

10th Child Is Born To Couple In Avon

Avon—Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Dougherty of Avon, announced the arrival of their tenth child, Kevin William.

Permanent USO Club Set In Geneva Civic Center

The United Service Organizations will renovate the basement of the Geneva Civic Center for use as a permanent USO Club according to Arthur J. Cowan, chairman, Geneva USO Committee.

Announcement was made in the Fortral Journal, publication of Sampson Air Force Base.

The Geneva City Council voted unanimously to allow use of the city building Thursday, Dec. 4.

Not known at time of the announcement was the amount of construction to be done. This will be determined by a construction team from National USO Headquarters, with the job to go to a local Geneva firm.

Representing the Young Men's Christian Association, the National Catholic Community Service, the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Salvation Army, the National Travelers Aid Association, and Camp Shows, Inc., the Geneva USO is primarily a NCCS function.

Director of the NCCW in this district is the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall.

USO Area Director John E. Ryan expects to handle 1,000 servicemen a day at the new club. With a tentative 7 day-a-week schedule planned, the club will be open from 12 noon until 11 p.m. each night.

The "Home Away From Home" will tailor its services to the needs of the nearby army. With the Geneva Youth Bureau

NIAGARA DANCE AIDES



HOLIDAY DANCE of Niagara University graduates to be held at Starlight Roof, Hotel Sheraton, Friday, Dec. 26 will be in charge of the above (from left) James E. Gregg, decorations; Miss Fawn Scheffel, publicity; Raymond V. Mahon, chairman and Thomas McGarragh, tickets. (Courier Photo).

America's Forgotten Cardinal Recalled, Former Bonaventure College President

St. Bonaventure, N. Y. —(NC) — Designation of 24 new Cardinals by His Holiness Pope Pius XII has prompted a historian here to recall the life and works of one whom he calls "America's Forgotten Cardinal."

Cardinal Diomedes Falconio, a native of Italy, became an American citizen as a young priest in the United States, and before he entered the diplomatic service of the Holy See, Father Irenaeus Herscher, O.F.M., of St. Bonaventure's University points out.

The future Cardinal voted for General Grant in an American election, and became president of St. Bonaventure College at the age of 24, possibly the youngest college president in the history of the country, Father Irenaeus declares.

DIOMEDE FALCONIO was born near Monte Cassino, Italy, in 1892. He joined the Franciscan Order and arrived in the United States as a Deacon in 1915. He began at once to teach the classics at St. Bonaventure's and was ordained on January 4, 1916, at the age of 23, by the Most Rev. John Timon, C.M. first Bishop of Buffalo.

It was while he was stationed at St. Bonaventure's that Father

Diomedes, as he was known, became a citizen of the United States. He used to say with pride, Father Irenaeus recalls, that he voted for General Grant in the 1872 elections.

In July, 1922, Father Diomedes was raised to episcopal dignity and three years later he was named Archbishop of Acerenza and Matera. At the turn of the century Pope Leo XIII named him first Apostolic Delegate to Canada, and in 1902 he was named the third Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

FATHER IRENAEUS calls Archbishop Falconio "the only American citizen, thus far, to have held this office." While Apostolic Delegate to this country, Archbishop Falconio ordained Father Thomas Plassman, O.F.M., who 14 years later became president of St. Bonaventure's University.

Archbishop Falconio was created a Cardinal Priest in November, 1911, and on May 25, 1914, was named Cardinal Bishop of the suburban See of Velletri. In 1916, he was named the head of several important sacred congregations in Rome, offices he held later.

while serving as Bishop of Velletri. Father Irenaeus points out that Cardinal Falconio brings to 13 the number of Americans who have been elevated to the Sacred College. Only 12 have administered Sees in the United States, but 13 were American citizens.

Canal Conferences Draw 2 Parish Units

Canal Conference for members of St. Ambrose parish took place Wednesday, Dec. 3 at Notre Dame Retreat House, 246 Alexander St.

Rev. John A. Reddington gave the conferences and was in charge of the devotional exercises. Father Reddington is assistant pastor of St. Ambrose.

Chairman of the group was Mrs. Kenneth Scariatto. Holy Ghost parishioners met for conferences on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at the Retreat House under the chairmanship of Mrs. Joseph Geary.

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Avon Units Plan Christmas Giving

Avon—Eighty members of St. Agnes Rosary Society, enjoyed the annual Christmas Party held at St. Agnes School, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Mrs. Glennon Brown and Mrs. Leola Harrington assisted by members of their bands served a turkey dinner. Instead of the usual gift exchange, members contributed cash and presented a purse to the guest of honor, Father Girard McGinley, Superior of the Trappist Monastery at Piffard.

Father Girard talked on the life and customs of a monk. President, Mrs. Harold Dougherty announced that the Rosary and Holy Name Societies would again furnish Christmas baskets for the needy and shut-ins of the parish.

Christmas stockings for the Livingston County Home will also be filled by the Rosary Society. Members are urged to get donations for the stockings to their band leaders this week.

Genevans Given K. of C. Degrees

Geneva—Twenty members received the first degree of the Knights of Columbus at recent ceremonies in the K. of C. Home. New members are William K. Brennan, Thomas Denmore, Walter Bruzzi, Edmund J. Bowman, Thomas P. O'Brien, Anthony L. Yarnotti, Frank R. DeAugustine, Louis P. Mazzei, Carl J. Millaney, Arthur E. Murphy, Allen Hennessey, Joseph Linsahan, George Taylor, Joseph Hargrove, Theodore Sessman, William Schroeder and Michael D. Aquilano.

Inauguration into the second degree was held Thursday in Auburn, when 25 received the degree. Third degree was exemplified Sunday in St. Francis de Sales School hall.

St. Patrick's Guild Enjoys Christmas

St. Patrick's Guild and Altar Society held their annual Christmas Party Monday evening, Dec. 15 in St. Patrick's Auditorium at 8 p.m. Mrs. Dorothy Ashley, president, appointed Mrs. Beatrice Farrell chairman of arrangements.

Members attending were requested to bring a fifty cent present for exchange. Mrs. Ashley

Wives' Committee Named For Niagara U. Alumni Dance

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Carl Dengler and his orchestra will play from 9 until 1. Co-chairmen of the affair are Robert V. Mahon and Robert Hall, who have appointed James E. Gregg as chairman of decorations.

For the first time in the history of the men's college alumni chapter, wives of alumni have formed a sub-committee to handle decorations.

This group includes: Mesdames Robert Mahon, Robert Hall, Thomas McGarragh, Gerald Dorsey and Joseph Weckesser.

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LeMoynne Head Heard In Auburn

Auburn—The LeMoynne Club of Auburn enjoyed a dinner Sunday evening in St. Alphonsus School Hall for students and parents of students attending the Syracuse school. Sixty men and women were present to hear the Very Rev. William J. Schlaerth, S. J., president of the College.

Paul Morris was chairman of the evening's activity and toastmaster. The pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, the Rev. Frederick G. Straub spoke in welcome and pointed out that the Parish Library at St. Alphonsus has recently added several hundred books on philosophy for the use of Auburn students wishing to do college level reading at home.

The Rev. Bernard Murray, S.J. is faculty moderator of the club with Edwin M. Nolan, English teacher of West High School, as Auburn adviser. James Fletcher is president with Lindy Vendetti, vice president and Joseph Garagal, secretary and treasurer.

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Cenacle Holy Hour Advanced

Because the customary Holy Hour at the Cenacle Convent, 608 East Ave. would fall on New Year's Day, next month, the Hour will be observed instead on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 from 8 to 9 p.m.

Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, chaplain at the Cenacle will conduct the Holy Hour services. No Holy Hour will be held on the first Thursday of January, New Year's Day.

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