

Ticket Sale Brisk For Elmira Culture Lectures

Advance ticket sale for the Christian Culture Lecture series has progressed satisfactorily, according to Cressy A. Mowrey, president of the Elmira Deane Council Holy Name Societies, sponsoring the lectures.

Camp Opens Registration

Parents may now register their boys and girls for the coming summer at Camp Maris on Conesus Lake. Full information may be obtained by writing or calling the Camp Office, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N. Y. Telephone, Baker 7500.

Cub Pack Charter Presented To Corning Pastor

Corning—Highlight of the recent "Blue and Gold" dinner held by Cub Pack 63 of St. Vincent de Paul's Church in the school hall was the presentation of the unit's new charter to the Rev. Joseph V. Guilfoili, pastor, by Edward Schneider, assistant commissioner of Chief Montour District.

The dinner, which was held to honor the sponsors of the troop, their parents and families, was prepared by the Den mothers, headed by Mrs. Anthony Kosakowski.

Other features were short talks by Father Guilfoili, Mr. Schneider and D. W. Rosette, pack committee chairman, and the presentation of Bobcat badges to thirty Cub Scouts by their mothers. This ceremony was conducted by Cubmaster Vincent Sonner and Assistant Cubmaster Edward Kerwan.

REV. DANIEL HOGAN, assistant pastor, was lauded for his work with the group. Also praised for his work in aiding one of the Scouts to continue his Cub program from his sick bed, was Mrs. Francis Smith, den mother.

Seated at the speakers' table were Father Guilfoili, Father Hogan and the Rev. Harold Rogers, assistant pastor; Commissioner and Mrs. Schneider; Mr. and Mrs. Rosette and Cubmaster Sonner. Father Guilfoili gave the invocation and benediction was given by Father Hogan.

Group singing was enjoyed following the dinner with Mrs. Thomas Ward as accompanist. Paul J. McCarthy, pack committee chairman, was in charge of arrangements for the dinner and was assisted by W. J. Barrett, Francis Smith, John Kean, Edward Kerwan and Earle Brunel.

Columbus Ladies Staff Installed

Installation ceremonies for incoming officers of the Ladies of Columbus were held last Tuesday evening at Columbus Center, Elmira.

Mrs. Edward A. Claus was formally installed as president. Other officers are: Mrs. Herman A. Cassidy, vice president; Mrs. P. William O'Brien, secretary; Mrs. Francis Crowley, treasurer; Mrs. Henry Kane, sentinel; Mrs. Francis Murphy, social secretary; Mrs. Bernard J. Lochner, director of the Family Life Bureau; National Catholic Welfare Conference will be in charge of arrangements.

A supper was held prior to the installation and business meeting and a social hour concluded the evening's activities.

Catholic Secretariat
Paris—(NC)—A Catholic Secretariat for European Problems has been set up in Strasbourg, France; seat of the European Assembly, to deal with problems arising from the proposed European Union.

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Talks Heard At Sodality Banquet



MESSAGES FOR members and guests at the annual banquet of the Sodality of Our Lady of St. Patrick's Parish, Elmira, held at Mark Twain Hotel last week were given by: (from left) Rev. Kieran J. Hickey, O. Carm., Auburn, principal speaker; Miss Helen Ganey, Sodality president, and Rev. Frederick W. Bush, moderator.

Catholic Norms Also American, Says Fr. Hickey

Nearly 100 Sodality members were present at the annual banquet sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, last week.

The Rev. Kieran J. Hickey, O. Carm., of Auburn, was guest speaker. Father Hickey discussed the Catholic standards of living as being American standards and urged the support of these standards.

Helen Ganey was toastmistress. Present at the speakers' table were the Rev. Fathers Vincent P. Collins, Frederick W. Bush, William A. Burns and William B. Chisholm.

Homell KC Unit Enjoys Banquet

Homell—George Washington's example for men for today was extolled by the Rev. Adolph J. Schneider, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Wayland, at the annual banquet of Homell Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus, held in Hotel Sherwood lounge, Feb. 22.

Also heard were the Rev. Lawrence W. Gannon, pastor of St. Ann's Church, and Postmaster Francis J. Kelly, both of Homell, and Edward Burke and Harold Smith of Danville.

Richard E. Matthews, navigator, was toastmaster. John Watt, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Watt of 264 Grand St., sang several selections and James LaPlante played guitar.

Group singing was led by G. Scott Loree and Mrs. Raymond McCluskey of Genesee. Mrs. James Brown was pianist during dinner.

A social hour followed at the Knights of Columbus rooms at 69 Broadway. Guests from Cohasset, Genesee, Wayland, Mount Morris and Danville were present.

The arrangements committee included Charles J. O'Brien and Thirlock Gibson, co-chairmen, and Harold A. Hogue, Leo D. Sullivan, George S. Loree and Edward Wallin.

First Saturday In Lent

By MARY E. FITZGERALD
Executive Director, Catholic Family Service

The First Saturday in Lent follows Ash Wednesday, so closely, that most of you will still be in the midst of your "Beginning of Lent fervor." So remembering the words of

the Holy Father in the closing paragraph of his Encyclical on the Rosary in September 1951, "maybe you will want to do something about the special devotion of the First Saturdays."

"To all of you—who recite devoutly the Holy Rosary—we impart from the fullness of Our heart the Apostolic Blessing" are his precious and welcome words, finding an echo in hearts that are troubled and sad in these days of uncertainty and insecurity.

THE DEVOTION of the First Saturdays is recommended to the faithful as a means of making atonement to God through the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Mother for the sins of men.

In return, Our Lady makes the golden promise of assistance at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation. Prayers for the conversion of Russia do not seem so hopeless to "The First Saturdays" because of the words of our Blessed Mother in the apparition on July 13, 1917, "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, Russia will be converted and there will be a period of peace."

The next meeting of the First Saturday Luncheon Club will be held at the Mark Twain Hotel at noon on March first—Why not make it your Number one, Lenten Project?

Mrs. Mallon Elected By Elmira NCCW Unit
Mrs. James A. Mallon was elected president of the Elmira Deane Council of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Donald Miller, vice president; Mrs. T. F. Cross, recording secretary; Mrs. F. D. Preston, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Ciolek, historian and Mrs. William Roberts, treasurer.

Archbishop's Brother Dies
New York—(NC)—Timothy C. Mannix, brother of the Most Rev. Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne, Australia, died here Feb. 25. Both Mr. Mannix and the Archbishop were born in Charleville, County Cork.

8 Religious Order Speakers Coming For Vocation Month

Priests and Sisters of eight different religious orders carrying on missionary, charitable and educational work for the Church will visit schools of the Diocese of Rochester during March in observance of "Vocation Month."

His Excellency Bishop Kearney has directed a letter to the school children which will be read in all school classrooms from the 7th to the 12th grades and will be discussed in each class.

"During Vocation Month," the Bishop's letter states, "I ask that all of you, without exception, pray earnestly and consider seriously how you will spend your life. Have you ever thought of giving your life entirely to God?"

ALL SCHOOLS will feature a Vocation Exhibit including pamphlets, posters, wall charts and photographs of former pupils who have entered the religious life, according to the Rev. Charles V. Boyle, associate superintendent, Catholic Schools, Diocese of Rochester.

Daily recitation of the Vocation Prayer will take place in the schools.

On the invitation of Bishop Kearney the representatives of eight communities of priests and nuns will visit every school in the Diocese. They will stress vocation in general, the needs of the Rochester Diocese, and the work of their respective communities.

Vocation Month Speakers include:

Week of March 3 to 7—Columban Fathers of St. Columban's Seminary at Silver Creek, N. Y., and the Maryknoll Sisters from the motherhouse Maryknoll near Ossining, N. Y., and represented by Sister Rita Marie, O.P. (See adjoining column).

Week of March 10 to 14—Holy Cross Fathers represented by the Rev. Philip Lucitt, C.S.C., from the Mission headquarters at North Easton, Mass., and Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indian and Negro Missions whose headquarters is in Philadelphia.

Week of March 17 to 21—Maryknoll Fathers represented by the Rev. Charles P. Hilbert, M.M., a native of Rochester and for more than 20 years in the China Mission Field. Also the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor who carry on a visiting nurse apostolate in the Bronx, New York City.

Week of March 24 to 28—Society of St. Paul who carry on an apostolate of the Press at Derby, N. Y., near Buffalo, and who will be represented by the Rev. Bernard Paterniti and the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary from Providence, R. I., and who furnish experienced missionaries to all parts of the world.

Catherine M. Curley Rites Held In Elmira

Funeral services for Miss Catherine M. Curley were held from St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, last Friday morning. The Rev. Msgr. William J. Erlen, V.F., pastor, celebrated the Solemn High Mass of Requiem, assisted by the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, deacon, and the Rev. William A. Burns, subdeacon.

Priests in the sanctuary were the Reverend Fathers Vincent P. Collins, Frederick W. Bush, Albert L. Simonetti, Hubert A. Bisky, L. Emmett Davis, William P. Burchill, John A. Murphy, Joseph P. Hogan, Francis Pegnam, Ladislav J. Szczepanski, Francis J. Kelly, Earl M. Tobin and Stanislaus J. Balazewski.

Committal services were held at St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery, Elmira, and were conducted by Monsignor Erlen and Fathers Collins, Schwab, Bush, Murphy, Bisky, Hogan, Davis and Pegnam. Bearers were Frederick W. Garvey, Malachi Cain, Francis J. Kelly, Frank Pedrick, J. Albert Coughlin and James M. Frank.

Bishop Asks Children To Consider Vocations

The Feast of St. Simeon, 1952

My dear Young People:

It is our custom to set aside the month of March each year as Vocation Month in all the schools of the diocese. We dedicate this month as a time of extra prayer and extra study for vocations because we feel sure that Our Divine Lord is offering to many of our young people the priceless privilege of giving their entire lives to His service as a priest, a sister or a brother.

No doubt there are many in our classrooms today to whom Our Lord is extending the invitation: "Come follow Me." The priests and Sisters who teach in your classrooms, the priests of your parish, need you to help them give the advantages you are now enjoying to many, many others. The boys and girls, the young men and young women in our classrooms today, will be the priests, the Sisters and the Brothers of tomorrow.

During Vocation Month I ask that all of you, without exception, pray earnestly and consider seriously how you will spend your life. Have you ever thought of giving your life entirely to God? Perhaps He has a place for you among His followers. Now is a time especially set aside to ask yourself these questions, to pray fervently and to seek advice.

I have invited a number of priests and sisters to visit you in your classrooms during Vocation Month and to talk to you about your vocations. They will help you to answer the all-important questions: "What does God want me to do with my life? How can I serve Him best?"

Assuring you of my assistance and my prayer that you may find your place in the divine plan for your life, I am,

Your devoted Father in Christ,

James E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester

Nun, Ex-Prisoner of China Reds, To Speak In Schools

Expelled by Communists after 17 years in the South China Missions, Sister Rita Marie, a Maryknoll Sister will be among the Vocation Month speakers in the Rochester Diocese schools.

Sister will also address the Catholic Mission Guild at Columbus Civic Center on Monday evening, March 10, at 8 p. m.

FOR 17 YEARS Superior of the Halka Mission and in charge of seven Maryknoll convents in the district, Sister Rita Marie lived for more than two years under the Com-

munist. For the last six months of this period, she was imprisoned with the other Maryknoll Sisters in a single room of their convent.

Sister Rita Marie, mentioned prominently in "Pacific Hopefulness," a new Maryknoll Sisters' book, was also superior of a Rochester Maryknoll nun, Sister Magdalena, the former Miss Catherine Urlicher of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish.

Sister Rita Marie went to China in 1934, after completing her novitiate training as a Maryknoll Sister. She was assigned (Continued on Page 3)



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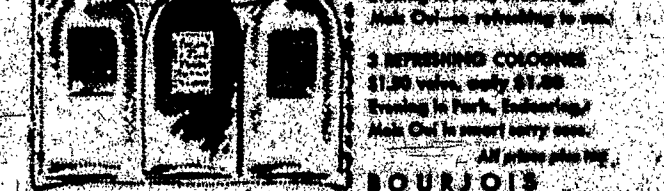
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