

Clothing Collection Nets Record Total For Needy

The Thanksgiving Clothing Collection for the needy of the world, conducted in the Rochester Diocese during last Thanksgiving week, amassed a record quarter of a million pounds of clothing, bedding, and shoes...

THE TOTAL of 250,666 pounds contributed and packed in 7,354 cartons represents an increase of 21 tons over the 1954 collection.

St. Christopher Library Board Lists Book Week

Quarterly board of directors' meeting was held at St. Christopher Library, in Elmira, on Wednesday, Jan. 4, with Miss Mary Newsome, president, in charge.

Plans for Book Week were discussed and Misses Cecelia O'Connor and Miriam McInerney were named chairmen.

Miss Catherine Connelly was appointed chairman of the committee on revision of the constitution. Mrs. Charles Smith was named chairman for the committee which will collect magazines.

The following appointments to the board were announced: Mrs. Francis B. O'Connor, membership drive; Mrs. Catherine Ervin, program; Mrs. Marvin E. Johnson, public relations; Mrs. James Flaherty, staff assistants.

Bishop, Abbot Attend Solemn Tribute To Cornelius Milliken, Noted Layman

Funeral services for Cornelius J. Milliken Sr., were held from the Charles F. Hughes and Son Funeral Home Wednesday morning, Jan. 11, and at a Solemn High Mass of Requiem was held in St. Patrick's church at 10:30.



CORNELIUS J. MILLIKEN

Mr. Milliken, 55, of 1002 Hoffman St., Elmira, an outstanding Catholic lay leader died suddenly Saturday night, Jan. 7, 1956.

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That was on June 26, 1923. "Combie" as he was known throughout Western New York, worked every job in the news room. He was a reporter, sports writer and telegraph news editor.

In the latter post he showed special gifts and since 1925 has been head of the Star-Gazette's telegraph desk.

His associates said he was ideally suited for the job. He possessed a calm temperament making it possible for him to reach a swift and accurate judgment on the merits of the news with which it was his responsibility to deal.

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In addition to his stint as news commentator over WENY and its predecessor WBSB, Mr. Milliken was heard often as a commentator for major Catholic services and events. He was acknowledged as the best informed Catholic layman in Elmira and spoke with knowledge and authority.

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Elmira; Miss Helene Milliken of Rochester; Mrs. Paul Sweeney of Elmira; Margaret, Rose Alice and Ann Mary Milliken, all at home; sons, Cornelius J. Milliken, Jr. of Hartford, Conn.; Frater Damian, N.J.; James William and Joseph Milliken, all at home, and eight grandchildren.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Marvin Johnson, Mrs. Helene Jensen and Mrs. Joseph Sandore, all of Elmira.

Mr. Milliken was a Catholic layman who lived his Faith continually until his untimely death. When afflicted with a heart ailment some time ago, he said to an old friend: "I believe my heart trouble is not serious. If it turns out that I'm wrong, then I'm ready. Every man should be."

He actively in the Catholic field covered his family, his parish, citywide and county civic and charitable programs, in the diocese and throughout the state.

A DEVOTED MEMBER of St. Patrick Parish, Elmira he was an example as father and layman. He was found by his fellow workers reciting the Rosary many times before going out to lunch.

He was in the forefront of the Holy Name Society of his parish and was a leader in the Elmira area Holy Name Union.

In the late 1920's he gave a great amount of his time to advancing the Knights of Columbus program. He was elected grand knight of Elmira Council and served several terms. Following his leadership of the council he took charge of the district as district deputy for three years.

He was also a past faithful navigator of the Elmira Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus and served for many years as a member of the District Ritual Staff.

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Special Services, Evening Masses Slated For Octave

All arrangements for the 1956 observance of the Chair of Unity Octave are completed the Friars of the Atonement of St. John Seminary at Montour Falls, announced today.

The Chair of Unity Octave, an eight-day period of prayer for the religious reunion of all people with the Catholic Church, will extend from Wednesday, Jan. 18, to Wednesday, Jan. 25. The services will be conducted in two churches in the Southern Tier: St. Patrick's in Elmira, and St. Vincent's in Corning.

At St. Patrick's, where the Rev. Ralph Thomas, S.A., and the Rev. Christopher Schaefer, S.A., will deliver the sermons, there will be evening Masses on Jan. 18 and 25 at 5:30 p.m. On the other evenings, the services will begin at 7:30 p.m. On Thursday evening, Jan. 19, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be given by Rev. Ladislav Dowhovich, with the Choir of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church of Elmira Heights, singing the hymns.

The Rev. Peter Rudden, S.A., and the Rev. Edmund Delaney, S.A., of St. John Seminary will preach the Octave sermons at St. Vincent Church in Corning, where the services will be held at 7:45 p.m. An evening Mass will be offered for the intentions of Christian Unity on Jan. 19 and 25 at 7:45 p.m.

Catholics and those who are not Catholics are invited to attend the Octave services in either of these two churches.

For those who are unable to attend the Unity Octave services and yet would like to join in prayer for Christian Unity, the Friars of the Atonement are offering a free booklet of prayers. Send a postcard to: Unity Octave, St. John Seminary, Montour Falls, N.Y.



World-wide Prayers For Unity

NATIONAL DIRECTOR of the Chair of Unity Octave, the Rev. Thomas Cronin, S.A. (left) points to places in South India where special services will be conducted during the eight-day period of the observance (Jan. 18-26). With him is the Rev. Brodhan Burns, S.A., Director of the Octave at St. Peter's of the Immaculate Conception, Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C. In the Diocese of Rochester the observance is promoted by Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at St. John Seminary, Montour Falls. (Religious News Service Photo).

Corning Nurses Sponsor Party

Corning — Members of Corning Chapter, National Council of Catholic Nurses will sponsor a public card party, on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Catholic Daughters of America room. Mrs. Mary Schwartzman and Mrs. Rosemary Hooley are co-chairmen.

Corning Knights To Honor Ladies

Corning — Members of Corning Council, Knights of Columbus, will honor the Ladies of Columbus at a dinner Tuesday, January 21, at the Kaynes home. A social hour is planned at 6 p.m. to be followed by the dinner at 7 p.m.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester: Sunday, Jan. 15 — St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester. Tuesday, Jan. 17 — Holy Angels Home, Rochester.

Seminarians To Speak To Students On Octave

During the week of Jan. 16, members of the Chair of Unity League at St. John Seminary, Montour Falls, will speak to all the Catholic school children in the Elmira-Corning area.

Through the cooperation of the pastors and principals of the schools, these students for the priesthood go into all the Catholic schools and speak at a general assembly of the pupils in order to acquaint them with the approaching Chair of Unity Octave and how they can participate in its observance.

All the students will receive leaflets containing the prayers for the Octave and they will be urged to recite these prayers faithfully during the Octave for the intention of the religious reunion of all men into the one, true Church.

Advertisement for FUNERAL HUGHES HOME, featuring a house illustration and contact information: CHARLES T. HUGHES & SON, SINCE 1896, 4372 or 5322, OFF STREET PARKING.

Advertisement for THE Mark Twain HOTEL, ELMIRA, N. Y., featuring an invitation to enjoy the friendly atmosphere of Elmira's finest hotel.

Advertisement for RELIGIOUS ART SHOP, featuring MISSALS, ROSARIES, MEDALS and CHAINS, PICTURES, CRUCIFIXES, STATUES, and RELIGIOUS ART SHOP.

Advertisement for TOM'S LIQUOR STORE, featuring CHOICE LIQUORS, WINES — CORDIALS, and DEAL 2-1986.

Advertisement for SCHMIDT'S FOOD MARKET, featuring a list of products and prices: Bacon 1b. 38¢, Fresh Pork or Ham 1b. 45¢, Fresh Liver 1b. 50¢, Ground Beef 3 lbs. 80¢, Sausage 1b. 20¢, French Fries 2 for 37¢, Cut Green Beans 2-49¢.

Large advertisement for Sheehan's LIQUIDATION SALE! featuring Willard nylons for 79¢, and SPECIAL PURCHASE! dacron & nylon uniforms for \$9.88.