

'Imitation' Urged As Must Reading By Father O'Brien

Speaking before members of the Rosary Altar Society of St. Mary's Church, Elmira, the Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, urged his listeners to make daily reading of the best seller, 'The Imitation of Christ', a must on their program.

"WHILE FULL OF thoughts, the book also carries with it a wealth of graces which drives home in an amazing way the thoughts it presents. As a result, none can read a line and remain utterly indifferent.

"This is not a book for the library; rather, it should be as handy as the newspaper. Everyone should have his own personal copy so that he can mark freely the passages that impress him the most.

"The wealth of the material is so great, that to read a page a day is sufficient. The reading should be done, if possible, early in the day so that the good impressions will carry over into the day and help to brighten and spiritualize the day's work.

"JUST AS ONE never finishes with a prayerbook, so one never finishes with the 'Imitation'. It can be read from page to page, or opened anywhere at anytime, and a solution or a special grace seems always to be found.

"The greatest threat to reading this book is the modern disease known as 'I haven't got time.' Through this caveat, the good coming from the book has been sadly crippled in this age when its teachings are so necessary. The question of time is the question of good management. It is hoped that everyone will so manage his time that the daily schedule will make room for the reading of 'The Imitation of Christ'.

Mrs. James P. O'Leary, president announced that the annual Communion breakfast would be held on Sunday May 4.

Owego Holy Name Men Hear Elmira



PRINCIPAL ROLES in St. Patrick's Holy Name Society Communion Breakfast in Ahwaga Hotel, Owego, Sunday were taken by the above: (from left) Francis McGovern, president; J. Edmund Morton, secretary and breakfast chairman; John E. McTamney, vice president; Attorney Daniel J. Donahue, Recorder of the City of Elmira, guest speaker; the Rev. Joseph Hogan, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's and Richard C. Lonsberry, Tioga County's assistant district attorney, a guest. Tubbs Photo.

Attorney Deplores Failure Of Penitentiary System

Owego—Attorney Daniel J. Donahue, recorder of the city of Elmira declared in an address here that the penitentiary system of punishment, considered a failure today, exists because no alternative which is better, has been devised.

He was the principal speaker at the Owego St. Patrick's Holy Name Society Communion Breakfast held in the Ahwaga Hotel and attended by 115 members.

The members assisted at 8 a.m. Mass in St. Patrick's Church, received Holy Communion in a body and marched from the church to the hotel.

Attorney Donahue talked on criminal law, tracing the development of various penal systems from the time of the Dark Ages to today.

He estimated that about three million persons would pass through our country's houses of detention this year and that many of them needed treatment that could not be obtained in penitentiaries. He stated that the indeterminate sentence was one step forward and was being used more and more.

Mr. Donahue told of the early European cruel punishments when the part of the body which was responsible for the crime was dismembered. He came down to the beginning of penitentiaries, the first in the United States being in Pennsylvania in 1790 which used the system of solitary confinement. No other states in this country adopted this system but Europe did.

THE ALTERNATIVE system he called the Auburn system where the prisoners are grouped during the day and put in separate cells at night.

10 New Books Reported In Elmira Library

Suggestions for promotion of St. Christopher's Library in Elmira and a report on increased circulation were heard by members of the Board of Directors at the quarterly meeting in the library, April 10.

Miss Mary Newsome presided. Rev. Vincent P. Collins, moderator of the Elmira Deanery of N.C.C.W., gave the valuable suggestions for the promotion of the library.

Mrs. Edmund Maloney reported the increased circulation during the past few months, due, no doubt, to the large number of new books added to the shelves. The library has at present well over 800 books.

Mrs. Francis Kennedy, newly appointed program chairman, told of plans for a spring meeting and outlined a suggested program for the fall.

It was voted to include representatives from the Elmira Heights and Horseheads parishes on the board.

Other chairmen reporting were: Mesdames Charles Williams, William Roberts; also Misses Florence Callahan, Rose Kingston, Katherine O'Connor, and Grace Miller.

Mrs. James Mellon, president of the Elmira Deanery of N.C.C.W., praised the library as an outstanding work of Catholic Action.

Nazareth Academy Alumnae To Greet 1952 Class At Tea

The annual Nazareth Academy Alumnae Association Tea and reception of the 1952 graduating class will be held Saturday, April 19, at 3 p.m. at the Chatterbox Club, 25 North Goodman St.

Chairman of the affair is Betty Jane Nary. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Donald Byrne, C. Charlotte 2445-J; Mrs. William J. Ryan, Geneva 2364-1; Nancy Burke, LOCust 3927; or Betty Jane Nary, G Lenwood 3280-J before Apr. 14.

Scholarship Exams At Le Moyne College Scheduled May 3

Le Moyne College announces its annual Scholarship examinations will be held on Saturday, May 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m. All examinations will be held in the Administration Building at the college, Syracuse.

Three scholarships covering tuition only will be awarded, as follows: highest rank, \$50 annually for four years; second highest rank, \$100 annually for four years.

The subject matter of the examinations will include a General Aptitude test and achievement tests in high school English and Mathematics. The following conditions govern the scholarship examinations: the student must have the entrance requirements for Le Moyne College with a scholastic average of at least 80% throughout his high school, and he must have had no previous college work. Women as well as men are eligible for this examination.

Candidates for these examinations should write to the Office of the Registrar, Le Moyne College, Le Moyne Heights, Syracuse, N.Y., for the application forms. These application forms must be returned to the Office of the Registrar of Le Moyne College no later than April 21.

The 14 large panels, which took the sculptor five years to complete, were commissioned by Rev. Robert J. Gannon, S.J., the former president, and accepted by Rev. Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., the present head of Fordham.

His erection completes the renovation of the University's century-old church as a memorial to the Fordham men who died in World War II. The Stations are admired for a rare combination of artistic and devotional qualities.

Cost-of-living Wage Policy Set For Farm Employers and employees engaged in agriculture have been advised by the Second Regional Wage Stabilization Board of adoption of a new cost-of-living wage policy which permits wage adjustments to match the increase in the cost of living since January, 1951.

Arthur J. White, regional WSB chairman, said the policy, embodied in a resolution adopted by the national WSB by an 8 to 4 vote with industry members dissenting, specifies that "wage rates of agricultural labor may be increased without board approval up to and including (a) a 1951 base rate, (b) a 1950 base rate, plus fifteen per cent thereof."

How Far? Boston—(RNS)—A purge of top Chinese Communists to allow "Korean-trained" cadres to take over, is expected in the near future by the Rev. Quentin B. Howell, C.F., recently expelled after 28 years in China.

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