

State CDA Convention To Be Held In Schenectady

The 1954 convention of New York State Court, Catholic Daughters of America, will open Monday (May 10) in the Van Curler Hotel, Schenectady, with Miss Marie C. Curry of Bellerose, L. I., State Regent, presiding.

An increased number of delegates, including officers of Courts throughout the state, will attend the convention reflecting a membership growth of more than 3,000 during 1953.

Since the last convention, conducted two years ago in Rochester, new Courts have been organized at Washingtonville, Colerain and Fort Ann, bringing to 196 the total number of local units in New York State.

WINNERS in the State Court's annual poetry contest will be announced at the 1954 convention banquet. Prizewinning poems, selected from those placing first, second and third in competitions sponsored by individual Courts, will be entered in the National contest.

Plans for continuance of the Seminary Fund Program which has resulted in the distribution of close to \$150,000 toward the education of young men for the priesthood by the State Court to date will be outlined at the convention.

A report on the 1953 Seminary Fund Program will reveal gifts totaling 20,400 were made last year. The distribution included checks for \$2,500 each which were sent Bishops in all seven dioceses of the state. An additional \$2,500 check was sent Cardinal Spellman. It represented the final installment on a \$15,000 bursary, established in North American College, Rome for the benefit of a young man from New York State who is preparing for the priesthood.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE 1953 Seminary Fund contribution, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney of Rochester, wrote Miss Curry expressing sincere thanks for the Court's generous donation.

"This assistance in the development of future priests among our poorer but worthy families, surely will bring God's blessing on your Order and its works," Bishop Kearney said.

"This great apostolate is a wonderful thing, a real help and fine Catholic Action. God bless you."

Stock Cars To Race At Ontario Track

CANADIANUS—A large delegation of stock car drivers from the eastern part of the state are expected to enliven NASCAR activities Sunday afternoon at Ontario County Fairgrounds when promoter Jerry Earl presents his third car of the season.

Spearheaded by Jimmy Luke of Utica who grabbed third place in last week's feature race and Bill Kolyaj of Rome, who finished fourth, the group will also include Bob Kegeles of Verona and several drivers from the Albany area.

The program will again get underway at 2:30 p.m., according to promoter Jerry Earl, and in addition to the 20-lap feature race will consist of three 10-lap heats, a pair of 10-lap semi-finals and a 10-lap consolation event.

Native Priest

AGANA, Guam (NC) — At ceremonies in the Cathedral of Espiritu Santo de Maria here, Father Zolfo Leon Guerrero Carmichael, scion of a family endowed with religious vocations, became the sixth native of Guam to attain the lofty goal of the priesthood.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

By BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

THE BEATITUDES

Beatitudes Inseparable From Death of Christ on the Cross

(Continued from Page 1) and say to them: "Blessed are the merciful," and He will find that K. will receive no mercy; they will open five rivers of blood out of His Body, they will pour vinegar and gall into His thirsting mouth, and even after His death, be so merciless as to plunge a spear into His Sacred Heart.



His should not be a world of communist dictators—of chicanery and sin.

crimson beads of blood, as they laugh at the weakness of Him who will not come down from the Cross.

Let Him come into a world that believes in the philosophy of pragmatism and relativism a world which denies Absolute Truth, which says that right and wrong are only questions of point of view, that we must be broadminded about virtue and vice, and let Him say to them: "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after holiness," that is, after the Absolute, after the Truth which I am, and outside of which there is not other; and they will, in their broadmindedness, give the mob the choice of Him or Barrabas, will crucify Him with thieves and try to make the world believe that God is no different from a batch of robbers who are His bed-fellows in death.

Let Him come into the world of Sartre, who says that my neighbor is hell, that all that is opposite me is nothing, that the ego alone matters, that my will is supreme law, that what I decide is good, that I must forget others and think only of myself.

Let Him come into a world of communists, who say that my neighbor is hell, that all that is opposite me is nothing, that the ego alone matters, that my will is supreme law, that what I decide is good, that I must forget others and think only of myself.

after His death, they will set a guard about His grave to prevent a Resurrection, something they would not expect even from a Lenin.

Let Him come into a world that believes personally should be manipulated, that our whole life should be geared to flattering and influencing people for the sake of utility and popularity, and say to them: "Blessed are ye when men hate you and persecute you and revile you," and He will find Himself without a friend in the world, an outcast on a hill, with mobs shouting for His death and His flesh hanging from Him like purple rags.

Beatitudes Not Ideals
The Beatitudes cannot be taken alone; they are not ideals; they are hard facts and realities, inseparable from the Cross of Calvary. Many men go on repeating them, but very few of us are willing to live them! It is easy to be a Communist, all one has to do is hate; it is easy to be self-expressive, all one has to do is avoid repressing the lid; it is easy to be a liberal, all one has to do is espouse no cause as sacred, except the right to be free from discipline and the Eternal Law of God; it is easy to be a social reformer, and to take care of other people's consciences; it is easy to be a milk and water Christian who quotes the Sermons on the Mount, and forgets the Christ who died for it. It is easy to be an intellectual and to sneer at the humble. It is easy to love those who love us, but it is hard to love those who hate us, to pluck out one's eyes and cut off one's arms to prevent sinning.

The Goal
It is hard to be clean on the inside when the passional clamor for satisfactions on the outside; to forgive those who would put us to death; to overcome evil with good; to bless those who curse us, to stop mouthing freedom until we have justice, truth and love of God in our hearts as the condition of freedom; to live in the world and still keep oneself unpolluted from the world; to deny ourselves sometimes legitimate pleasures, like cigarettes, cocktails, movies and luxuries, in order to help missionaries feed the leprosy, fill the empty rice bowls and renew hungry hearts with the grace of God; to see that all our flap-trap about the brotherhood of man is meaningless unless we all have the same God as Father. What would such men make of us who talk only of the brotherhood of man? A race of illegitimate children? To strive not to be like the rest of men, but to be perfect as the Heavenly Father is perfect—this is the only new thing in the world, but there are very few who are willing to try it. Christianity has not failed; but we have failed the Christ who said "Take up your cross and follow Me."

(Continued Next Week)

Priest To Speak In Waverly On Work Of Society

By Elizabeth Tuchardt
Waverly—Rev. Joseph J. Tennant, Secretary of the Society of St. Peter, the Apostle, will speak at St. James Church on Sunday, May 9, on the work of his Society. The Society of St. Peter the Apostle supports over 4,000 major seminarians and 12,000 minor seminarians throughout the mission countries. They are entirely dependent upon this society for their support, and the parishioners of Waverly are asked to contribute as generously as possible for Father Tennant's work.

Waverly Knights of Columbus Council 251 met April 27 to plan coming activities, with Grand Knight Richard Coleman presiding.

Plans were made for a meeting Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. when the first and second degrees will be given for the last time for candidates entitled to receive it before the third degree. This will be held in the former Eagles building, Waverly Street Waverly, the third degree was scheduled to be given on May 23rd.

The Waverly degree team will put on the first and second degrees, and the Utica degree team will come for the third.

Coleman announced that Joseph J. Sweet, District Worthy Grand Knight of Corning will be present for the May 16th meeting.

Plans were also made for a clambake to be held some time in June. Committee chairman is Fred Cacchione, and his assistants include Andrew Nallen, Harry Schreck, Jack Kuhl, Roland MacNamara, John Coleman, Alfred Hodel and Charles Nittinger.

The next meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday evening, May 11, at 8:00 o'clock in the Alberson building, Waverly.

Perpetual Help Society Meeting Listed May 12
Meeting of the Perpetual Help Society will be held Wednesday, May 12 at 2 p.m. in the Church Home of St. Mary's Hospital.

Mrs. Augustine Hall will be chairman assisted by Medames W. E. Marlin, Henry Maxwell and Elizabeth Kuchman.

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Awards Night At Aquinas Lists Family Smorgasbord

Plans are being readied for the second annual Aquinas Awards Night. The Men's Club executive committee, sponsoring the affair, is preparing the program for Thursday night, May 20. A smorgasbord dinner will be held in the school's Cafeteria starting at about 6:00. Entertainment will be provided in the auditorium with the awards taking place at 8:00.

SOME 130 BOYS will receive the various awards presented for both scholastic and athletic contributions to the school. Members of the various athletic teams, the St. Thomas Club, the student council, debaters, the band and members of the staffs of school productions will be honored.

Rev. Francis Sheahan, C.S.B., moderator of the Men's Club announced the change over last year's program which was a Fathers and Sons doing. This year it will be for the whole family and friends of the students receiving the awards.

Tickets for the dinner and award presentations will be on sale at the school. Adults will be charged \$2.00 while students will pay only \$1.00.

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