

St. Cecilia Nuns Presented Gifts By Parish Guild

Members of Mercy of St. Cecilia's Convent were guests of a surprise shower given for the women of St. Cecilia's Guild at the meeting Tuesday, Nov. 6, in the church hall.

Sgt. Mahrt Wounded Again in Korea

Sgt. William R. Mahrt, Jr., has been wounded a second time in Korea. The soldier suffered a head concussion when an enemy shell blasted the 20-year-old soldier's tank.

Recently in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Mahrt, Sr., 74 Cherry St., the sergeant said he would soon return to action. He was wounded the first time on Apr. 11. While recovering from wounds in the hospital at that time he and other patients were forced to see in the face of the Communist Spring Offensive.

A graduate of Charlotte high school, Mahrt was credited with saving the life of a would-be suicide who attempted to leap off the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

St. Monica Auxiliary To Install Staff

St. Monica Ladies' Auxiliary, 154 Knights of St. John, will install officers at the meeting Tuesday, Nov. 20, in the school meeting room.

Deputy Lillian Bartl will act as installing deputy. Newly elected officers include spiritual advisor, the Very Rev. Gerald C. Lambert; past president, Ethel Klotz; president, Mary B. Wilzal; first vice president, Ella Schaeffer; second vice president, Lydia Bedford; recording secretary, Kathryn Smyke; financial secretary, Mary Schauer; treasurer, Helen Maher; sentinel, Margaret Frisch; messenger, Minnie Becker; guard, Mary Farrell; trustees, Mary DeFrez, Anne Clarke, Myrtle Gerew; district representative, Catherine Baumgarten.

The installation dinner will be held at the Colony Restaurant Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 6 p.m. Mary Schauer and Myrtle Gerew are co-chairmen of the dinner.

REPORTS ON CHINA REDS



EXPULSION FROM China last June, Rev. Louis Dowd, S.J., formerly of Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, tells of his experiences to two Jesuit confreres, Father Stevenson and Murphy at the Philippine station of the Jesuits. (Jesuit Missions Magazine Photo)

Fr. Dowd Tells of 30 Chinese Converts Resisting The Reds

The story of 30 courageous Chinese youth, all converts from paganism, who resisted efforts by communists to induce them to renounce their Catholicity, has been recounted by the Rev. Louis Dowd, S.J., who was expelled from China last June.

Father Dowd, a native of Rochester, N. Y., was jailed by the communists as "an American imperialist and enslaver of youth" before his expulsion. He served at the Jesuit College in Nanking and was the spiritual adviser to the 30 converts. His story appears in the current issue of Jesuit Missions magazine.

BEFORE HIS arrest, Father Dowd says, he saw 12 of the Chinese boys splinter the "bamboo curtain" after which they made their way to seminaries in different localities and now are preparing for the priesthood.

The 30 boys were members of the Sodality at the college. When the communists took over the school, they subjected the students to intensive night-and-day courses in communist indoctrination. Although they got special attention from the communists, neither blandishment nor threat could move the Sodalists to apostasy, Father Dowd says.

UNDER THE EYES of the communists, the 30 gathered daily in the school courtyard and recited the Rosary. The prefect and secretary of the Sodality were jailed by the enraged communists and their present whereabouts is unknown, Father Dowd writes.

Before his own arrest, Father Dowd says he advised the Sodalists to go underground. Father Dowd now is stationed in the Philippines. He served 13 years in China before his expulsion.

Father Dowd is a graduate of Blessed Sacrament School and Aquinas Institute, Rochester.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester: Sunday, Nov. 18—St. Jerome, East Rochester.

Rites Conducted For Auburnians

Auburn—The funeral of Mrs. Mary O'Leary, who died last Friday, Nov. 9, after a long illness was held Monday, Nov. 12, from the Farrell Funeral Home.

A solemn high Mass of Requiem was offered in St. Mary's Church at 10 o'clock by the Rev. Charles McCarthy, with the Rev. Robert J. Downs as deacon and the Rev. Charles I. Sullivan as subdeacon. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen was in the sanctuary.

Auburn—Funeral services for Mrs. Catherine Neagle O'Connor of 5 Pleasant Street Extension were conducted Tuesday, October 30, from the Avery F. Neagle Funeral Home, where prayers were said by the Rev. Ralph Neagle of Bath, a nephew of the deceased.

A solemn high Mass of Requiem was offered at St. Mary's Church at 9 a.m. by Father Neagle, assisted by the Rev. Paul Lynch as deacon and the Rev. Robert Downs as subdeacon. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen and the Rev. Irwin Sullivan were in the sanctuary.

Auburn—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Kanaley Donovan, 83, widow of James Donovan, were held from her late home, 116-N. Fulton Street, Thursday morning, Nov. 8. A solemn high Mass of Requiem was celebrated in Holy Family Church at 9 o'clock by the Rev. James Collins, assisted by the Rev. Edward Tolster as deacon, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Conway as sub-deacon.

Auxiliary To Install At Holy Apostles

Holy Apostles Ladies' Auxiliary 126, Knights of St. John, will install officers for the coming year at their meeting Wednesday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. in the school hall.

Installing officer will be Mrs. Lillian Bartl, deputy organizer. Officers to be seated include spiritual advisor, the Rev. George V. Predmore; president, Mrs. Hazel Wachter; past president, Mrs. Leona M. Gifford; first vice president, Mrs. Catherine Quigley; second vice president, Mrs. Mary H. Dalton; financial secretary, Mrs. Frances Kase; treasurer, Mrs. Florence Gottemeier; messenger, Mrs. Mary Kuder; sentinel, Mrs. Helen Murrer; guard, Mrs. Mary Palumbo; board of trustees, Mrs. Mary Sheehan, Mrs. Mae Dunham, Mrs. Margaret Scheib; representative to the district auxiliary, Mrs. Helen Murrer.

Christmas Gifts For Nuns In Selma To Be Collected In Seneca Falls

Selma Falls - St. Patrick's members to share their Christmas with the children and Sisters of St. Joseph from the Rochester Diocese at Selma, Alabama.

The Sisters conduct a Mission for Negroes at Selma and have a school, hospital and chapel there. At the holiday season, they make a special effort to bring some happiness to the youngsters by having a big Christmas party and presenting each child a gift.

The Sisters have the ever-present money problems to deal with and the gifts which have been sent by members of the Guild in the past have been received most graciously by the nuns, members said.

Following the supper, a business meeting will open at about 7:45 p.m. with Miss Mary E. Bartl, president, presiding. Members who cannot come earlier are urged to attend the meeting.

AS HAS BEEN the custom in the past, each year at Christmas time, St. Patrick's Guild asks its

St. Mary's Business Grads Slate Dance

Helping to round out the activities of Saint Mary's School of Business Alumnae Association for the year of 1951, will be their annual Thanksgiving Eve dance.

Al Reichert and his orchestra will provide the music for the semi-formal dance to be held at the Hotel Sheraton, Starlight Roof on Wednesday, November 21, dancing from 9 to 1.

Mrs. Doris Shevin, chairman and Miss Joan Thines, co-chairman, have chosen for their committee Misses Dorothy Miller, Dorothy Meyer, Loretta Bernardo, Patricia Tackler, Virginia Philipponne, Helen Fook, Phyllis Uhl, Angela McCarthy, Patricia Reynolds and Mrs. Betty Miller, Dolores Deahn, and Laura Wetmore.

For some years the gifts were collected at the December meeting but when the meeting came late in the month, so little time was left for transportation that it was decided to move the collection date up to the November meeting.

Miss Bartl asks that every member who can possibly do so donate to the Selma Mission Christmas Gift Box to lighten the burden of the good Sisters for one day.

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