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Is Our Father's Business Really Yours?

By MARY E. FITZGERALD

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Is it? We wonder as we view the results of the last Community Chest Campaign for funds. What will happen to our Agency Budget and more important still—What will become of Our Father's Business?

Catholic Family Service is completing their Twenty-Sixth Year of Our Father's Business and yours but we are looking forward in fear and trembling to the year of 1956. Many are the calls for our services—much is the need of counseling and guidance which we are trained to offer to those troubled men, women and children who come to us!



BONDS THAT hold a family together, are vital but vulnerable. They can be pulverized into ashes by indifferent parents, pulled hither and yon by emotional upsets, wounded by economic tangles, torn asunder by serious illness, or even completely severed by the death or desertion of one of the partners.

The Catholic Family Service is primarily devoted to repairing the damages inflicted upon the solidarity of the family, by the ruthless inroads of our modern way of life. There is no substitute for the strong roots of a united home, which is spiritually, emotionally and physically sound.

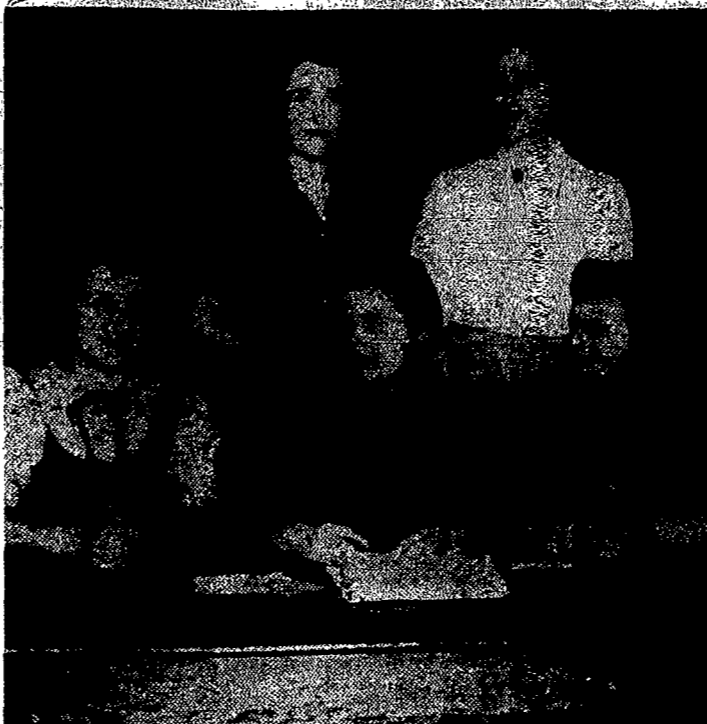
And that is our challenge to you. We need and appreciate our Board of Governors, our Advisory, Vincentian and Camp Villa Maria Committees, our children's Clinic, the Community Chest, Public and Private Agencies, every Court, the Probation Department and many others. We must have and we are grateful for a Staff of Workers, who are ever conscious of their grave spiritual and professional responsibilities. But over and above, all these "Our Father's Business" is also "Yours". And so we beg each one of you to either increase your participation of the past or begin now to do your share.

First, as a concrete evidence, why not add to your Community Chest Contribution, even by a few dollars or make a pledge immediately if you have not done so. And after that auspicious beginning, we expect you to continue your Father's Business, and thus make it possible for us to widen our scope of service and our areas of activity. The fields we never so ripe with the harvest of human needs and the laborers are so few. We love every second of Our Father's Business even when we fail, but we cannot do it alone.

WE NEED your talents, regardless of your profession, business or vocation. Our Children's Clinic, alone, thanks to St. Joseph's Hospital and our Dr. Smith, represents an annual saving to the Community Chest of at least \$2,700.00 a year. The Ladies of Charity give us the equivalent of ten and a half full-time workers plus several thousand dollars on projects assigned to them.

What can you do about Our Father's Business? If we have not given you some ideas, please let us have the opportunity to do so. There is so much that you could give us of yourself, your talents, and your means. Financially, don't stop with your Community Chest pledge! A small or large donation to our Agency during the year, in the giving for a favor or in petition for some need of your own, a share of your Christmas or Birthday money, a Camp Vacation for some child is Our Father's Business and Yours.

We are grateful for our accomplishments but Our Father's Business is expecting much more from us and you. We are dreaming of new fields and greater harvests. It is for "Our Father's Business" and "Yours" that we are appealing to you. We have made it "Ours" but it is also "Yours". The future of Catholic Family Service depends upon your response. Is Our Father's Business really Yours? If not, will you do something about it now?



COMMITTEE MEMBERS working on annual benefit party of Sodality of Our Lady, St. Patrick Church, Elmira, to be held in school rooms, Nov. 30 are: seated (from left) Mrs. Bernard M. Larkin, Mrs. William P. Schiefel, co-chairmen and Mrs. Gerald G. Lynch, refreshments; standing, Mrs. John A. O'Laughlin, awards and Mrs. Vincent E. Heher, tickets.

Annual Benefit Party Set By St. Patrick's Sodality

Annual benefit party sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady, St. Patrick Parish, Elmira will be held in the school assembly rooms on Wednesday evening, Nov. 30.

Proceeds will be used to provide Christmas baskets for the needy of the parish.

Directing arrangements are these committee heads:

Mrs. Bernard M. Larkin and Mrs. William P. Schiefel, co-chairmen; Mrs. Gerald G. Lynch, refreshments; Mrs. John A. O'Laughlin, awards; Mrs. Vincent E. Heher, tickets; Mrs. John F. McCormack, publicity and Mrs. David E. Hayes, tables.

All parish members are invited and are requested to furnish their own cards. Refreshments will be served.

Elmira Area Deaths

The following deaths were reported in the Elmira area during the past week:

Mrs. Gertrude S. Holleran of 348 W. Fifth St., Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1955. She was a teacher at St. Patrick Church; member Sodality of Our Lady of that church, and Court St. Rita. Catholic Daughters of America. She was the widow of William Holleran. Survived by several cousins, including Miss Mary D. Mann of Elmira, and several nieces and nephews. Body was at Justin T. McCarthy Funeral Home. Prayer service there Saturday, Solemn Requiem Mass at St. Patrick Church, St. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

P. Francis Burns, late of Greenwich, Conn., formerly of Elmira, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1955, at Greenwich. Survived by son Robert of Greenwich and four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Body arrived in Elmira Friday and was moved to the Frank O'Dea Funeral Home. Prayer service at the funeral Monday followed by a Requiem High Mass at St. Peter and Paul Church, St. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary A. Doran of 321 W. Fourth St., Elmira, formerly of Altoona, Pa., Friday, Nov. 18, 1955. She was the widow of Andrew C. Doran. Survived by son, Francis C. Doran of Elmira; sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Riley, Mrs. William Shope and Mrs. Archie Goss, all of Altoona; brother, Thomas McKay of Bristol, Pa.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The body was at the Charles F. Hughes & Rosary.

First Social Event Planned By Fisher College Alumni

Alumni Association of St. John Fisher College will hold its first social event since its organization in September on Saturday, Nov. 21.

The class of 1955, the only alumni news members of the infant organization, is invited to an informal dance to be held at the college in the Rosina O'Doherty Kearney Auditorium, at 9 p.m.

John J. Daley, general chairman for the dance, announced that the Cometa's "Seven Man Symphony" will provide music for dancing from 9 to midnight.

Andrew M. Verzo is honorary chairman and Thomas Lyddon is in charge of refreshments. Frank Pitecki, director of alumni relations at the college will oversee the decorations.

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Owego Altar, Rosary Society Hears Fr. Baker

Owego—Learn to go to Mary, each day for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Our loved ones who are suffering in the fires of Purgatory are helpless to help themselves and are depending on our petitions in their behalf. Our Blessed Mother is waiting to hear our petitions for them.

These were the words of advice given by the Rev. William Baker, Endicott, to the members of the Altar and Rosary Society at their November meeting.

Father Baker, who is an assistant in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Endicott, was introduced by the Rev. Bruce Armstrong, assistant pastor of St. Patrick and moderator of the local society.

The business session was conducted by Mrs. James P. Quinn, president. Following the meeting, refreshments were served by a committee of which Mrs. Harold Newcomb was chairman.

Christmas Dinner
Owego—Thursday, Dec. 15, has been set for the annual Christmas dinner for Court St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Daughters of America, Miss Mary Haag and Mrs. Hazel Hogan are co-chairmen.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ridley is ticket chairman and Mrs. Anne Boland

arranging the sept.

THE VARSITY basketball team has finally been completed. Members on the squad include Joe Farley, Jack O'Neill, Joe Cassidy, Fran Smith, Chris He, Jim Holleran, Jack Beck, Bob Crowley, Rick O'Herron, Ed Cogswell, Jim Catlin, Dave Call, Jim Casey, Dick Crossed, and Hank Santull.

The Crusaders' first game will come up this Friday at Auburn when they meet Holy Family.

Notre Dame High Notes

By GERALD BROWN
Notre Dame High School, Elmira had a welcome visitor on the afternoon of the College Day conferences. The Rev. Joseph M. Moffitt, S.J., the representative from Georgetown University, spoke to the Juniors and Seniors about the advantages of going to college, especially a Catholic college.

He also recommended that high school students thinking of entering college, read "Theology and Insanity" and "The Third Day." These two books contain material which prepares the future collegian in answering correctly some of the objections to his religion which might be raised by non-Catholic conferees at college.

THE SOPHOMORES held a Thanksgiving assembly Tuesday afternoon in Notre Dame's auditorium. The program was entitled "Toast of the Turkey," having been fashioned after Ed Sullivan's TV variety show.

Sophomore President Bob Johnson took Ed's place as emcee.

Some of the acts included an amazing comical impersonation of Groucho Marx by Bill Johnson, and "Begin the Beguine," a beautiful saxophone solo by Brian O'Meara. Pat Saxe played an exciting piano solo, "Sabre Dance."

Julia Loughlin, Mary Nugent, and Lary Josbenn assisted in

Funeral Rites Held For Mrs. Molcsanyi

Corning—Funeral services for Mrs. Ottilia Molcsanyi of 129 W. First St. were held Wednesday, Nov. 16, with prayers at the A. W. Beilby and Son funeral home followed by Mass celebrated in St. Mary Church by the Rev. Hugh Brady, assistant pastor. Father Brady also officiated at the committal in St. Mary Cemetery.

Bearers were Edward Palme, Max Buchinger, Otto Weisel, Otto Neugebauer, Rudolph Hauptmann and Michael Ferraro. Mrs. Molcsanyi died in Corning Hospital on Sunday evening, Nov. 13, 1955 following an eight week illness.

She was born in Austria-Hungary, Nov. 22, 1887 the daughter of Karl and Genevieve Goshler Neugebauer, but had resided in Corning since 1912. Her husband Ferdinand Molcsanyi, died here Jan. 18, 1942.

Mrs. Molcsanyi was a member of the Women of the Moose, the W. W. Hayt Relief Corps and St. Mary Parish.

She is survived by one son, Ferdinand Molcan of Corning and one daughter, Mrs. Charles Aug of Corning and six grandchildren.

Corning Weddings

Coper-Jacobus
Corning—St. Patrick's Church at 10 a.m. last Saturday, Nov. 19, was the scene for the wedding of Miss Nellie Kathryn Jacobus, daughter of Mrs. Nellie Jacobus of East Corning, and George William Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cooper of 135 Wall St.

The Rev. Gerald Dunn, assistant pastor, performed the double ring ceremony before an altar trimmed with white and yellow pompons. Appropriate music was played at the organ by Mrs. Madeline Lincoln.

Mrs. Peter Patrick, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and Paul Wenderlich, best man. Ushering guests at the church were George Minno and Walter Kasunic.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Walter Jacobus, Jr.

Adoration Society Meets In Auburn

Auburn—The Nocturnal Adoration Society held its annual meeting Nov. 15 at Holy Family School. The Rev. William E. Dayle, pastor of Holy Family Church and Spiritual Director of the Society, opened the meeting with a prayer.

William D. Carney was elected president to head the following slate of officers: Francis R. Morphy, vicepresident; Paul V. Linnebach, corresponding secretary; Gerald Shannon, recording secretary; Joseph Androsko, treasurer; and Charles J. Dae, publicity chairman.

New Records Set In Fishing Contest

The Louis A. Wehle Fishing Contest reports two all-time records and a near-record established during the month of October.

G. Earl Smith of Olcott landed a 10 lb. 3 oz. small mouth bass to win in that division and Arthur Lawton of Delmar took a 58 lb. 13 oz. muskallonge from the St. Lawrence River to win first prize money. Both these entries were record breakers—the largest fish caught in the 10 years of the Wehle Contest in these classifications.

Harold Kessler of Ramapo came within 2 ounces of a record, win with his first prize entry of a 9 lb. 14 oz. large mouth bass taken from Lake Sebago.

Swiss Senate (NC) — The Catholic Conservative Party has retained its majority in the Swiss senate following recent elections. The party holds 17 of the Senate's 32 seats.

New South Wales (NC) — Catholics in New South Wales have increased to 844,453, or 167,460 more than the total of 676,993 in 1947, according to the last census taken in 1954.

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