinner-meeting in May was announced.

In a discussion on Federal Aid to Education, the presidents of NCCW affiliated organizations were asked to have their members write their elected representatives and urge the adoption of the McMahon-Johnson or the Fogarty Bill.

Mrs. Cuddy also announced that the motion picture "Monsieur Vincent", the Academy Award Winner as the best foreign film of 1948, will be shown in Auburn at the Jefferson Theater on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 24 and 25, under the auspices of Auburn Deanery Council.

This movie, with French dialogue and English sub-titles, is the story of the life of St. Vincent de Paul. Produced with the help of money contributed by 100,000 French people, the picture has already won nine international movie awards. It has received highest praise from New York critics and the Courier-Journal's movie critic, William J. Mooring, in his column "Hollywood in Focus."

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Catholic Woman's Duty Stressed

Auburn — The Daughters of Columbus held their annual Communion Breakfast last Sunday, April 24, at Guido's Grill, following corporate Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass at St. Francis Church.

The guest speaker was Mrs. George Snyder, former president of Auburn Council, National Council of Catholic Women.

Mrs. Snyder discussed the status of Catholic women in the modern world. She emphasized the responsibility of every Catholic woman to participate in Catholic activities, and suggested ways to combat Communism.

The speaker reminded the group that Pope Pius XII has urged that all women, having fulfilled their home duties should apply themselves to the solution of outside problems that affect the home.

Arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Jack Procino and Mrs. Anthony J. Contiguglia. President of the Daughters of Columbus is Mrs. Bart Iaia.

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St. Stephen's Unit Lists Dr. McNamara

Geneva — Annual banquet of the St. Stephen's Rosary Society will be held at the Armitage in Seneca Falls on Wednesday, May 4, at 7 p m

Guest speaker will be Rev Dr. Elmer A. McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary faculty, Rochester

Mrs Stanley J Powers is in charge of reservations for the event.

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