

Mrs. Donahue Rites Conducted In Corning

Corning Mrs. Mary Dona hue, 239 E. High St., Painted Post, died in Corning Hospital Thursday Feb. 9, 1950. She was born in East Corning the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Crowe. She married Samuel Donahue fifty five years ago. Mr. Donahue died four years ago. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul's Church.

Survivors are two sisters Mrs. Fred Schroeder of Corning and Mrs. George Hogue of Painted Post; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from the home Monday at 8:30 a. m. and at 9 o'clock in St. Vincent de Paul's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours are scheduled in the following churches of the Rochester Diocese Sunday, Feb. 26 — Holy Family Auburn.

12 College Graduates Learn Braille Writing of Songs For City's Blind

By MARY CAREY

The plan also has something on a group of Catholic young women who've taken up song writing among other things, for the benefit of Rochester's blind.

Writing song lyrics in Braille is one of the projects of the Braille Group of the Rochester Circle International Federation of Catholic Alumni, a dozen college graduates who are learning to write the raised dot language of the sightless.

Under the expert tutelage of Mrs. John F. Haffey, 908 Dewey Avenue, the girls have taken 12 lessons, expect to be turning out moon June staff for the girls club of Rochester's Association for the Blind any day now, and eventually transcribing reading material for the blind.

TO TAKE CARE of the non-musical verses the girls feel coming on they're planning to compose greetings for cards to be sent to blind people. Mrs. Haffey figures they will have mastered a workable knowledge of Braille writing by next June.

The writing is actually punching done with a short stubby stylus, about 2 inches long in sturdy 8 1/2" paper through a grill-like aluminum plate. Each character is formed within an area 4 1/2" x 1/2" — just space for six dots arranged two in a row in three rows. Every formation is a variation of dots, as intricate as Morse code.

Writing is done from right to left. The paper is turned over and the raised dots read left to right by the sensitive fingers of the blind which register the message from the position and number of dots.

THE IFCIA GROUP, under the



Song lyrics for the blind appear on the paper being shown by Mrs. John F. Haffey, instructor (left) to Catholic Courier Journal staff writer, Mary Carey. The writing is a project of the Braille Group of Rochester Circle, I.F.C.A. Twelve members are engaged in the work of providing song sheets for the sightless.

chairmanship of Miss Norma Laragy has met twice. Meetings are planned for the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p. m. in the Glass House on Lake Avenue.

A non-Catholic Mrs. Haffey, who is a sister-in-law of Rev. Joseph P. Haffey of St. Aloysius Church, Auburn, has been engaged in work for the blind for more than 14 years. She was graduated from college during the depression years and taught at the New York Institute for the Blind until 1938 when she went to Buffalo. There she established the Braille classes in the public schools.

Her husband, who operates the refreshment concession at Rochester Button Company, is president of the Rochester Association for the Blind, which runs the Blind Kraft Shop at 439 Monroe Avenue, near Meigs.

Mrs. Haffey hopes the IFCIA group will master enough Braille to transcribe reading which is unavailable to the blind, copy recipes, and help students of Braille. There is a big field in Rochester for such work, she says.

The Braille group of IFCIA is open to anyone who is interested in helping the blind, particularly in supplying educational and religious material. Information may be obtained from Miss Laragy (CHar 1030-M).

Diocesan Pupils Hear Pope In Plea for War Victims

A poignant picture of the plight of thousands of orphans and needy children in war-wrecked lands was drawn by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in an Ash Wednesday broadcast to 100,000 children in the nation's Catholic schools which opened the annual Lenten children's collection for the victims of war.

Rochester diocesan schools heard the overseas talk from St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on WHAM.

The Pontiff reminded the American children that there are "some other children who are not so safe, not so happy and hopeful as you are."

"THEY HAVE no father or mother," they were killed in the recent wars, they have no home, any more. It was left in ruins by the bombs, the Pope said.

"We have been trying to provide some place for them and you have been helping us succeed. Each year you have made your little offerings, and they have meant food and clothing and a home to your less fortunate brothers and sisters in other lands. What is more, your offerings have helped to keep these boys and girls safe from so many temptations to sin, which they certainly would have if they had to spend their days and perhaps nights in the streets."

The Pontiff reminded the American children that this is the Holy Year when the Church asks all, even the little ones, to do some extra penance and make some special sacrifices, and added that such sacrifices will enable the American children "to surpass your splendid record of the past."

IN CONCLUSION the Pope said:

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Seeks Repeal Of State Ban On School Bid

Boston (RNS) — A proposal that the state constitution be changed to permit public aid to private and parochial schools was laid before the Massachusetts Legislative Committee on Constitutional Law here.

Rep. Edmund J. Donlan of Boston, who made the proposal, wants revision of an amendment prohibiting state contributions to private schools which was approved by the 1817 state constitutional convention.

HE QUOTED the late William Cardinal O'Connell of Boston as once describing the 1817 amendment as a "gratuitous insult to a large segment of our people."

Donlan also quoted the Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, present Archbishop of Boston, as saying Catholic schools "are as American as the Fourth of July." He said Massachusetts should recognize the archbishop's contention as fact "by voting to give them (Catholic schools) the legal recognition to which they are entitled."

HE ALSO said the federal aid to education bill for both parochial and public school children could not benefit Massachusetts unless the state repealed its anti-aid amendment.

Opposition to the Donlan proposal was voiced by Furner State Senator Thomas N. Vinson of Winchester, who said its passage "would leave the state wide open to persons asking for money for all kinds of private organizations."

Revision of a state amendment in Massachusetts must be approved by two successive legislatures and then submitted to the voters as a referendum question for final enactment.

Czech Regime Sets Books Ban

Vienna (CIP) — Book stores in Czechoslovakia have been forbidden to sell books published prior to May, 1945, as well as all books not showing the date of publication. Instructions to this effect were issued by the Minister of Information and Culture, Vclav Kopecky, who is also one of the leaders of the Communist Party.

The Minister has reserved to himself the right to grant exceptions. So far he has done so only for a number of school text-books and for books sold by Government operated book stores.

Observers in Prague have expressed a belief that there will be more exceptions, but only for books which do not contain anything explicitly or implicitly incompatible with the Communist ideology.

All second hand book stores were nationalized some time ago. They are now operated by the Government. The Government has also assumed full control of the production and distribution of new books.

Sacred Heart Helpers Approved

Towson, Md. — (NC) — The Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart have received approval of their constitution and final approval of their Congregation from Rome following the trial period of seven years recommended by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in 1941. It was learned at the Motherhouse of the Order here.

The Sisters are known for their work of teaching religion through parish visiting, classes for Catholic children in public grade and high schools, training classes for lay catechists, and convert work.

It was in Baltimore, over 60 years ago, that Miss Mary F. Cunningham laid the foundation of the new congregation with the consent of Cardinal James Gibbons. Miss Cunningham, who became Mother M. Demetria, was the first Superior General of the Congregation, serving in that office until 1924. She died in April 1940, seven months before the congregation celebrated its golden jubilee.

Auburn DCCW Officers Take Posts



With the surrender of the gavel by Mrs. Joseph P. Cuddy, retiring president, (second from left) to newly elected president, Mrs. George M. Frank, officers of Auburn Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women took their posts. At left is Miss Gertrude Freeman, treasurer; center is Mrs. Joseph E. Cuddy, recording secretary and at right is Mrs. Charles A. Gohmert, vice president.

Mrs. G. M. Frank Named President Of Auburn DCCW

Auburn — Mrs. George M. Frank was elected president of Auburn Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at the February meeting held at Catholic Daughters of America Home, South St.

Named with Mrs. Frank also for one year terms, were: Mrs. Charles E. Gohmert, vice president; Mrs. James H. Conroy, recording secretary; Miss Mary Lesch, corresponding secretary; Miss Gertrude Freeman, treasurer.

Announcement was made at the Pre-Cana Conference to be held during the Lenten season each Tuesday night beginning Tuesday, Feb. 28 in the Knights of Columbus Council Chamber at 8 p. m.

The Rev. Joseph Bealing, assistant pastor of St. Francis Church and guest speaker, declared that "the Pre-Cana Conferences are considered a constructive measure in stabilizing Christian marriage." These conferences welcome engaged and interested married couples, officers stated.

Claretians To See Founder Canonized

Chicago — (NC) — A group of Claretians and their friends plan to attend the canonization of the founder of their order at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome during the Holy Year. It has been announced here.

The canonization has been scheduled for May 7, according to latest advices from Rome. Blessed Anthony Maria Claret, founder of the Claretians, was born in Salient, Spain, in 1807 and died in France in 1878. The congregation which he founded at Vich, Spain, on July 16, 1848, officially is known as the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and celebrated its centennial this year.

The Provincial in the United States is the Very Rev. Maximus Nino, C.M.F., of Los Angeles.

Famous Pilgrimage Filmed in Britain

New York — (NC) — "Crucifixion To Walsingham," recently produced by the Catholic Film Society of London, is now available in this country through British Information Services, Inc. It has been announced.

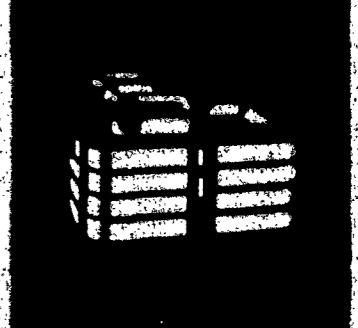
The film traces the history of Walsingham, one of the most ancient places of pilgrimage in Our Lady's honor, from the days of the Norman Conquest in 1066 to July, 1538, when about 15,000 persons gathered there at the pilgrimage headed by the Pope's legate Cardinal Grimoni, Archbishop of Westminster.

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Cardinal Spellman To Present Carillon

New York (NC) — An electronic carillon will be presented to the North American College in Rome by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Arch bishop of New York.

Cardinal Spellman will present the carillon to the college seminary for American students for the priesthood after his arrival on his Holy Year pilgrimage at the end of February.

The electronic carillon is operated from a simple organ like console. It has a range of 25 bells of scientifically matched tones, struck by mallets. The unit operates automatically as well as manually. Since no cast bells of the traditional carillon are used, the construction of a bellry will not be necessary.

Convert-Scientist Joins Brotherhood

Alfred, Me. — (NC) — Dr. Cecil B. Hamann, a leading scientist and educator, has joined the Brothers of Christian Instruction, according to an announcement at the Order of Notre Dame Institute here.

Dr. Hamann was formerly with the cancer research laboratory at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, the University of Kentucky and Purdue University. He is the author of two widely-used college science textbooks.

Dr. Hamann, 35, was received into the Church last year. Following his novitiate at Grand Falls, New Brunswick, he is expected to continue his research work.

Bishop Condemns Beauty Contests

San Juan, Puerto Rico — (CIP) — A statement of the Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of San Juan, read in all churches, condemned beauty contests of any kind and pointed out that the condemnation of beauty contests by Bishop James Peter Davis of San Juan, issued March 9, 1949, applies not only to such contests in Puerto Rico, but also to the participation of Puerto Rican girls in beauty contests outside the island.

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