

Holy Year Plans Mapped By Hornell NCCW Unit

Hornell — The Hornell District, NCCW, will observe Holy Year with a special program, according to plans made last week at a regular meeting of officers and committee members in St. Ann's School.

The Rev. John L. Coonan, district moderator, was advisory chairman of the meeting which was conducted by Miss Josephine FitzGerald, district president.

Among the plans discussed was the possibility of acquiring space in a central location, for the exchange of Catholic books. Mrs. Hanson Dyer, Catholic literature committee chairman, is in charge of arrangements, assisted by Father Coonan.

The district also made plans for a drive for clothing to supplement the Vatican storehouse which has been severely depleted by the constant demands for clothing during the war. Miss Virginia Hussey, local chairman of the way relief services committee, will announce definite plans at the meeting, that 350 cakes of soap have been sent overseas from the Hornell District of the NCCW.

A SPEAKERS' BUREAU, consisting of four members of the Hornell District, was tentatively set up to discuss the importance of Catholic newspapers at meet-

ings of societies of St. Ann's and St. Ignatius Loyola Churches during February, Catholic press month. The bureau will devote their round table discussions to the merits of the diocesan organ, The Catholic Courier-Journal, at the February meetings.

Miss FitzGerald urged wholehearted attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Rochester Deanery Board next Sunday in Geneva.

According to reports made at the meeting, some response was made by Hornell merchants to the appeal sent out by the Hornell District for Christmas decorations and advertising in keeping with the true spirit of Christmas. Nativity scenes were set up in some of the store windows and one large store featured a "go-to-Church" theme in its final Christmas advertisement.

Another organization, the Rosary Society of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, has now affiliated with the Hornell District of the NCCW. This is the seventh Catholic women's society to become affiliated in Hornell and Dansville.

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Gretta Palmer Calls For Apostles of Mary In 'Mary's Century', In Talk To Alumnae

By MARY M. CARRY

The 20th century was described as "Mary's Century" by a self-styled "social climber" who arrived from the wrong side of the spiritual railroad tracks. Miss Gretta Palmer, speaking at the reunion banquet of Nazareth College alumnae Wednesday evening in the Sheraton Hotel.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney called for holy participation in the prayer and sacrifice of "Her Born's Year," the Holy Year 1950, in accordance with the wishes of Pope Pius XII. "The Holy Year must come alive in the hearts of all men," the Bishop urged. "It must be truly Her Son's year, the year of the great pardon, and the great return."

A convert of less than three years, Miss Palmer, who writes the weekly column, "Top of My Mind" in the Courier-Journal, called upon the young women to help the "spiritually underprivileged" by being apostles of Mary in her new century.

Other people will plead the case of the ill-fated, the ill-clothed, and the ill-housed," said the noted journalist and lecturer. "The ones for whom I beg sympathy are the ill-baptized, the ill-anointed, the ill-blessed. The way you can help is by being apostolic."

CHRISTIANITY isn't particularly attractive to a great many modern minds, Miss Palmer asserted. This is because they think the only Christianity is "blue-nosed Christianity," she explained. "With Mrs. Grundy prominently displayed in the front pew in the picture of the good churchwoman."

One attractive Catholic concept is the concept of the Blessed Mother, Miss Palmer said. "She is as fresh, and as thrilling and as unknown as she was at the time of the Annunciation."

She cited two other ways in which the Virgin Mother of God appeals to non-Catholics. "One is theological, she is the mediator of all graces, the gate of heaven. All the great converts, including Chertkov and Verlaine, who wrote poetry about her before their conversion, were brought to the Church through her."

"The third reason we should use the concept of the Blessed Mother to attract non-Catholics is—she really works."

SHE RECALLED that the 13th century was noted as Mary's Century, "when 'the greatest upsurge of artistic and philosophic genius of all the ages' occurred.

"The political unification of Europe, a sought after goal to



Miss Gretta Palmer, nationally syndicated columnist, is guest at New York Central Station by Miss Rose Ferro, president of Nazareth College Alumnae Association. Miss Palmer whose column appears in the Catholic Courier Journal came to Rochester to address the College Alumnae at a reunion and dinner in Hotel Sheraton, Wednesday evening.

day, was achieved in that century tremendous economic progress was made and the foundations of philosophy were laid by St. Thomas Aquinas all as by products of serving the Blessed Virgin. Devotion to her service worked."

Miss Palmer called attention to the three great miracles of modern times, the apparitions at LaSalette, Lourdes and Fatima to prove that the 20th century is also "Mary's Century." She is very close to the earth today, Miss Palmer emphasized. "All those outside the Church are her runaway children and she wants them back."

SEVERAL PRACTICAL tips on using Mary to convert were advanced by the speaker who was converted by Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen and received into the Church at Christmas 1946.

After the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Louis Srozyk Mrs. Edward Van

Friars Ask Public Visit

Montour Falls — An invitation by the Friars of the Atonement is extended to the public to inspect the newly completed St. John's Atonement Seminary at Montour Falls on Sunday afternoon from 2 until 4. This will be the last opportunity for the public to see the floors that will be resealed as a cloister after February 1.

Genevans Note Engagements

Geneva, N. Y. and Mrs. James Reale, 91 Genesee St. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Helen to Dr. Anthony at 6 Lawton Avenue with Mrs. Gringert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Champlain as chairman and other women in the A. B. C. St. at a family dinner at their home.

Coming Unit Honors Memory of Monsignor

Geneva — The Rev. Joseph Dattley, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church spoke to members of the Stella Maris Society at a recent meeting of the organization on "Organizations — Recreational and Charitable."

Aquinas Club Hears Of Red Cross Work

Geneva — Charles Goliber, new chairman of the policy committee of the organization, presided for the first time, at a recent meeting of the Aquinas Club. Three new members of the committee were elected at the meeting: Miss Julia Stenger and Dr. Paul Bennett.

Tannaro Leads KC In Ritual Work

Geneva — Paul Tannaro, past grand knight and former district deputy, was in charge of the degree work when seven candidates were initiated into the first degree of Coming Council, Knights of Columbus at the E. C. Home during the past week. He was assisted by Albert Lynch, Paul Lovette and Rufus Smith.

U. S. Nuns Start House in India

Jamshapur, India — (NC) — Both Catholics and non-Catholics helped in preparing the new convent here for a group of American nuns—the first sent to India by their community. They are Sisters of Notre Dame with provincial headquarters at Cleveland. The group includes six nuns, headed by Mother Mary St. Thomas.

Explains Role Of Priests In Labor Disputes

Auburn — Extensive participation in the field of labor relations by clergy of the Catholic Church is a "logical compliance with the teaching of Christ who commanded his Apostles to preach morality and ethics."

This was declared by the Rev. Richard M. McKeon, S.J., director of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations at LeMoyne College, Syracuse in a lecture in Holy Family Auditorium, Jan. 15.

Father McKeon's lecture on "Labor Relations in America" was sponsored by the Auburn Le Moyne Club through arrangements by President Howard Miskell and Vice President William Spinell. President Miskell presented the speaker.

BASICALLY, THE speaker placed responsibility for labor unrest on what he termed "a widespread and long established policy of ignoring and violating the tenets of Christ's doctrine by many industrial leaders."

He claimed that ethics and industry were divorced during the 19th century, that "from that time a type of so-called free enterprise, based on a philosophy of enterprise conducted with out appreciable external control or noticeable moral restraint, operating wholly for its own self interest, had flourished until the year 1929."

"This era died in 1929 without benefit of clergy," Father McKeon said.

The far reaching changes in the structure of industry in America, following the shameful economic chaos at that time and the permanent realignment of the elements of our industrial machine, appear to be still not clearly understood by many of our people."

He pointed out an increase from two and a half million union members prior to 1929, to the present sixteen million members, and warned that "any industry not accepting this phenomenon as part of a permanent trend is inviting industrial strife."

FATHER MCKEON mentioned what he considered "the amazing efforts of the 80th Congress to enact restricting labor legislation as witnessed in the passage of the Taft-Hartley Act. This type of legislation was declared to serve only to postpone any real remedy and to promote strife."

On a direct question as to his further opinion of the Taft-Hartley Act, he answered "As it is in any case a temporary measure which will certainly be greatly modified, any serious discussion of it would be a waste of time." He mentioned the former Prohibition Amendment as a similarly unrealistic and unenforceable law.

Father McKeon reminded his audience that "the fundamental strategy of Communism, as taught by Karl Marx and practiced by Joseph Stalin, is based on the assumption that continuous class struggle is inevitable."

THE WAGNER ACT was declared to be a direct refutation of the Marx tenets, and to have been "inspired by a sincere philosophy and honest faith in the Christian principles of collective bargaining."

The Taft-Hartley Act according to the speaker, indicates a reversal of conviction "in effect, a return to a philosophy in agreement with the Communists that class warfare is at present unavoidable in this country."

Father McKeon outlined the background and development of the present trend in incorporating pension plans in collective bargaining agreements, and warned that these plans as well as other items in dispute, must be negotiated between industry and labor with a minimum of government interference.

"Every appeal for government intervention by either entails a sacrifice of freedom for both," he declared.

"Enlightened management should recognize and fulfill their moral obligation to include in their cost of doing business the expense of underwriting the welfare of the human elements of their production units, even before considering depreciation on non-human industrial mechanism."

LABOR WAS warned that it has "a prime obligation to consider the common good when formulating its demands," and urged to maintain a sincere effort to cooperate with management in the interests of both.

most compose their own differences and present a united front as they advance down the arena against the anti-Christian forces of Communism.

Pucino's 582 3-Game High In St. Aloysius League

Auburn — Joe Pucino helped St. Aloysius keep their eight point lead in first place of the St. Aloysius Holy Name Bowling League by rolling 152, 224 and 206 for the day's three high total of 582.

Pucino didn't find the spot on the second game and when he did there was no stopping those strikes that brought him 224, the high single of the day and 206 Bill Farby was back on the beam with 538 and Frank Larja had 513 to help Canisius to their three to one victory over Gonzaga.

For the second week in a row John Bodnar came up with the second high total last week it was 578 this week it is 367 but even this good bowling of Bodnar could not stop Canisius, only the help of Charlie Rice with 175 in the first game could Gonzaga garner even one point.

IN A CRUCIAL match, Captain O'Connor led his Notre Dame team to a three to one victory over Villanova, with his 534 total John Terry helped out with 530 and for a while it looked as though Terry was going to come up with the high single game of the year but a stubborn

Mrs. Luce's Talk Heard In Auburn

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Calvary's of today," the lecturer declared.

It was at the close of the event full day, one of those lightless days the authorities were enforcing that the U. S. Air Force pointed the tragic possibilities of modern warfare with its atom bombs and hydrogen bombs.

This thing this man made device of destruction, was the "machine."

Seeking to recapture something of her earlier spiritual uplift, Mrs. Luce resorted to reading and pondering the words of the Mass in them she declared she found what she sought.

Before closing her address, Mrs. Luce alluded to the Holy Year now under way, by declaration of the Pope as an ideal time for pilgrimage to Rome.

A question period followed the address. Serving as ushers, a group of attractive young women were alert and courteous. A piano and violin duet preceded the address by Mrs. Luce Mrs. Mary Dav Gould was the pianist and Adolph C. Huss violinist.

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