

Middle Age Club To Be Formed

Catholic Youth Organization is now forming a "Middle Age" club for all single and widowed Catholic people, aged 40 and up.

Youth Center Director Addresses Corning CDA

Corning — William J. Bub, recreation director of the Corning Youth Center and head of the local Youth Bureau, discussed his work and how it attempts to curb juvenile delinquency while providing wholesome recreation for all youths regardless of age, creed or color.

College President Welcomed



A CENTENARY EVENT of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary brought to Rochester Mother M. O'Brien, president of Manhattanville College, Purchase, N. Y.

'Ike' Praises Group's Work In Immigration

New York (NC) — President Eisenhower has expressed the hope that the work of the American Committee on Italian Migration will stimulate other American organizations to exert similar efforts in a patriotic contribution toward better international relations.

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You Can Win Converts Mrs. O'Leary Wins Five By

Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D. (The University of Notre Dame) Mrs. Warren P. O'Leary of St. George's parish in Patton, Pa., is a housewife who believes that the Catholic faith is a precious treasure intended by Christ not to be hoarded but to be shared.

"I am a teacher," said Mrs. O'Leary, "and I strive to kindle in all my pupils a love of God and of prayer. I feel I'm building on a timely foundation if I don't instill in the youngsters a reverence for their Creator and for the moral law. That's the basis of good citizenship."

"My pupils know that I am interested in their problems—not merely those of the classroom—and that I'm willing to help them in any way possible."

"DID ANY of them," I asked, "confide their troubles to you?" "Yes," replied Mrs. O'Leary. "Louise Butler had a couple of little problems that were worrying her. I talked them over with her and suggested how she could solve them. In addition, I pointed out to her that she would get great relief and peace of mind by turning to God in prayer. When one does her best, I explained, and then leaves the rest to God, she has nothing to worry about."

"Louise put my advice into practice and found her problems began at once to dwindle while she soon regained her cheerfulness and poise. Several years later there was a knock one evening on my door. There stood Louise, a young woman now."

"Mrs. O'Leary," she said, "I've never forgotten how much prayer means to you and I'm happy to say that it has come to mean a lot to me. I'm not a member of any church—and I feel that, in addition to praying privately, I ought to join with others in paying public homage to God. I'd like to learn more about the Catholic Church, of which you are a member. If you would tell me how to go about it, my church would be glad to have its members with such deep love of God and of prayer. It's certainly worth looking into."

"THE NUNS at St. Mary's convent here are my pals. So I took Louise to them and they did a swell job."

"That's good to hear," I broke in. "We know, of course, that the nuns are splendid teachers who devote their whole life to this important work. But we don't often hear of school Sisters instructing converts. It would mean a lot for the convert movement if they could manage to instruct more girls and women."

"They would find it interesting and it would give them insights into the religious conditions of many homes, which would help their teaching of religion in the classroom. Just think of the increase in the annual total of converts if each of our 160,000 Sisters could instruct even one convert a year."

"BUT TO GET back to you, Mrs. O'Leary, did you help any others to find the way to the church?"

"Louise was so radiantly happy in her faith that soon her sister Beatrice came around and told me that she too would like to become a Catholic. I instructed her and in three months had her ready for baptism. Our pastor, Father Balko, baptized her, and she had previously baptized Louise."

"Then an interesting thing happened. The movement of the Butlers to the faith became a landslide. Soon Elaine, Irene and their brother Jenard came for instructions and I prepared all for their baptism. All four girls have married Catholic boys and are raising fine Catholic families."

Rochester Curia Elects President

Dr. Raymond Henster, glass research chemist at Bausch and Lomb Optical Company is the new president of Rochester Curia, Legion of Mary.

Officers of the Curia are elected for a period of three years subject to the approval of the Concilium in Ireland. The Rev. John Merklinger is curia spiritual director.

Other officers named are: Edward Farrell, vice president; Michael Thomas, secretary; and Miss Violet Britz, treasurer.

CURIA MEMBERS who are all officers of parish praesidia were requested at the monthly meeting, Jan. 21 to urge their praesidia members to pray especially to Our Blessed Lady, Queen of the Legion, for the suffering Spiritual Directors and Legionaries of China and Vietnam, many of whom have already been imprisoned and tortured.

Each praesidium throughout the world meets every week, in the prescribed manner, for prayer, spiritual guidance and work assignments.

Rosarians List Father Borgstedt

St. Monica Rosary Society will meet on Friday evening, Feb. 4 at 8:15 p.m. in the school meeting room.

The guest speaker for the evening will be the Rev. Gregory Borgstedt, O.S.B., superior of the Mount Saviour Monastery in Elmira. His talk will be about the life of the monastery and appropriate slides will be shown.

Mrs. Frank Gullo, president, and her officers are planning a Family Sunday Night Ham Supper to be held in the parish hall on Feb. 26.

Adult tickets will be \$1.25 and children (up to 12 years) at \$0.75. Serving will be at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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Catholic Action Society Honors Retiring President

Corning — Mrs. Joseph Chispino and Mrs. Clarence J. Bonnell, were honored by members of the Women's Catholic Action Society of St. Vincent de Paul Church at a regular meeting in the parish hall, Jan. 17.

Mrs. Chispino was elected president of the Society to succeed Mrs. Bonnell, who retires as president after heading up the organization since it was chartered two years ago.

Others elected were: Miss Vivien Dell, vice president; Mrs. Edward Kerwan, secretary; and Miss Julia Skelly, treasurer. Mrs. Gerald Rhode and Mrs. Lyle Shedy are new members of the board of directors. Officers who will continue to serve are Mrs. Raymond Dell and Mrs. Clarence Bonnell.

Mrs. Glen Jamison, chairman of the nominating committee presented the date of officers. Serving on the committee with Mrs. Jamison were Mrs. Chauncey Bulkeley, Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, Mrs. James Ward and Mrs. Charles Houston.

Mrs. Emmett Fitzgerald was reappointed chairman of the cheer-up committee and will be assisted by Mrs. Kathleen Bruce and Mrs. Archie Benanti.

The retiring president, Mrs. Bonnell was presented with a gift and a floral corsage in appreciation for her two years of service.

Knights Launch Good Friday Week

Seattle, Wash. (RNS) — A movement for a more reverent and city-wide observance of Good Friday has been launched by the Knights of Columbus here.

The Catholic laymen named a committee to explore every avenue of cooperation among Christian churches and groups, business and industry for a fitting commemoration of the day, particularly during the traditional Three Hours.

Farm Credit Department To Be Inaugurated

Plans are under way to provide a special department to meet the credit needs of agriculture in communities served by the Marine Midland Trust Company of Southern New York. It was announced today by Charles A. Winding, chairman of the board.

The new farm credit department will be headed by Lewis B. Perry, who has been County Agricultural Agent of Cortland County, and who will assume his new position on Feb. 1.

Perry was born on a dairy farm near Sapiroga Springs. After graduating from high school, he attended the College of Agriculture at Syracuse University, graduating in 1921. After several years on the home farm, he entered the Extension Service and was Assistant Agent and Agent at Large in nine counties, before coming to Cortland County in July, 1935 as County Agricultural Agent. Since War II, through summer school sessions and one term sabbatical leave, he obtained his Masters degree from Cornell University.

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