

In Memoriam Msgr. Edward J. Byrne The Historian

(Following is a tribute to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Byrne, professor of Sacred Scripture of St. Bernard's Seminary, who died Jan. 6, 1952, by Herman G. Hettler who had been associated with the priest in historical research in the Diocese of Rochester.)

On the Feast of the Epiphany, Dr. Edward J. Byrne went to his eternal reward, having devoted over half a century to the apostolic work of spreading the teachings of Christ. Monsignor Byrne, the priest, the educator, the scholar and the man, will be long remembered. This writer wishes to describe Monsignor Byrne, the historian.

Monsignor Byrne was deeply interested in early Indian history; primarily, the missionary work. He channeled his interest into hours of research and he became one of the greatest authorities in the area. This writer, after spending approximately fourteen years of study on archaeological data, could not have come to any conclusion, were it not for the confirmations of Dr. Byrne.

IN 1936, Monsignor Byrne, Alexander M. Stewart, George Seiden and myself banded together for the purpose of bringing to light the early missionary efforts in this territory. This group was aided by work of a previous group, consisting of His Excellency, Bishop John Francis O'Hern, Dr. Andrew Byrne (brother of Edward), Rev. Edward Beyer of Genesee and Rev. William Dougherty of Canadawaga. The site of St. Jacques Mission at Ganargua (Victor), and the Huron captive effort of St. Michael's at Gandaugua (Ellicomb) were marked by Dr. Andrew Byrne's group. The Holcomb site was excavated for the writer by Harry Schoff in 1937-8.

Perhaps one of the greatest endeavors of Monsignor Byrne, the historian, was the marking and naming of the new bridge over the Seneca River on the main highway to Auburn. This was the famous crossing point of the Rev. Rene Menard, S. J., near the village of Tiohero and Anonare. Father Rene Menard had come from the Onondaga country to evangelize in the Cayuga country. Through Dr. Byrne's unceasing effort, the bridge is marked today by six-foot letters, reading "Rene Menard Memorial Bridge." (Rene Menard was later killed among the Illinois Indians.)

The deceased is also remembered for his research on the missionary work of Stephen de Carnell, S. J., at the Mapleton site and on that of Peter Rafflex, S. J., at the Great Gully site.

SHORTLY AFTER the Rene Menard bridge was marked, a

Mrs. Reitz Heads Hospital Board

Mrs. Gordon Reitz is the new chairman of the Women's Board of St. Mary's Hospital. She is the third generation in her family to serve in a volunteer capacity at St. Mary's Hospital.

Elected with her as officers of the board were: Mrs. John Menihan first vice chairman and Mrs. C. Vincent Costello, second vice-chairman; Mrs. John T. O'Hara, recording secretary; Mrs. John Gleason, treasurer; Mrs. Frederick Clark, assistant treasurer; Mrs. William Winans, Jr., corresponding secretary.

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Mrs. Seibert is the retiring board chairman.

Choir Guild To Meet On Jan. 23

Encouraged by their organization meeting, the Catholic Choir Guild has set another session for Wednesday, Jan. 23 in Columbus Civic Center, third floor at 8:15 p.m. according to James V. McGrath, acting secretary.

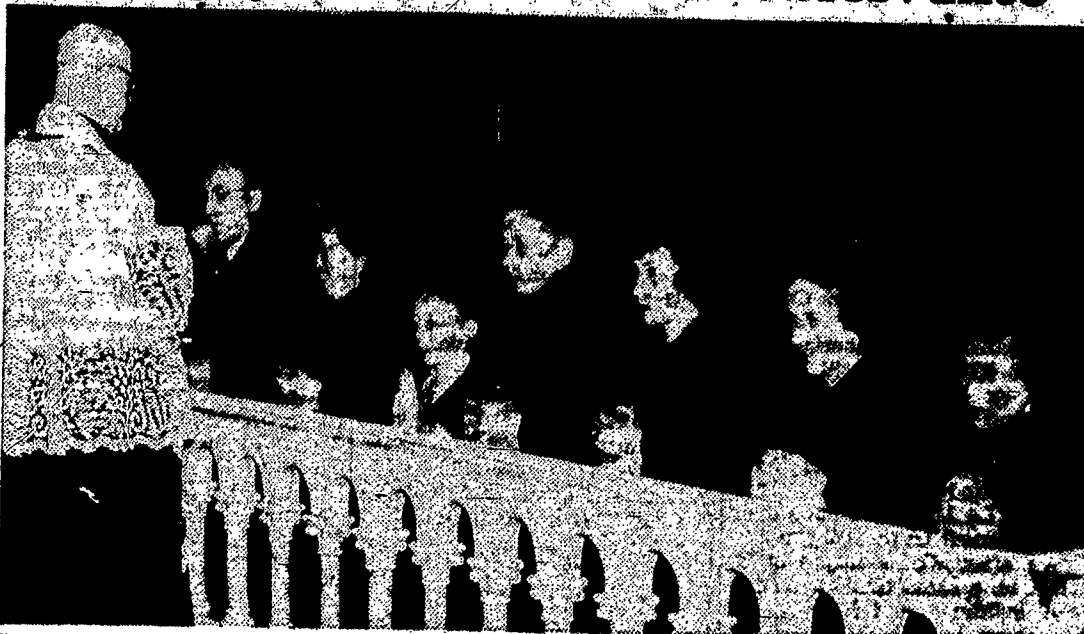
Officers will be elected and directors chosen for the new year. Men of Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral Choir directed by Raymond J. Eisenauer will sing a program of motets and other numbers. The male section of St. Peter and Paul's Choir under the direction of John Paul Bonn, organist and choir master will also be heard.

At the first meeting, singing at 7:15 might by the entire group of two Masses, one of which was a Requiem was "excellent," McGrath said.

The Guild has had several calls for singers, an opening for a choir-director and an organist, he reported.

Herman G. Hettler
Rochester, N. Y.

Join Family Communion Observance



TYPICAL of the thousands of families throughout the Diocese of Rochester who heeded the Bishop's suggestion for reception of Holy Communion as a unit is above, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rochester. The Rev. Francis Hoefen, pastor, is giving the Holy

Eucharist to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Finks, 25 Oscar St., their two boys, Anthony and Gerard, three girls, Theresa, Marie and Margaret. Another daughter is Sister M. David Mary of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and another son, P. David Finks of St. Bernard's Seminary. (Courier Staff Photo)

Ontario Family Numbers 38 At Family Communion Mass

Ontario — Mr. and Mrs. John Doyle Sr., their nine children and their families including Mrs. Eleanor Conway, the Misses Ruth and Lucy Murphy of Rochester, Mrs. Doyle's sisters, totaling 38 observed Family Communion at St. Mary's of the Lake Church on Sunday, Jan. 13.

The Rev. Ignatius X. Cameron joined the Doyles for breakfast at Ontario Center Hotel and commended the family for its turnout.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle are lifelong residents of this vicinity. Mr. Doyle is still an active farmer residing on Lincoln Road, Ontario.

THE FAMILY consists of five boys and four girls: John, married, three children, two grand-children, superintendent of highways; James, married, two children, plumber; William, single, farmer; Robert, married, four children; yard foreman, Kodak Park; George, married, four children, postmaster at Ontario.

Dorothy, teacher at No. 41 school, Rochester; Ruth, principal, at No. 1 school, Rochester; Gertrude, teacher, Sodus High School; Jane, married, two children; Mrs. James Galvin, former teacher.

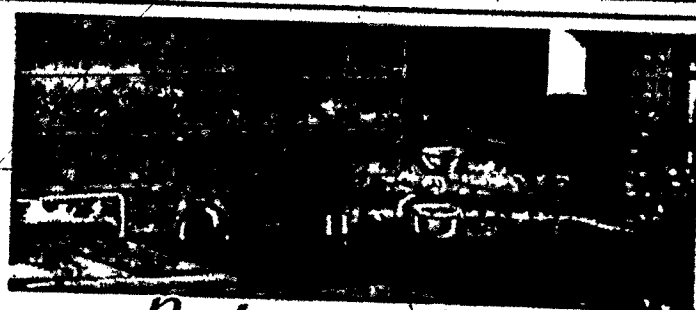
All make their home in Ontario except Jane who resides in Wolcott.

K.C. Members Set For 'German Night'

Singing of German songs will feature the "German Night" program of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus to be held Saturday, Jan. 19 in the K. of C. clubrooms, Columbus Civic Center.

The program will open with a sauerkraut dinner in the clubrooms. Dancing will follow the dinner. William J. Woerner, Jr., is chairman.

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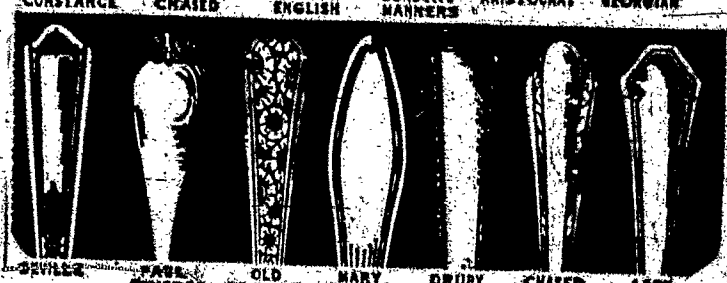
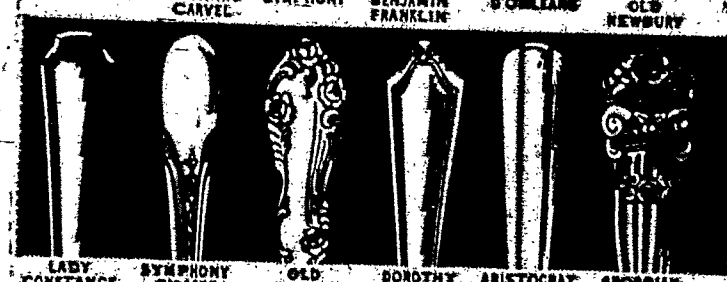
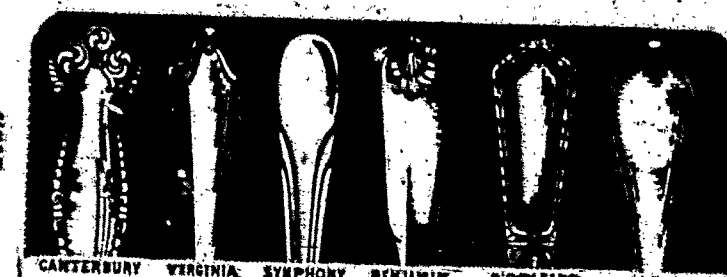
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Datebook Of Catholic Groups

(Deadline for all items Tuesday at 1 p.m.)
Friday, January 18
Diocese: Blue school students, Immaculate Conception, 1:15
Saturday, January 19
"German Night Party", Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, Civic Center, 8 p.m.
Supper, St. Cecilia's Church, 8:15 to 9 p.m.
Sunday, January 20
Meeting, Third Order of St. Dominic, St. Agnes School, 8 p.m.
Monday, January 21
Diocese meeting, Jovio Kilmor Club of Blessed Sacrament parish, Saint Ursula, 8:00 a.m.
Thank flow, Holy Family auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
Card party, St. James Rosary Society, hall, evening.
Tuesday, January 22
Old party, St. Charles Borromeo Rosary Society, 8 p.m.
Specialist supper, Matthew T. Elmale Memorial, A.M. C.V.V., Regiments Hall, 6 p.m.
Dinner, St. Elizabeth's Guild, guild house, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, January 23
Rummage sale, St. Agnes, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Meeting, Episcopal Guild Society, St. Mary's Nurses' Home, 3 p.m.

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