

## Building Dedication Recalls Efforts of Late Rector

The memory, the spirit, the very personality of the late Rt. Rev. Magr. Edward M. Lyons, M. A., rector of St. Andrew's Seminary and a member of its faculty for 21 years, will permeate ceremonies dedicating the new Buffalo Road building next Thursday, Nov. 30.

Erection of the building had been Monsignor Lyons' dream for several years. The very night before he died last May he walked the short distance from the St. William House on the new Seminary property to inspect the progress of its construction.

All who attend the dedication will have a prayer in their hearts for the repose of his soul, and a regret that the kindly Monsignor could not be present for this, the culmination of his fondest hopes and the monument of his greatest labors.

Apparently in excellent health, he had been busily engaged in the many details of administration of the seminary he had headed for 13 years, and in overseeing construction of the new building.

Monsignor Lyons died in his sleep Thursday morning, May 4, 1950. He was found after failing to appear for his usual celebration of 5:30 a. m. Mass in the St. William House Chapel.

The 55-year-old priest was honored in death by a huge gathering of priests of the Rochester and Syracuse Dioceses, members of St. Andrew's Lay Fraternity which he founded for former seminarians, and the general public who had known him as a teacher or as assistant pastor of St. Augustine's parish.

Burial took place in the priests' plot in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on May 8 following solemn funeral rites at Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral.

Eulogy at the Solemn Requiem Mass was delivered by the Rev. Fr. Maynard A. Con-

nell, then professor of Sacred Eloquence at St. Bernard's Seminary, who one month later succeeded Monsignor Lyons as St. Andrew's rector.

Praising the Monsignor as "an honor to the priesthood and a glory to God," Father Connell said: "To each task he brought the same unselfish devotion to duty. Always, every where, he showed himself the same kind, sympathetic, understanding priest.

"Humble and devout — quiet and unassuming — probably the only boast he ever uttered: the words he whispered each morning over a white host and a golden cup. . . His greatest monument — the only monument a wise priest can ever covet — is the inspiration, the lasting love, the grateful affection of those whose lives he touched."

Born January 23, 1894, in Fairport, Edward Lyons was graduated from Immaculate Conception Parochial School, Rochester. Following a business course at Rochester Cathedral High School, he worked for a year before entering St. Andrew's Seminary. He was ordained June 10, 1922, in St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey and appointed assistant pastor of St. Augustine's Church where he served for seven years.

Named to the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary on June 28, 1929, as a teacher of history and religion, Father Lyons was selected to establish the St. Andrew's House on Greig Street, first boarding home for out-of-Rochester seminarians. In June, 1937, he succeeded



Rt. Rev. Magr. Edward M. Lyons, M. A., rector of St. Andrew's Seminary from 1937 until his death May 4, 1950, is pictured in 1949 on his return from a European pilgrimage with a statue of St. Andrew his obtained in Italy.

the Rev. Francis W. Luddy, as rector of the minor seminary. Father Lyons celebrated his silver jubilee of ordination June 29, 1947, by offering a Solemn Mass Coram Episcopo in Sac-

red Heart Pro-Cathedral. His Excellency Bishop Kearney presided and preached the sermon.

On Nov. 11 of that year Father Lyons was one of 21 diocesan priests honored by His Holiness Pope Pius XII as a domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor.

Always intensely interested in education, he was chairman of the Minor Seminary Section of the National Catholic Education Association from 1944 to 1946, and had been a member of the Association's executive board since that time.

In 1949, Monsignor Lyons accompanied Bishop Kearney on the Bishop's "ad limina" visit to Rome. While in the papal mosaic factory in Vatican City the Rector ordered a large mosaic to depict Our Mother of Good Counsel, which will hang above the tabernacle in the chapel of the new Seminary building.

In Ireland he celebrated Mass in the little church where his father was baptized, and through a second cousin, a Missionary Father of the Sacred Heart met seven other distant relatives whom he never had known.

Confessing recurrent homesickness he said he had been deeply touched by the telegram he received from the senior graduates of St. Andrew's Seminary — the first seminary graduation he had missed in his 20 years at the institution.

Not even the European trip could turn his mind from his "first love" — the Seminary. When interviewed at St. William House on arrival home, he said he would rather talk about the progress of construction of the new seminary building which then was rising in the area behind the Buffalo Road house.

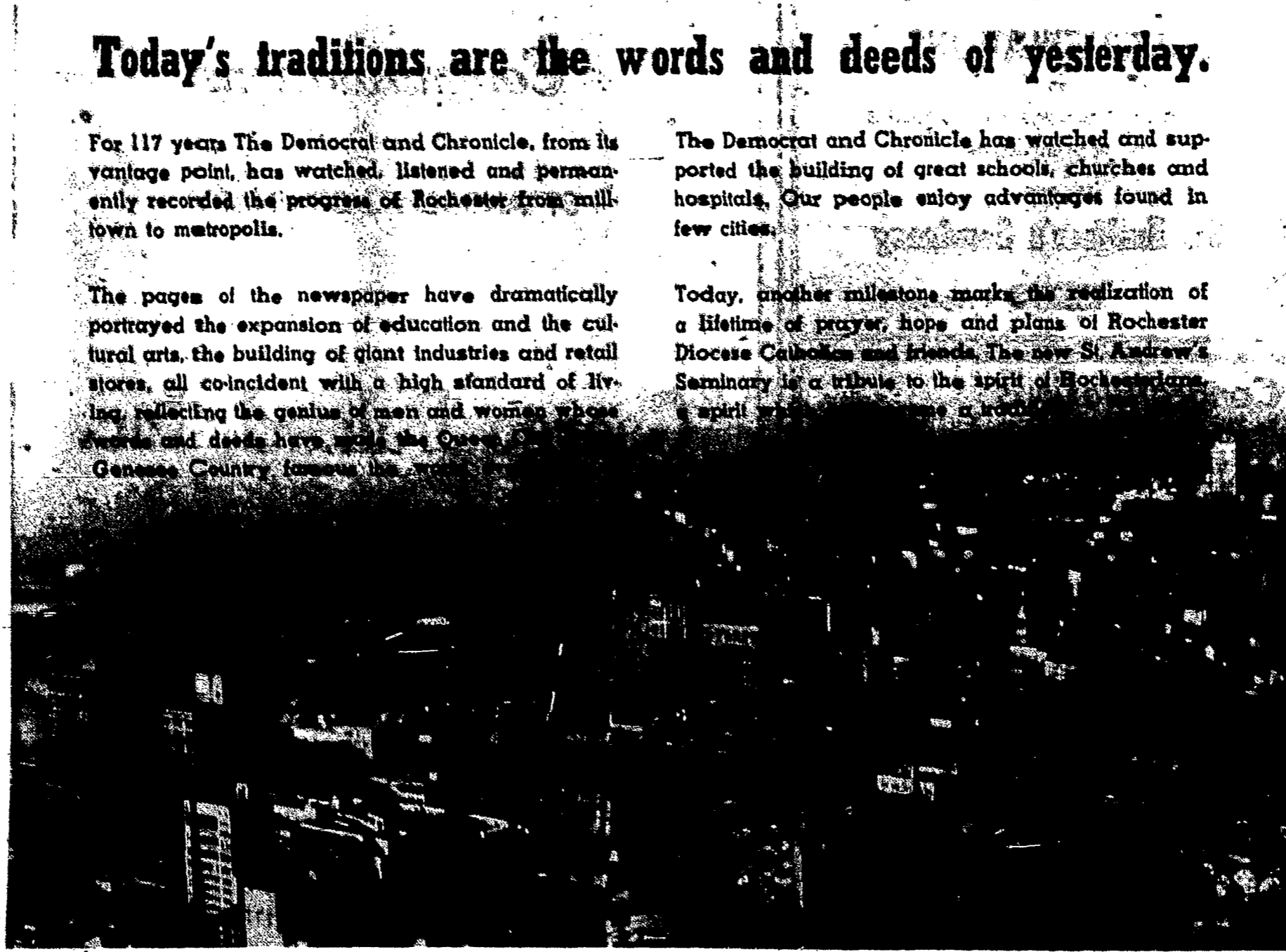
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## Student Gets C

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The Seminary's the spiritual development students is that each seminarian priest dedicated exclusively. He is Spiritual Director. The of the student times, he directs community spiritual acts as counselor to each individual regularly as the chooses.

The chief means the seminary program are daily Mass use of the Sacrament recitation of the Rosary reading, and prayer.

Since the student Andrew's is composed resident and day at general spiritual part of the whole structure and part for the residents living in community.

Day students attend Mass in their parish and each one carries out his program of reading and mental.

Resident students each morning in the chapel at 6:10 for prayers, meditation, assistance at Mass. Dual reading at 5:30 noon, followed by 10, and night prayers complete the daily schedule for the residents.

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