

St. George's Scouts Slate Breakfast

A Communion Breakfast for all Boy Scouts of Troop 142 of St. George's Lithuanian Church as well as members of the Boy Scout Committee will be held Sunday, Oct. 18. The Mass will be at 10 a.m.

The Boy Scouts are under the leadership of James F. Messner, Sr. who is Scoutmaster and Alfred Stugis, assistant scoutmaster.

The Rev. Dominic Mockevicius is spiritual adviser and the Troop Committee is headed by Alvin W. Chapas, chairman.

Thomas C. Rowe of the local Scout office will be guest speaker.

School Board Head Replies To Reader-Posed Question

(Editor's Note: Attention of the Courier Journal was called, this week, to the following question put to John E. Keenan, president of the Rochester School Board on why he doesn't send his children to a public school and his reply which appeared in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Sunday Oct. 11, under "Letters To The Editor", page 3C, appears below.)

I wish to inquire why Mr. Keenan, one of our public school commissioners, in fact the President of the School board, does not send his children to our public schools? It seems to me a man whose children attend the schools of which he is a commissioner would take a special interest in them and would not have a

divided interest as he must have at the present time.

CATHERINE C. DAY
232 Barrington

Democrat & Chronicle Editor's Note: Because such questions as Mrs. Day asks are recurrent, it seemed proper to ask Mr. Keenan for his comment. His response follows:

It would seem that the question asked by Catherine C. Day, had been answered many, many years ago, when this nation achieved in blood its guarantee that every citizen of this country could enjoy, without challenge, his right to worship his God in the manner of his choosing. It would seem that the successful culmination of that struggle resulting as it did in the formation of our Constitution and its accompanying Bill of Rights should forever still that question, and those of like query. Yet since this inquiry is directed at me because I have the honor to hold the office of President of the Rochester Board of Education, I shall be most happy to answer.

During my tenure of office as commissioner of schools over the past sixteen years, there has never been an occasion in which my devotion to my God as a loyal Catholic and to the oath which I took to discharge the office of commissioner of schools to the best of my ability has ever been in conflict.

Never yet have I found that the practice of my religion, which I learned at my mother's knees has been anything except a distinct help to me in carrying out my obligation as a citizen of this community and a man loyal to the tenets of his faith. The privileges which I have enjoyed under our system of government and its attendant responsibilities have been both enjoyed and met, I believe, without loss to either my status as a citizen or my religious convictions.

The fact that my children attend the same schools where I too received instruction has no concern whatever with the carrying out of my convictions as to what is in the best interests of those who have attended or are now attending the schools maintained by the City of Rochester.

My regard for the fidelity of my oath as a commissioner of schools may be more than amply proven by the printed record of my four successive terms of office.

A man who wears this country's uniform as I have, in defense of its ideals and who at the same time practices his religion as a Catholic does not in any sense have a divided sense of loyalty, but does in fact sustain them both, for a man's loyalty to his God and to his country is what has made this country free. To assume a different result would be to classify all Catholics as persons of indifferent loyalty, and to set aside the teachings and admonitions of Him who said, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

JOHN KEENAN,
226 Powers Bldg.

Seneca Falls Class Holds 5th Reunion

Seneca Falls - Members of the classes of 1904, 1905 and 1906 of St. Patrick's School, Seneca Falls held their fifth reunion Oct. 2 at the Banker Tea Room, Cayuga, Lake Park.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cuddeback, Canandaigua; Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGrane, Romulus; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kinsella, Waterloo; Mrs. Edward McMullen, Rochester.

Seneca Falls guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Hulby, Mr. and Mrs. George Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Doran, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, Mrs. Ethel Mackin, Mrs. Marie Oakes, Mrs. Helen Gorman, James Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reilly were chairmen of the reunion.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be held in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Sunday, Oct. 18 - St. Anne, St. Anthony, St. Augustine, St. Margaret Mary, Rochester; St. Eusebius, Auburn; St. John, Elmira; St. Ignace, Hornell; Coldwater; Interlaken; Lima; Red Creek; Rushville; Webster.

Friday, Oct. 23 - Holy Family, St. Francis Xavier, Rochester; St. Michael's Mission House, Conesus.

HEAD DIOCESAN COUNCIL



DIRECTING activities of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be Mrs. Leo Muckie (right) elected president at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday. She is being congratulated by Mrs. Arthur T. McAvoy of Geneva, retiring president while the Rev. Louis J. Hohman, diocesan moderator watches. Also elected were: Mrs. Frank Shaughnessy, recording secretary; Miss Irene Martin, Treasurer; Miss Rita Trout, assistant treasurer and Mrs. George P. Vogt, auditor.

National NCCW Director, Husband Mark 40 Years Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Curtin of 96 Rossetter Road marked their 40th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Oct. 7 opening the celebration by assisting at a Mass of Thanksgiving in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

The Rev. Leo V. Smith, pastor, celebrated the Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtin were married in 1913 in St. Mary's Church, Auburn, Mrs. Curtin being the former Julia F. Ganey of Auburn.

Mr. Curtin has been an active Real Estate Board member and is widely known as a builder of homes on the west side of Rochester. Mrs. Curtin is widely known in Catholic and civic circles in this area. She is a former president of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and for the past four years has served as a national director of the NCCW.

ALSO MARKING the occasion was a family dinner party given by the Rev. Joseph V. Curtin, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Clyde on Oct. 4. Climaxing the celebration was a surprise dinner party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Ervin, 27 Roxborough Road, on Oct. 7.

Attending the dinner with the jubilarians were: Mr. and Mrs. Ervin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Kopley, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Shapley, recently returned after many years in South America. Mrs. Daniel B. Curtin, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher A. Delanty, Mrs. Theodore Florack, Robert Florack, Mrs. Teresa Ecker, Miss

College Head Listed At Coldwater Mass

Forty hours devotion will begin in Holy Ghost Church, Coldwater on Sunday, Oct. 18 with Mass opening at the 10 a.m. Mass. Speaker on Sunday night at services beginning at 8 p.m. will be the Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president of St. John Fisher College.

The Rev. Henry Atwell, assistant pastor of St. John's Church will speak on Monday and the services will close with Solemn Procession on Tuesday according to the Rev. Albert J. Geiger, pastor.

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By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

THE contrast between man's sin and God's grace is tremendous. When a guest arrived for dinner, David the rich man spared his own flock, but took a poor man's only lamb and dressed it for the guest. Man so often refuses to spare his own, even though he have it in abundance. Contrast this now with God who spared not His own Divine Son to redeem us from sin. From this St. Paul argues that if God spared not to deliver up His own Son, then should we not deliver up what we have for Him?

There are two things we can give to God: what we have and what we are. Despair not of this modern world. It is full of those who spare not themselves for love of God. Take the missionary in China who was about to be expelled, and though he was strong and vigorous, begged the Communists to let him stay with the lepers, because he did not have many years to live. Then there is the Chinese priest who runs a ferry boat, and who takes on his midnight trip only those who take instructions from him, during the crossing. Another Chinese priest after two and a half years in prison, supports himself by carrying coal in one hundred pound sacks for six miles each delivery. But he uses the trip as an opportunity to sustain the persecuted Catholics whom he meets on the way. Several young girls arrested for being members of the Legion of Mary were told by the court to give up their faith. The next day, they reported to the Ward Road Prison of Shanghai, saying they refused to deny the Church and were ready to go to prison.

How proud we Catholics can be of our brothers and sisters in China. Millions of American Catholics would do the same if the Communists took over here. We know this because of the sacrifices they are now making for the Holy Father's Missions, some sending \$150 to educate an adopted son for the priesthood, others taking out an individual membership in the Holy Father's Pontifical Society for \$60 which insures them countless spiritual privileges now and after death; others praying for the Missions on a World Mission Rosary which can be procured upon request and a \$3 offering; others sacrificing a luxury or a raise in salary. If God spared not His Son, what will you not spare?

GOD LOVE YOU to the following: to D. C. "Recently I began saving half-dollars. Enclosed is \$7 my savings up to date." . . . to L. M. for \$10. "This is part of the money won at a Rodeo. By the grace of God, I was a winner." . . . to R. L. L. "Enclosed is \$10, part of the money I unexpectedly received caring for a neighbor's child. I would like to share my neighbors generosity with others less fortunate." . . . to W. J. R. "This \$150 is the amount I probably would have spent on my two weeks vacation. I am sure the poor in the missions would enjoy their vacation from hunger more than I would sightseeing." . . . to T. S. "I have sold some African violets—\$7.50 worth. The extra \$2.50 is in Thanksgiving for many favors." . . . to M. B. D. We have revived the "sugar bowl" custom of saving for the Missions and send \$3 as our first installment." . . . to C. L. W. "Due to an allergy, I am unable to eat bread or any wheat product. It occurred to me that I could turn this into good by making a sacrifice for those who do not have bread to eat." "This \$2.53 is 10% of an annuity I receive." . . . to A. L. for \$3. "I wanted a pink pocketbook to match my gloves, but after reading MISSION I decided I could get along without it." . . . to R. K. "I received \$2.25. I am enclosing a small egg, check but I will try to send a little every week in honor of the Sacred Heart in petition for favorable weather for the maturing of the corn."

Cut out this column, pin 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, 109 East 38th Street, New York 18, New York or your Diocesan Director Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 58 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

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