

Followup On Monastery Drive Set By Elmirans

Representatives from all parishes in the Elmira area the purpose of making plans for a personal follow up effort to secure enrollments in the Association of the Perpetual Rosary at the Dominican Monastery.

Harry J. Lagonegro, general chairman, presided and outlined suggestions that will be acted on to help raise funds for the sorely needed addition to the Monastery on Rosary Hill.

The Rev. J. Edmund O'Brien, chaplain at the Monastery, expressed his appreciation to the group and spoke of the enthusiasm that has been a big factor in the results to date.

Another meeting will be held at 3 o'clock on Sunday in the Mary Teach Hotel, and all committee members are urged to be present to receive a report that will be submitted by Mr. Lagonegro.

300 View School Exhibit At St. Ann's, Hornell

Hornell—More than 300 parents and friends attended Open House at St. Ann's School and viewed the many exhibits displayed by the various grades under supervision of the Sisters of Mercy.

The class projects were commended by the many visitors. Members of St. Ann's Mothers Club assisted the Sisters of the faculty in receiving the guests. Refreshments were served from a tea table centered with Fall flowers and yellow tapers.

The newly furnished kindergarten room attracted many observers. Nursery rhyme characters mingled with large stuffed animals giving the room a child-like appeal. Sister M. Antoinette teaches the 12 kindergarten girls.

Sister M. Roberta's first graders showed evidence of safety education with their hand-colored traffic signal drawings. Gayly colored posters of nursery rhyme and vegetable "people" added interest to the room. In Sister M. Lucille's second grade room safety education was also stressed. Authentic traffic signals added a touch of realism to the instruction. Apparently, since a number were on hand, a large mural of the Nativity gave evidence of the second graders' artistic ability.

Centenary Bazaar Plans Completed

Formal plans have been completed for the 100th anniversary festival to be held in St. Peter and Paul's school hall, Elmira, at 7:45 p. m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18, 19 and 20.

Festivities are being conducted under the auspices of the Holy Name, Immaculate Heart societies and the Young People's Sodality.

Booths are games and a poultry exhibit are under the supervision of the society members.

Objective of the workers is to raise sufficient funds to pay for the cost of the recent decorations in the church.

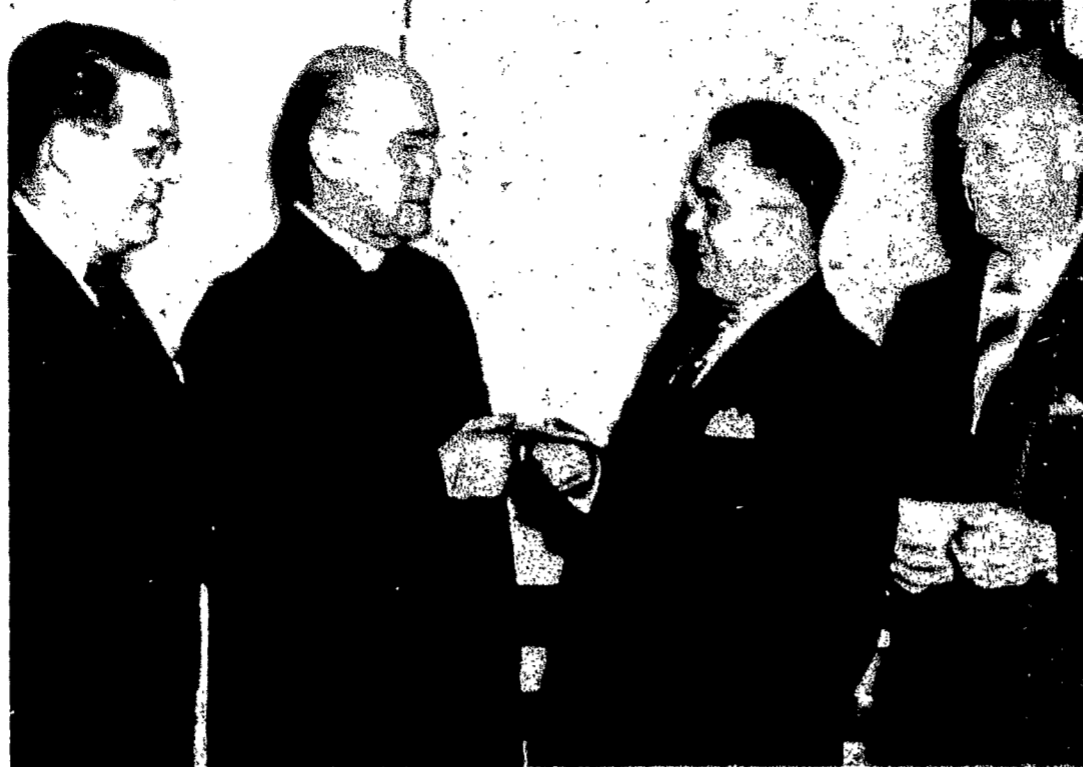
Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours are scheduled in the following churches of Rochester Diocese:

Friday, Nov. 11—Naples, St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira.

Sunday, Nov. 13—Our Lady of Victory, Rochester; East Rochester; Honoye Falls; Mercy Hospital, Auburn.

Elmira Knights Help Monastery



Rallying to the Dominican Monastery appeal for a building fund, Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus presented a check at the Annual N. D. and Family Supper. At presentation were (from left) Burt P. McGinnis, general secretary; Rev. J. Edmund O'Brien, council chaplain; Grand Knight Samuel A. DeRenzo and John K. Strong, lecturer and toastmaster.

Corning Book Tea To Bring Noted Buffalo Novelist

Corning—Roger B. Dooley, well known Catholic novelist and a member of the faculty at Canisius College will be the guest speaker at the annual Book Tea, sponsored by the St. Joseph's Catholic Daughters of America on Sunday at the Baron Steuben Hotel at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Dooley is the author of two novels, "Less Than the Angels" and "Day Beyond Reach," published in 1946 and 1949 respectively, both of which received wide public acclaim. The latter book was chosen Book of the Month in August by the Catholic Literary Foundation.

K. of C. Present Check For Dominican Monastery

Annual Notre Dame and Family Supper sponsored by Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus was held last Saturday evening in Columbus Center. Nearly 300 members, friends and children were present and enjoyed a program of entertainment and movies of the 1948 Notre Dame football games following the dinner.

The Rev. J. Edmund O'Brien, Council Chaplain was the guest speaker. Father O'Brien spoke on the work of the Sisters at the Dominican Monastery and told of the pressing need for funds to erect an addition to the present building to make room for those now seeking admission.

Grand Knight Samuel A. DeRenzo presented Father O'Brien with a substantial check for the Monastery and assured him of the deep interest for the Knights of Columbus had for the Dominican Monastery.

PRIESTS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION

THURSDAY, NOV. 17

To be conducted at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva, N. Y.

Reservations must be made with the Rev. Elmer McManus, diocesan director, Priests' Recreational League, St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

Lay Apostolate Call Sounded For School Sodalists

Auburn—The Sodality is the training ground for lay apostles who would carry Christ through out the world.

This challenge was given to the Student Sodality Union of the Diocese of Rochester by the Rev. Andrew J. Brady, S. J., sodality director at LaMoine College, Syracuse in the principal address at the Luncheon quarterly meeting. Father Brady spoke on "The Lay Apostolate Through the Sodality."

Assembling sodalists from various sections in Rochester diocese the meeting was held in Holy Family High School Auditorium on Nov. 1.

Graves Blessed In Watkins Glen Rite

By BARBARA OHL

Watkins Glen—A procession of eighty cars filed through Watkins Glen on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 6, for the blessing of the graves in St. Mary's of the Lake Cemetery.

The ceremony began at church with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The cortege of cars proceeded to the Cemetery under police escort.

Upon arrival candles were lighted and placed upon the graves by all present. It was a touching sight to see hundreds of pinpoint flames shining in the twilight all over the Cemetery area with the silent moaners standing by the graves of their departed.

The lights were symbolic of that "perpetual light" in which Catholic faith teaches the souls of the just dwell for all eternity.

Prayers for the dead led by the Rev. Benedict Ehmann pastor of St. Mary's, were recited. During the prayers, a procession of altar boys escorted the Rev. James Doyle, assistant pastor through the aisles of the Cemetery for the blessing of the graves with holy water.

Novels of Catholic Interest On Display

Corning—A display of novels of special interest to Catholics has been arranged in the Corning Memorial Library this week.

Notable among them is Roger B. Dooley's "Less Than the Angels" which has particular appeal in view of Mr. Dooley's forthcoming appearance as guest speaker at the annual Book Tea of the Catholic Daughters of America on Sunday afternoon at the Baron Steuben Hotel.

Other books in the collection are "Vespers in Vienna" and "The World, the Flesh and Faith" both by Bruce Marshall; "Death Comes for the Archbishop" by Willa Cather; "Paradise" by Francois Mauriac; and "Heart in Pilgrimage" by Evelyn Eaton and Edward Roberts.

Holy Family Sodality Played Host To Approximately 100 Delegates

Holy Family Sodality played host to approximately 100 delegates and their moderators from Rochester, Geneva and Elmira in a program consisting of business meeting, panel discussion, recreation and supper.

At a separate meeting of the moderators of the various sodalities tentative plans for a one-day sodality convention to include both school and parish sodalities were discussed. This is planned for sometime in March.

Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell of Rochester opened the meeting and introduced the officers of the Sodality Union for the current year.

Rev. James P. Collins, moderator of the Holy Family Sodality, welcomed the visitors and introduced the speakers. Paul McCabe and Day Ann Kennedy, prefect and vice prefect of the Holy Family Sodality, gave brief talks on Pope Pius XII's latest encyclical on the sacred liturgy, "Mediator Dei."

A question and answer period on the encyclical was conducted by Father Collins and the Holy Family Sodality.

After the speeches, the Sodality members were entertained by the freshmen of Holy Family High School who presented a one-act comedy, "Wildcat Willie."

The day ended with a buffet supper served by the parents of the Holy Family students.

Aquinas Club Hears Dr. Thomas Nasser

Corning—John A. Dougherty was general chairman of the Halloween party held recently by the Aquinas Club in the Catholic Daughters of America rooms.

The regular meeting of the organization was held Tuesday evening in the C. D. of A. rooms with Dr. Thomas Nasser as guest speaker.

Army Chaplains Washington, D. C., — (RNS) — Chaplain (Major General) Roy Hartford Parker, Army Chief of Chaplains, reported here that the need for active duty Army chaplains is not great at the present time.

Chinese To Share In Drive For Clothing Set In Diocese

Rev. John H. McGuey, assistant secretary of the China Welfare Committee, reports that it was quite a thrill to see American Catholic churches preparing for the Clothing and Soap Collection scheduled for this Thanksgiving.

"The people there are suffering as they have never suffered before. They look without any hope whatsoever to the Red landlords. If one day we hope to assist in a general victory over Communism it will be through an understanding assistance to the people who now look to us as their only hope."

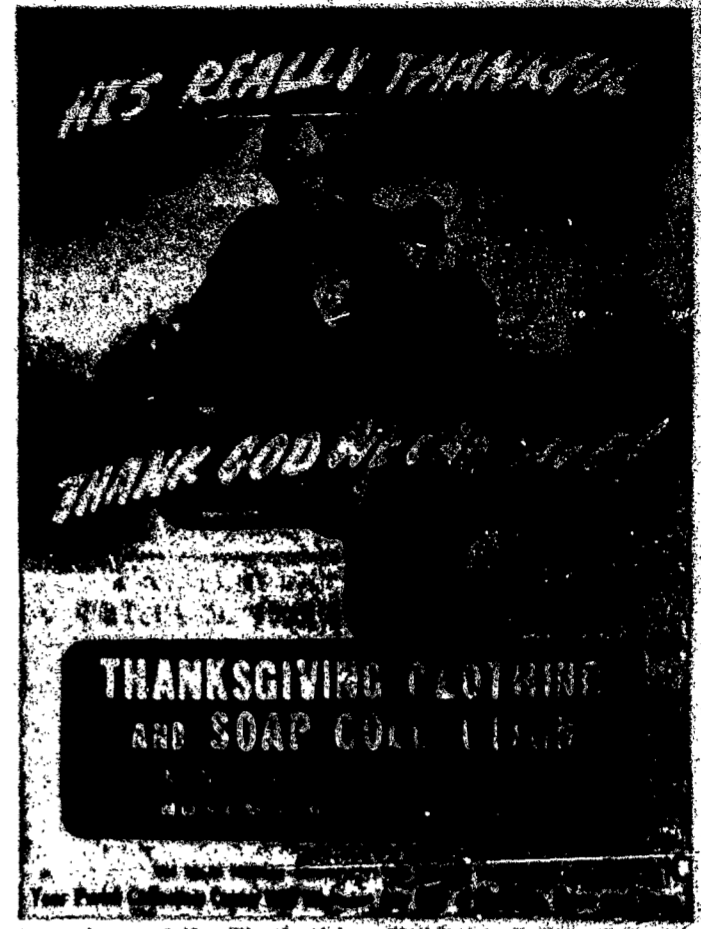
Father McGuey, visiting from Shanghai has been helping direct a vast program of relief being carried on under the auspices of the organization in China during the past several years.

THE CLOTHING and soap drive is a nationwide Thanksgiving Week appeal in all Catholic parishes for usable clothing, shoes and bar soap for the needy and homeless in Europe, the Near and Far East.

Parishes in the Rochester Diocese will gather usable clothing, shoes and soap during the week of Nov. 20-27.

The Rev. John T. Callahan, appointed by His Excellency Bishop Kearney to head the diocesan campaign announced today that family contributions should be taken in parish churches or parochial school halls early in Thanksgiving Week. Volunteer parish workers will sort and ship the clothing to packing centers in New York and San Francisco where it will be freighted to Catholic relief centers in Germany, Austria, Italy, the Near East and Far East.

The slogan "Thank God We Can Give" has been chosen as the theme of the diocesan campaign—the first in three years—and every effort will be made to expedite shipment of



A reminder of the Thanksgiving Clothing and Soap Collection, which will be conducted throughout the United States during the week of November 20 to 27, in this official poster displayed in Catholic Churches and parish halls. The drive is sponsored by War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, which serves the war victims of 21 countries, regardless of race, creed or color.

Diocesan contributions to overseas areas before the advent of winter storms, the priest said.

The Chinese question has been one that has brought much disillusionment, Father McGuey noted, to the people in America who have tried so hard in years past to help the poor and starving masses of China.

"CHINA HAS seemed to some," said Father McGuey, "just a marsh, full of sinking sand, as absurd as nothing any unlimited amount of relief. With the coming of the new landlords in China there is a tendency to say hands off any further charity towards that stricken country. This would be a most tragic mistake."

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