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Catholic Theatre Group Leases Concordia Hall, Plans Opening

A stage that was familiar with some of the great talents of yesteryear will soon see plays done by a resident theatre group. Catholic Theatre of Rochester has leased old Concordia Hall, Clifford Ave. from Holy Redeemer Parish and is presently renovating the auditorium for a grand opening on Oct. 12. The fall production will be "Tydings-Brought To Mary" by the late Paul Claudel, famous French poet-statesman. Members of Catholic Theatre have worked nightly throughout the summer getting things in order, according to Carl Zollo, chairman of the renovating committee.

Stage scenery and equipment is being repaired, auditorium and dressing rooms cleaned and painted, and a completely new stage floor is being laid under the supervision of Allen Jackson. AREA LEASED to Catholic Theatre includes the auditorium, with a seating capacity of 500, two large dressing rooms, three rooms for stage properties and equipment and a social room referred to as the "green room." Concordia Hall was built in 1905 when the late Rev. Jacob F. Staub was pastor of Holy Redeemer Church. Present pastor, Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Vogt is a nephew of Father Staub. Both were born and raised in Holy Redeemer parish. Built at the cost of \$45,000, the hall was blessed by the late Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, first bishop of Rochester. For many years diocesan, par-



NEW FLOOR for the stage is being constructed by a committee of Catholic Theatre. Above are Ronald Pedroni (left) and Mario De Maul.

ish and cultural groups of the city took advantage of the professional stage and theatrical equipment of Concordia Hall for entertainments, commencement exercises and fraternal organization ceremonies. DURING FATHER STAUB'S pastorate, the late Don Manning, a founder and first grand commander of the Alhambra in Rochester, left his association with a theatrical stock company

POSTERS of productions of the past will decorate the dressing rooms. Shown above are Norcen Carey (left) and Jean Gerger.

to become general manager of Concordia Hall. Besides directing all of the theatrical fare, Manning designed and built settings for professional vaudeville performers who in return gave pre-run performances at the Hall. During this same period the famous troupe of Staley and Birbeck gave their famous transformation act, "Musical Blacksmith," at Concordia Hall. The act eventually toured theatres of the world.

From the erection of the 50-year-old building and all through its theatrical heyday, Holy Redeemer Church has had a dramatic organization. All the favorite stock plays were given with local talent. The 5-year-old Catholic Theatre of Rochester has never had a "place of its own" until now, according to president Frank Riesenberger. Previously, rehearsals for full length productions were held in Holy Redeemer Hall and performances given on the stages of local school auditoriums. "Tydings Brought To Mary" will be presented Oct. 12, 13 and 14. Wilford Scott is director.

Duquesne Installs Closed-Circuit TV Pittsburgh — (AP) — A closed-circuit television station was put into operation at the opening of the fall term at Duquesne University here. Designed to complement the university's radio station, WDUQ FM, it will provide practical laboratory experience for radio-television students enrolled at Duquesne.



COSTUMES are checked and labeled by Catholic Theatre members Patricia Farrell (left) and Callista Estergard.

Noted Author Listed For CDA Dinner

Mrs. J. Selby Spurck, noted Catholic lay-woman, will speak at the "Get Acquainted" Dinner of Court Our Lady of the Cenacle, Catholic Daughters of America, on Monday, Sept. 24 at Manger Rochester Hotel. Mrs. Spurck, of North Hollywood, Calif., has been active in many Catholic organizations. She is well known to many Rochester women because of her affiliation with the N.C.C.W., especially as War Relief Chairman. Mrs. Spurck's background has been greatly enriched by her experience as a teacher and in traveling both in the New and Old World. She is the author of the book "Madame President." The book is said to be a handy guide to organization leaders, a "how-to-do-it" compilation of aids to presiding officers, secretaries and committee workers. Mrs. Spurck has been in secular and Catholic organization work for 20 years.

Louis A. Wehle FISHING CONTEST

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Black Hills Passion Play Set For City, Auburn Run

The Black Hills Passion Play of South Dakota will come to Rochester for a three day stand at the War Memorial on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 10, 11 and 12.

The Play reconstructs the dramatic events of the seven last days of the life of Christ. Critics say the American production now rivals Europe's famed Oberammergau. During the past 17 years the Black Hills production has played before several thousand audiences.

THE ROLE of the Christus is portrayed by Josef Meier, who was born in Luenen, Germany and became a citizen of the U.S. in 1938. Meier's ancestors for



JOSEF MEIER 'The Christus'

The Black Hills Passion Play will have a five-day engagement at the East High School Auditorium, Auburn, Sept. 28, 29, 30, Oct. 1, 2. Tickets are on sale at 17 South St., Auburn 7-9873.

generations have participated as biblical dramatists in this production, and since childhood he has been trained and prepared to enact the leading role of the Passion Play.

All principals of the production are professional members of the American stage who have a record of many years of association with the Black Hills Passion Play.

In addition to the three evening performances at 8:15 p.m., there will be student matinees on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 11 and 12, beginning at 3 p.m.

RESERVED SEATS are \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00; matinees, students \$.50, adults, \$1.50.

Mother Cabrini Circle Sets Scholarship Tea

Mother Cabrini Circle will welcome old and new friends at its 10th annual scholarship tea to be held on Sunday, Sept. 23 at the Memorial Art Gallery from 3 to 5 p.m.

THIS INTERRACIAL group of Catholic women was organized in 1947 to give financial assistance to Negro boys and girls in Rochester Catholic high schools. Since that time, it has given scholarships that enabled 16 boys and girls to be graduated from Aquinas Institute, Our Lady of Mercy High School and Nazareth Academy; and it has four students entering freshman classes this fall.

During the past three years, it has given financial help to three students at the college level. An invitation is extended to all interested persons.

Legion of Decency Listings

- CLASS A-1 — Unobjectionable for General Patronage: Alexander the Great, The Great Escape, The Last Days of Pompeii, etc. CLASS A-2 — Unobjectionable for Adults: Gun Brothers, The Day After Tomorrow, etc. CLASS B — Objectionable in Part: The Last Days of Pompeii, etc.

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