

Committee Heads Listed In Addison

Addison — Standing committees for the coming year were named at the business session of St. Catherine's Court, Catholic Daughters of America, held in conjunction with the Christmas party in the parish hall.

Mrs. Joseph Troy, grand regent, named the following: chairman of trustees and publicity chairman, Mrs. Dominic Daddalo; legislation, Mrs. Gilbert Dewey; entertainment, Miss Nancy Ritzenthaler; gifts, Mrs. Francis Kane; refreshments, Mrs. Herbert Kelly; refreshments, Mrs. Stephen Butchko; "Share The Faith" Mrs. Jerome Hovey.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 8 at the parish hall, and on January 14 a mystery play will be featured under the direction of Misses Jean Sprague, Nancy Ritzenthaler and Catherine Gange.

A social hour followed with an exchange of gifts and refreshments were served by Miss Ellen Knepley assisted by Mrs. Floyd DeGrosso, Mrs. Herbert Kelly and Mrs. Troy.

Others attending were: Mrs. Josephine Hickey, Miss Nan Murphy, Mrs. Martin L. Train, Mrs. Ellen Hickey, Mrs. Frank Reagan, Mrs. Joseph Perry, Mrs. Harold Simmons, Mrs. Thomas Reagan and two guests, the Rev. Francis H. Turner, court chaplain, and Miss Margaret Barrett of Corning, district deputy.

Close Youth Club

Tyresis — (RNS) — Yugoslav military government authorities closed the Catholic Youth Club in Pirano, a city in Yugoslav-occupied Istria.

An announcement said that the action was taken "to remove the noxious influence of the clergy on the education of youth."

Community Aid To College Asked 'Charity Begins At Home,' John Fisher College President Tells Chamber Forum

(Following is the text of an address delivered by the Very Rev. John F. Murphy, president of St. John Fisher College, at the Education Forum Luncheon at the Rochester Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, December 9, 1952.)

St. John Fisher College has as its objective the preparation for society of an intelligent, trained, God-fearing group of graduates who will enter enthusiastically into all phases of life in this community and help to strengthen America against the inroads of Communism, Statism, or any other alien doctrine.

We are 1 year, 3 months and 9 days old. Time, the great healer of broken hearts, will age us. Until lately, I had thought the first hundred years were the hardest, but talking to a colleague at a recent convention he implied that the second century was even more perilous. At this moment, the only consolation is an absence of interference from the alumni.

Though we are young, though we have had no graduates yet, we are not groping for a set of concepts to guide us. We are not sitting through husks for the seeds of a Philosophy of education.

WE DRAW on an ancient Christian tradition—a tradition that mothered the great Universities and seats of learning of the past. Our end product must be the Christian Gentleman. That product must not simply be the "good man" of Aristotle, for his theory of education was formulated under the candlelight of reason, not the floodlight of faith. That prod-

uct must not be the perfection of Jean Jacques Rousseau's "natural man"—the noble savage.

On the other hand, we do not think that a curriculum should revolve exclusively around heavenly things. It should take in the whole aggregate of human life, physical and spiritual; intellectual and moral; individual, domestic and social. Truth, goodness, beauty, discipline, character, these are the basic elements. And coloring, penetrating, dyed in the very fibre of the course of studies is a basic awareness of first things. Our philosophy of education can be summed up in a motto—*in aedem Dei*. The graduate must earn a living and he must make that living liveable.

ST. JOHN FISHER College is not a Seminary for preparing candidates for the priesthood, but a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the training of Chemistry majors, professional men, accountants, etc. The Church related College was the convention rather than the novelty in the history of American education. Too long have we lived side by side to question the mutual understanding and appreciation of each other's work in the field of education.

We merely exercise our fundamental prerogative of freedom — The private school is surely a natural product of private enterprise. As soon as the land of the free. The free, unincorporated school and College may well be not the product of free enterprise, only, but one of its surest defenses. Regimentation would not rest easily upon the shoulders of men who have breathed the air of liberty.

When we speak of a man as "educated" we imply that he has completed a certain process or program; just as when we say "the egg is cooked" we imply that the process is completed and the gas may be turned off. The process of education, referred to is generally admitted to include two things: the acquisition of knowledge and the development and refinement of soul consequent on this knowledge.

Now neither of these processes can ever be completed — Knowledge is illimitable, the little that even the most learned man can know is infinitely small. Besides the soul of man is of unlimited capacity, as regards refinement, achievement and power. Every one assembled here for this luncheon appreciates these truths. You appreciate them or you would not be here. The moment you think you "know it all" that moment you have failed — have died, even if you won't lie down.

An awareness of this indicates the closeness that should exist between the community and its institutions of higher learning. Too often the Colleges have been looked on merely as breeding pens for young talent, as hot houses, where you can find replacements for tired, outmoded personnel.

IDEALLY, the closest cooperation, mutual sympathy and inspiration should exist between a community and its educational institutions. These institutions will be as strong, as useful, as helpful as the community wants them to be. As great as the community helps them to be. That is why it is so tremendously inspiring for me to look at our great University (University of Rochester) and our Institute of Technology (Rochester Institute of Technology) and see to what height of excellence you have exalted them.

Chicago Clergy Study Plight Of City Slums

Chicago — (NC) — Better city services, active community organizations and more effective leadership by the clergy can do much to prevent the deterioration many big-city neighborhoods are now undergoing.

THESE WERE the conclusions of a conference of priests held here to discuss the problem of saving parishes in blighted city areas. His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, delivered the meeting's main address. Msgr. Thomas J. Reed was moderator.

In recent years, Msgr. Reed stated, there has been increasing concern with the problem of run-down neighborhoods and their effects on the city as a whole and on community and family life.

BECAUSE OF ITS interest in strengthening family life, and because of the damage to family life resulting from inadequate housing and slum conditions, he pointed out, the Church has taken particular interest in the problem.

In Chicago, he noted, Catholic concern has been apparent in the meetings held by priests to discuss the subject and in their cooperation with city officials and agencies in community improvement projects.

St. Bernadette's Childhood Friend

Paris — (RNS) — The last survivor of a group of girls who grew up with St. Bernadette of Lourdes has just celebrated her 100th birthday.

She is Madame Marguerite Lurdon of Barles, near Lourdes, who was six years old when Bernadette, at 14, saw the first of 18 apparitions of the Blessed Virgin. The aged Frenchwoman said she well remembers the excitement when the miraculous spring appeared at what is now known as the grotto of the Lourdes Shrine.

Since that time Madame Lurdon has seen Lourdes develop into a religious center visited by a million pilgrims each year.

The centenarian heads a family of 40, including 17 great-grandchildren, to whom she often recounts her childhood friendship with Bernadette of Lourdes.

Survey Discloses Big Families

St. Cloud, Minn. — (RNS) — Nuns who made a survey of the 848 families represented by students at the Cathedral High School here ended up with some surprising statistics.

While 37 of the families had one child, and 111 had two, the survey showed that one family had 15 children, four had 14, seven had 13, 12 had 12, 20 had 11, 20 had 10, 36 had nine, and 78 had eight.

Last Bishop Dies In Red Manchuria

Montreal, Que. — (NC) — Bishop Louis Lapierre, of Sipingkiang, Manchuria, has died in his episcopal city.

This was revealed here in a brief cablegram received by Msgr. Edgar Laroche, superior general of the Quebec Foreign Mission Society, of which Bishop Lapierre was a member.

Bishop Lapierre was 72. He was the last free Bishop in Manchuria.

God Love You!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

CHRISTMAS is not an historical event like the Battle of Marston—something that happened once and will not happen again. Christmas is something that must happen over and over again, if the world is to have peace. In Bethlehem, God became flesh; God asked Mary through the angel to give Him a human nature with which He could pray, teach, suffer and redeem the world. That union of God and man was the first Bethlehem. In the continuing Bethlehem, the angels of grace ask each of us if we, like another Mary, will give to Our Lord our own human nature, so that He may possess it as the truth of our minds, the love of our hearts, the first of our bodies. Not of course that we would be united to Jesus as closely as the human nature He took from Mary, but that we would nevertheless be made partakers of His Divine nature through grace and be in the truest sense of the word "Other Christs." It can readily be seen that it does not profit the world to have Christ born in Bethlehem unless He is also born in our hearts. The Son of God became Man that we might be adopted sons of God.

If the redemption of our twentieth century was wrecked world is to be rescued, that spirit which dwelt in Jesus, that complete merging of His human will with the will of His Father, that passionate love for all men and all peoples must become our common inheritance and our inmost possession.

Gracious indeed it is on this anniversary of the birth of our saviour to be kind to our friends by giving them gifts, but there is no real Christmas until we bring gifts to the Babe Himself—the gift of ourselves expressed in sacrifice. He does not want what we have; He wants what we are. But He cannot live in us unless we empty ourselves of our selfishness and egotism. Otherwise we are like the inn at Bethlehem—so full of the world there is no room for Him. On this Christmas He can enter only the empty places like the abandoned stables.

Would you empty yourself of a substantial sacrifice to the poor missions of the world in order to bring to them the love of Jesus and Mary? We want you to have a Merry Christmas. But we also know that we cannot be merry so long as we are like an inn. Give your egotism a glorious self-defeat by a sacrifice. Cut out this paragraph, clip your sacrifice to it and mail it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 160 East 38th Street, New York 18, New York or your Diocesan Director Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

These people will have a Merry Christmas. GOD LOVE YOU! to E. O. who sold coffee and rolls to her fellow workers and sent their money (\$10) to the Missions. . . GOD LOVE YOU to E. A. W. who sent \$28.17 to the Missions in thanksgiving to God for His blessings and in repayment for his sins. . . GOD LOVE YOU to M. A. P., 10 years old, whose ruffins at the County Fair won a blue ribbon and an award of \$2 which she has sent to the Missions. . . GOD LOVE YOU to R. A. C. "We are in the bakery business and the doughnuts were very low in production so I promised that we would give one cent for every dozen we would make. Since we made 1,355 dozens enclosed is a check for \$13.55." . . GOD LOVE YOU to M. M. F. "This check (\$6.00) represents 5c a day set aside in the name of my husband as a birthday gift." . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. for \$10 which they sacrificed by buying lower priced shoes.

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