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Minimum \$151,453 Cost Set For DeSales Gym

Geneva—St. Francis de Sales High School's new gymnasium will cost a minimum of \$151,453, Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, school principal, said today.

Reporting Of Casualties In Courier, Set

The Courier Journal will again carry stories on casualties of Catholics in the service, when they occur, and the facts can be obtained. Accounts of the wounded, those missing in action and of the dead with brief biographical sketches, and photographs for half-column cuts should be sent into this office, 35 Seneca St., as soon as possible.

In areas where there is a Courier Journal representative, the information may be turned over to that representative. The editors of the Courier Journal hope and pray that casualties will be at a minimum, but if they occur, the diocesan newspaper stands ready to do its part in recording the heroism of Catholics in the war.

Conan To Speak At Friday Club

Auburn—Edward A. Conan, instructor at LeMoyne College, Syracuse, will be the guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the First Friday Supper Club.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 Friday evening, Sept. 1, at the Knights of Columbus Home in Seneca Street.

Co-chairmen of the series are John Geherin and William McKeon. These meetings are sponsored by the Catholic Activities Committee of the Knights of Columbus and are open to all Catholic men of the Auburn area.



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Father Nolan quoted the figure when he announced the award of three sub-contracts for the gym. He said unforeseen and incidental expenses might raise the total.

General contract for the building was awarded Aug. 9, to Nicholas Cobble and Sons, Geneva builders. The firm's contract is for \$38,444, Father Nolan said.

CONTRACTS WERE awarded Monday to Hoban and White of Penn. Van, \$11,350 for heating; Kiger and Jensen of Geneva, \$5,949 for plumbing; and William J. Maher, Geneva, \$15,410 for electrical work.

Other expenses will be for wood trusses, \$6,400; shower and locker room installations, \$8,400; stage equipment, \$2,000; and fees, \$3,500. Father Nolan said these items would be purchased apart from the contracts.

Funds for the new gymnasium were raised in a one-week drive in June. Members of St. Stephen's and St. Francis de Sales parishes subscribed over \$150,000.

WORK ON THE new gymnasium is already in progress, Father Nolan said. He could not predict the date of completion, he added.

The Cobble firm has cleared the site, a lot directly west of the school. Some parts of the foundation have been laid, Father Nolan said.

The new gymnasium will be 82 feet wide, 120 feet long, and 22 feet high. There will be a modern stage, two dressing rooms, lavatories and a separate entrance lobby.

With folding chairs and bleachers provided, the gym will accommodate well over 1,000 people. The bleachers alone will seat 854 at a sporting event.

Auburn Knights Plan Clambake

Auburn—The annual clambake of Auburn Council 207, Knights of Columbus, will be held Sept. 10 at Riverbent along Oswego outlet. The event will be for members only and all reservations must be in by Sept. 7.

Rodolph Leide, chairman of the arrangements committee, has announced softball games, a horseshoe pitching contest and other sports will be carried. The program will begin at 10 a.m. and dinner will be served at 4 p.m. by Harry Short and staff. Most knights plan to spend much of the day at the grounds.

Announcing a Sunday noon-day Mass to begin on Sunday, Sept. 3, the Rev. Robert J. Fox, newly named pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester, revealed an extensive long-range program of remodeling and refurbishing of the parish plant.

Schedule of Masses at the West Main St. church, until further notice, will be 6, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45, 11 and 12:15 (noon).

Church, school, convent and rectory will be gone over in a five-year plan of repair and remodeling on the well-designed and well-built parish plant erected under the direction of the Rev. J. Emil Gelfe, pastor emeritus, who served as pastor for 43 years.

COMPLETE RENOVATION of the beautiful church of Lombard Romanesque style of architecture is foremost on the agenda. The church is one of the most imposing church structures in North America. Father Gelfe directed its building in 1911.

Particular emphasis will be placed on restoration of the magnificent paintings adorning the interior. They are the work of Gonippo Raggi, noted church architect of East Orange, N. J. Refurbishing of the gold leaf to bring out the beauty of the church interior is on the schedule. New kneeling pads will be installed.

Paintings to be retouched and cleaned include the "Last Supper" over the altar, the "Apostles and Evangelists" in the right nave arch, the "Patriarchs and Prophets" in the left, the five Medallions with Christ at the head and the "Evangelists" in the Sanctuary Arch and in the nave, the hand painted angels in the nine ribs representing the nine choirs of angels.

EXTERIORLY, the minarets which dominate the skyline in that neighborhood are being put into shape. Steps leading into the edifice are being reset. In the plans for the future is included a renovation of the lighting system with installation of fluorescent lights.

The rectory also is undergoing repairs, outside and inside. The roof, gutters and flashings are being fixed by workmen. Painters and decorators are working on the interior of the rectory.

The parish plant consisting of church, school, convent and rectory extends from West Main St. to Brown St. Father Fox said that convent and school buildings will be given the same consideration as church and rectory and repairs and redecoration will be started as soon as feasible.



Congratulated by their pastor the Rev. Robert J. Fox, are Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Sobied, 109 York St., Rochester, on their 55 years of married life and also on their half century of service in St. Peter and Paul's Parish society. Mr. Sobied, who is an officer of St. Peter and Paul's Commandery, Knights of St. John, was also (seated by) Reginald J. Adams, Louis J. Hofmayer, (left) and Edward Edward Long of Mr. Sobied's Commandery No. 24.

National LCBA Head Mourned

Members of the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association here were saddened by the death of their supreme president, Miss Bertha C. McEntee in Pittsburgh on August 14, 1950.

A Solemn Mass for the repose of her soul in St. Raphael's Church, Pittsburgh, Aug. 17, Bishop John Mark Gannon of Erie paid tribute to her as "a

MASS IN ROCHESTER
A Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Miss Bertha C. McEntee, former national president of the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association will be offered in Our Lady of Victory Church on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 8 a.m. The Mass is at the request of the Rochester Advisory Senate of the LCBA.

splendid Catholic lay leader and an outstanding business executive.

In addition to preaching the sermon the Erie Bishop who is national spiritual director of the LCBA gave the final absolution.

A Solemn Memorial Mass was also celebrated for the distinguished leader of the women's group in St. Peter's Cathedral, the staff of the LCBA at Erie, August 21, attended by national headquarters in Erie.

Miss McEntee had served three years as supreme president and prior to that 12 years as supreme recorder. She was active in many civic and church groups.

Fischer Couple Feted In Geneva

Geneva—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Calabrese, 282 Main St., entertained recently at a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Fischer, 86 Geneva St., who were married Saturday Aug. 19, in St. Francis de Sales Church.

The bride and bridegroom were presented several gifts. There were sixteen guests.

Mrs. Fischer is the former Mary Gringeri of 56 Center St.

Rome Pilgrims Thankful For Ship's Breakdown

When a small pilgrims' ship engine breaks down in the frothy seas of the mid-Atlantic with a hurricane dead ahead, it would seem to most passengers to be an annoying and a perilous accident.

But for fifty pilgrims from the Rochester Diocese returning to New York from a Holy Year pilgrimage to Vatican City and famed Marian shrines in Europe it was "a blessing of the Providence of God which saved us from almost certain shipwreck."

That was the vivid explanation given here this week as diocesan priests, nuns and sodalists retold the story of the SS. Liguria's three days delay at sea while bearing some 840 homeward-bound members of the national Sodality for Our Lady Pilgrimage. The ship docked August 24, after a 41-day round-trip journey.

"IT WAS a miracle of prayer that we were saved from plunging into the path of that Atlantic hurricane," the Rev. Albert J. Shamon of Aquinas Institute said. "Just after the Weather Bureau flashed our ship the hurricane warnings and advised us to turn north to Halifax instead of heading for New York harbor, our engine broke down and slowed our speed. That alone saved us from running into the storm ahead. It also kept us from getting to Halifax where the storm was very fierce."

Later the ship headed south, Father Shamon said, fringing the storm as it grew and northward from the West Indies along the U. S. coast. Three days behind schedule, the Liguria finally turned northwest to New York.

"On Tuesday, when we were sure the storm had missed us, Bishop David B. Hickey, S.J., of British Honduras celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving on deck for the pilgrims and the whole ship's company. The officers and crew admitted how lucky we were to still be afloat."

WHERE DID the prayer come in? Father Shamon related that at the suggestion of the Roch-

Silver Jubilee Rites Listed For Polish Home

Auburn—Plans have been made for the observance of the 25th anniversary of the Polish Home in Auburn. The anniversary banquet will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday, September 3.

An anniversary solemn high Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. in St. Stephen's Church. The anniversary banquet will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday in the Polish Home.

Rev. Joseph Imbriani, C.S.C., Curate, pastor of St. Stephen's, will celebrate the Mass and deliver the sermon.

ALL OF THE Polish organizations of the city will be present at the Polish Home and present to a body in the church in Polish Street. Officers and members of Swietoslowski, Kosciuszko, American Legion, will add a military touch to the program.

The banquet in the evening will be for men and women and will also be attended by out of town residents of Polish descent and members of the Polish National Alliance, as well as city and county officials and other guests.

The various committees in charge are headed by John N. Doherty, for many years treasurer of the Polish Home; Anthony Kuter and Edmund Kowalski.

Enters Brothers Of Holy Cross

Cornwall—Brother James Mahan, C.B.C., has completed six years of preparation and has been admitted to the Permanent Profession in the Brothers of Holy Cross. The novitiate took place in the Sacred Heart Church on the campus of Saint Thomas University August 14.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mahan, 126 Cornhill St., Brother James is a graduate of St. Patrick's Parochial School and Cornell Free Academy. He received his A.B. in English and social studies from Notre Dame in June.

After a visit with his family in Cornwall, Brother James left for West Haven, Conn., where he will teach in the Notre Dame High School which is conducted by the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Cornish Rites Held For Mary D. Denson

Cornwall—Miss Mary D. Denson, 78, of 115 W. First St., died in Cornwall Hospital Thursday, August 24, 1950, following a long illness. She was born in Cornwall, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Denson and had lived her entire life there. She was a member of St. Mary's Church and the League of the Sacred Heart.

Survivors include two nephews, Thomas H. Denson of St. Louis and John J. Denson of Cornwall; three nieces, Mrs. Joseph P. Foster of Rochester, Mrs. Ferdinand J. Foster of Bath and Mrs. John C. Manning of Bath, Conn.; and Miss Mary Denson, both of Cornwall.

Funeral services were held from the A. W. Bailey and Son Funeral Home Monday at 8:30 a.m. and at 9 o'clock in St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Found First Father Kowalski, Sec. (NY)—The Ateneum Fathers from Graymoor, N.Y., have established the first Catholic parish in this port city of 200,000, which lies between Yokohama and Tokyo.

Franciscan Habit For Auburn Girl

Auburn—Miss Mary Ellen Doherty, 100 N. Seneca St., has received the habit of St. Francis from the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Miss Doherty, who is a member of the St. Francis de Sales Parish, will be the first girl in Auburn to receive the habit of the Franciscan Sisters.

The ceremony took place at the home of Miss Doherty's mother, Mrs. John J. Doherty, 100 N. Seneca St., on Thursday, August 24.

Miss Doherty is a member of the St. Francis de Sales Parish and the League of the Sacred Heart.

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Father Shamon said. "We all had plenty of penances to offer up and we shared an inspiring number of devotions and prayers."

"Our group of Americans laughed off every inconvenience, made a joke out of all the hardships and responded like angels to every chance for spiritual things. There was not one serious accident or case of sickness on the whole trip."

How did the Rochesterians distinguish themselves, the interviewer asked? On the trip across, Father Shamon admitted, the seven Rochesterians put on a skill in the St. Ignace's Home which took five sets in heavy competition. On the way back a group of Sisters of Mercy from the diocese took second prize in a similar show. "Everybody in the pilgrimage will remember us for those performances."

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