Catholic School Role Stressed At Verein Meet

Catholics must insist that any federal bill granting aid for education contain at least a recognition that non-public schools may be maintained as a matter of right and that they are a part of the American system of education.

This was declared by Joseph H. Gervais, attorney, speaking at the meeting of Rochester Branch, Catholic Central Verein of America, in Holy Redeemer Hall, Sunday afternoon.

The members gathered to discuss Federal Aid to Education and to review especially the national organization's declaration on the subject.

GERVAIS DECLARED that the insistence is necessary for the reason that a large number of people of the United States consider the public school as the only truly American educational institution and look upon the maintenance of non-public schools as a privilege accorded the groups who maintain such schools.

Leo Saelm, reporting on activities of the Kolping Society said that over 2,400 pounds of clothing, food and medicine had been packed and sent to Kolping members in Germany.

Other delegates reporting on activities of their societies were Edward Micek, William Roeger and Stephen Kuechman.

The report of the Nominating Committee was submitted by William Wittmann, chairman.

It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting at Holy Family Hall on Feb. 19, and to invite to the meeting the members of Rochester Branch, National Catholic Women's Union.

August M. Maier, president, presided.

Lecturer

LOUIS F. BUDENZ

Louis Budenz To Talk In Corning

Corning — Charles Goliber, policy committee chairman of the Aquinas Club, has announced that Louis F. Budenz, former active Communist, who is now professor of philosophy at Fordham University, will speak at the Corning Free Academy auditorium on Friday March 24 under the auspices of the Club.

Paul F. Liston is general chairman. The event promises to be of widespread interest. Mr. Budenz was for 10 years an official member of the Communist party and editor of the "Daily Worker" from 1940 to 1945.

Mr. Budenz who returned to the Catholic Church in 1945 was heard in Rochester on Oct. 13, 1946, under the auspices of the Catholic Courier Journal.

He was received back into the Church at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen. At the same time Monsignor Sheen also received into the Church as converts Budenz's wife and three children.

HNS Staff To Be Seated Feb. 9th

Installation of the newly elected officers for St. Patrick's Holy Name Society, Elmira, will be held in the school assembly rooms on Thursday evening Feb. 9. The Rev. John A. Murphy, spiritual director will conduct the installation ceremony.

Officers for the coming year are, Samuel Falletta, president; Thomas Butler, vice president; Richard Grace, treasurer; John Murphy, assistant treasurer; George Loughlin, secretary and John Watts, assistant secretary.

Following the business meeting a talk and demonstration on wrestling will be given by Martin Harrigan, coach of the Elmira Free Academy wrestling team.

AIC Auxiliary Staff Installed In Geneva

Geneva — Mrs. Joseph Crupi was installed as president of the AIC auxiliary Wednesday, Jan. 18 in the AIC home.

Other officers installed were vice-president, Miss Josephine Venuti; advocate, Mrs. Alfred Rizzo; treasurer, Miss Antoinette Venuti; financial secretary, Miss Margaret Cook, corresponding secretary, Miss Josephine DeAngelo; trustees, first, Mrs. Frank Alvaro, second, Mrs. Ross Castelluzzo, third Mrs. Carmen Reale; fourth, Mrs. Joseph Marino; fifth, Mrs. Dominick Iocco, historian, Mrs. Basil Rizzo, publicity officer, Mrs. Peter Gigliotti, outside guard, Mrs. Patsy Simeone; inside guard, Mrs. Philip Monaco; delegates Mary Legott and Mrs. Frank Caravita.

A social hour featured refreshments served under the direction of Mrs. Caesar Daugenti and Mrs. Emilio Rizzo.

Fr. Callahan Listed For PTA Unit Talk

The Rev. John T. Callahan, former assistant, will address members of the Parent-Teachers Association of Sacred Heart School Monday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. in the school hall.

Assisting on the Hospitality Committee are Mesdames Barbara Fisk, M. Fitz Morris, Walter Fisher, [illegible] Fleming, John Evans, Joseph Ford, William Frank and R. Fredericks.

Canisius Men To Meet

Canisius College Alumni of Rochester will meet Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. at 52 James St. according to John Cass, president. Movie pictures of the Canisius-St. Bonaventure football Challenge of 1949 will be shown.

Massachusetts Bus Issue Hearing Start In Boston

Boston (HNS) Hearings on three bills designed to insure the bus transportation rights of parochial school children under existing state law were opened here by the Legislative Committee.

Passage of any of the measures would nullify a proposed referendum in which Massachusetts voters would be asked to bar parochial school pupils from riding in school buses operated with public funds.

Democratic and Republican leaders at the hearing indicated prompt approval of one of the bills. Republican State Committee Chairman Mason Sears spoke in behalf of the Sears-Rugg bill, which he said was based on a U. S. Supreme Court decision in a New Jersey case.

The high court opinion in this case was said to permit tax-paid transportation for private and parochial school children under the "general welfare" clause of the Constitution.

Proponents said its adoption would remove the religious issue from the school bus transportation case and obviate the presentation of the referendum petition to the voters.

Opposition to the proposal was voiced by the Rev. Isaac Higginbotham, president of the Massachusetts Council of Churches and general secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention.

He said he had signed the referendum petition in an effort "to take religion out of politics."

He termed the attitude of the Republican State Committee in sponsoring the proposed legislation as a means of circumventing the initiative petition "cowardly and despicable."

LeMoyne Leaders Laud 60 Students In Auburn Club

Auburn — Auburn Chapter, LeMoyne College Club, held its second annual winter meeting and dinner Jan. 26, at Springside Inn. The Very Rev. William J. Schlaerth, S.J., president of the college attended.

Also present were the Rev. Andrew Brady, student counsellor and Theodore Meyers, professor in the language department and recently appointed moderator for the Auburn Club.

The Auburn club, first formed at LeMoyne, Syracuse, is one of the largest groups at the college. Father Schlaerth in the course of his remarks complimented the Auburn club. "The prime job for you 60 Auburn students at LeMoyne is to further LeMoyne in this area. You have given great leadership at your school and that leadership has had its effect," he said.

Father Brady and Professor Meyer also lauded the Auburn club for taking such an outstanding part in the scholastic and social life at the college and both discussed at some length the future plans for enlarging the college facilities.

The dinner was attended by upwards of 60 students and guests. Acting as toastmaster was Allen Miskell, president of the Auburn LeMoyne Club. In addition to the three college leaders and Club President Miskell others at the speakers table included William Spinelli, vice president; Joseph Birardi, secretary and Donald Nolan, treasurer. John Costello who held the president's gavel during the first year of the club was called on for a bow.

Auburn CDA Charts Book-Tea

Auburn — Court Auburn, Catholic Daughters of America will hold their February business meeting at the South Street home Monday evening, Feb. 6 at 8 o'clock with Mrs. George Frank grand regent presiding.

Many important projects for the balance of 1950 will be discussed. A social hour will follow and refreshments will be served. The highlight of the social hour will be a demonstration by Miss Aileen Vale of clever ways of making sandwiches.

The book reviews to be sponsored by Court Auburn during Lent will be opened with a book tea Sunday, February 19. Miss Mayme McDonald has been named chairman of the project.

A supper will be served at the South Street home Monday, February 27 for members and their friends.

Chile Grants Amnesty

Santiago, Chile (NC) The Government of Chile granted by reason of the Holy Year a total amnesty of 124 prisoners and reduced the sentences of 697 others.

Cards Set Tuesday By Rosary Guild

Our Lady's Guild of Holy Rosary Church will hold a Card Party Tuesday evening, Feb. 7 in the school hall, Lexington Ave.

Committee heads named by Miss Eileen Neary, president are Co-Chairmen, Mrs. Eugene Masseth and Mrs. Angelo Mastrella, tickets, Miss Mary Laurini, prizes, Mrs. Edward Deming refreshments, Mrs. Richard Eckert, cards, Mrs. James McAvinney tables, Mrs. Henry Catterell, publicity, Miss Barbara Foos.

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