

### Activities

## Poetry Contest Opened By Catholic Daughters

Auburn — Court Auburn 263, Catholic Daughters of America, has its second annual poetry contest well under way according to an announcement of Mrs. Theodore A. Bouch, contest chairman.

All Roman Catholic students are eligible for the contest in which the entries are original poems on a Catholic theme. Mrs. Bouch has stated that rules for the contest have been sent to the principals of all parochial schools.

Entries will be in four divisions: Pupils in grades four, five, and six; grades seven, eight and nine; grades 10, 11, and 12 and woman college students.

The contest closes March 15. The best three poems in each division will be entered in the state contest, closing April 15. State prizes in each division are: \$25, \$15, and \$10. State winners enter national competitions.

## Cummings Is Head Of Family Center

Auburn — Gordon Cummings of King Ferry is the newly elected president of the board of directors of the Catholic Family Center of Auburn and Cayuga County. He succeeds Edward T. Boyle.

Other officers elected are the Rt. Rev. Mgr. William E. Cowen, S.T.D., vice-president; Victor Favasulli, executive secretary, and Adam J. Leja, treasurer.

Directors elected to serve a one year term are Mrs. Laura E. O'Connell, Mrs. Jack Powers, Vincent J. Quinzi, Leo Rogers, George B. Shamon and George F. Traill.

At the meeting Mr. Favasulli presented the annual report of the agency.

## Mothers To Discuss Fashion Show Plans

Auburn — The Mothers Club of Holy Family Church will meet Wednesday, Feb. 13 in the school auditorium. Among projects to be discussed at the business meeting are the coming fashion show, sponsored by Kalef's, with accessories from Nolan's Shoe Store and scheduled for March 4 in the school auditorium; and a Gigantic Rummage and White Elephant Sale planned for the Lenten season.

Also under discussion at the February meeting will be the plans for the annual Mothers Club banquet held at the close of the current school term.

Ms. Wilbur T. Kent, guest speaker, will have as her topic "Putting Charm into Your Life." Refreshments will be served by the 6th and 7th grade mothers under the supervision of Mrs. Donald E. Keh and Mrs. Peter Mumford.

## Valentine Dinner Set By Mercy Guild

Auburn — The Flower Guild of Mercy Hospital will hold its Valentine dinner meeting at the Elks Club on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Misses Gertrude M. Kennedy and Genevieve E. Dicht are in charge of dinner arrangements. Mrs. William Rice and Mrs. Carl Sloan are reservation chairmen.

Following the dinner a business meeting will be conducted by the president, Miss Catherine M. Burns. A program is being planned which will be announced at a later date. All members are urged to attend.

Reservations close on Sunday, Feb. 10. Anyone who is not contacted is asked to call either of the above reservation chairmen before Sunday.

## St. Stephen Club Sponsors Dance

Geneva — St. Stephen's Club social calendar was highlighted recently by the "Hobo Hop" in St. Stephen hall.

Grease paint, ragged outfits, and pole knapsacks were featured as the guests appeared in a variety of costumes.

The program was concluded with round and square dancing and entertainment. Lunch was served.

John R. Davis and Mrs. Clifford Orr were co-chairmen.

## Mt. Morris Scouts List Mass Honor Students Named

Mt. Morris — Catholic Boy Scouts from Troop 82 and Catholic Cubs from Pack 82 will attend Mass in a body and receive Communion at the 9 a. m. Mass at the Church of the Assumption Sunday, Feb. 10.

The boys will be in charge of Scoutmaster James Huges and Cubmaster, Anthony LaBarbera and den mothers. This is an annual custom as part of the celebration of National Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6 to 12.

**Parents Night**  
Mt. Morris — Thirty-four boys and girls from St. Patrick School have earned a place on the first semester honor roll according to Sister M. Irma, principal.

A parents night was held Tuesday and a large group inspected the school and visited with the Sisters.

## Group Maps Cards At Clifton Springs

Clifton Springs — Members of the Rosary and Altar Society of St. Felix Church will sponsor a card party in the church hall at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28.

Mrs. Glenn Robinson and Mrs. Vern Powell will serve as general chairmen. Mrs. Harold Massey and Mrs. A. L. Maslyn will have charge of refreshments; Mrs. Nuntz DeMarco and Mrs. Francis Sullivan, tables; Mrs. Ellis Weld, Jr., tickets. Frank DeMarco will serve as auctioneer for the cake booth.

Mrs. Bernard Meath, Society president, reminds members of the question box placed in the church, for questions they would like answered at the regular meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13. The Rev. Robert A. Meng, assistant pastor, will answer the questions following the business meeting in the church hall.

Mrs. Thomas Jennings was chairman of the luncheon arrangements, with Mrs. Thomas McConery, Mrs. Jay Cochrane, and Mrs. Matthew McCusker.

## Geneva Women Hear Talk On Father Damien

Geneva — The life of Father Damien, "priest of the lepers", was the subject of a talk by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward K. Ball, V.F., pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, on Saturday.

Monsignor Ball addressed 82 members of the Geneva Deaneary, National Council of Catholic Women, at the "First Saturday" luncheon in Hotel Seneca.

In the absence of the deaneary president, Mrs. J. Howard Groden, who is ill, Mrs. Arthur T. McAvoy, presided. She introduced the deaneary moderator, the Rev. Robert Smith, and the guest speaker.

**UNDERSCORING** the spiritual side of the National Council as well as its social side, Monsignor Ball praised the accomplishments of the Geneva Deaneary.

On the subject of Father Damien, he said that "when you are inclined to self-pity, think of Father Damien who worked for so many years among the lepers on Molokai."

He said that Father Damien was sent first to the Hawaiian Islands and was ordained in the Cathedral of Honolulu. Then the bishop asked for volunteers to work with the lepers. Father Damien volunteered. He acted in many capacities as doctor, carpenter, handyman, and had many duties among the lepers. But his most important work was in the spiritual field.

**FATHER DAMIEN** worked for 11 years among the 600 lepers living on the island. Then he contracted the disease himself. From then on he always spoke of "we lepers," not "you lepers."

When asked why he worked so hard, he said his greatest pleasure was in giving, and "I consider myself the happiest of men."

The meeting and program was closed with prayer by Monsignor Ball.

## Fr. Sheahan Listed By Aquinas Mothers

Mothers' Club of Aquinas Institute will meet on Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday. The guest speaker will be Father Francis M. Sheahan, C.S.B., Director of the Department of Religion.

After the business meeting is concluded, refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria.

## Young Matrons List Talk on Pilgrimages

Young Matron's Group of the Catholic Women's Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. at the club house. Mrs. Vincent Weiss will preside.

Highlight of the evening will be an illustrated talk on Shrines and Pilgrimages by Agnes Marie Coon.

Plans for a Valentine supper dance to be held Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Powers Hotel will be completed. The dance committee are: Chairman, Mrs. David Spaker; co-chairman, Mrs. Vincent Weiss; Tickets, Mrs. Dominic Masucci; Publicity, Mrs. Charles G. Bailey.

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. John Gater and her committee.

## GARDEN CENTER SLATES 3 INSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMS

"Interesting Facts about Trees" will be presented in a program given by Dr. John R. Williams, Sr. at the Garden Center in Highland Park Feb. 13 at 2 p.m.

The Garden Center will conduct a class in corsage making on Feb. 27 at 1:30 p.m. with Mrs. Arna Langenberger in charge. Advance registrations are asked by calling Geneva 8-7204-R.



**INAUGURATING** First Saturday Luncheons for Wayne Deaneary Council, National Council of Catholic Women in Wolcott Hotel, Wolcott Feb. 2 are these principals (from left) Mrs. Robert Vandeveld, president, Rosary Society, Church of Epiphany, Sodus; Rev. John J. Tressy, pastor, St. Mary Magdalen, Wolcott; Rev. James J. Marvin, speaker, assistant pastor, Sacred Heart Cathedral; Mrs. John Smith, president, Rosary Society, St. Mary Magdalen, Church and Miss Cora Helfer, president, Rosary Society, St. Rose Church, Sodus Point.

## Book Tea Listed By Corning CDA

Corning — Plans for the annual Book Tea to be held in the rooms of Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America, were made at the monthly dinner meeting.

The Rev. William M. Roche, assistant diocesan superintendent of schools, Rochester, formerly of Corning will be guest speaker. Mrs. Mary Gernon was appointed chairman of the affair to begin at 3 p.m.

Miss Rose DiCaita, grand regent, presided at a short business session after the dinner.

Mrs. Antoinette Frietas and Mrs. Mary Cavallero were co-chairmen assisted by Agnes Kester, Rose Gorsky, Dorothy Kuss, Josephine Harmon, Lucy Bavisotto, Carmella Bavisotto, Stella Armbrosone, Mary Dunleavy, Christian Astolfi, Mary Crispino, Rose Paulisi, Nina Hayes, Theresa Carapella, Mary Fratarangelo, Rose Fratarangelo, Frances Markert and Donetta Mizzoni.

## First Saturday Luncheons Opened By Wayne DC Unit

A series of First Saturday Luncheons of Wayne Deaneary Council, National Council of Catholic Women was inaugurated at the Wolcott Hotel, Wolcott on Saturday, Feb. 2. Sponsoring organizations were the Rosary Societies of Wolcott, Sodus and Sodus Point.

The Rev. James J. Marvin, assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral spoke on the spiritual value of the Green Scapular. He was introduced by the Rev. James O'Connell, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Church, Ontario and deaneary moderator.

**FATHER O'CONNELL** in his talk explained that the purpose of the First Saturday Luncheons was to foster devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and announced future plans and meetings.

Mrs. Leo Heller of Sodus Point, luncheon chairman, welcomed members of affiliated parishes throughout the Deaneary. Mrs. William R. Noonan of Newark, council president presided and congratulated 95 women assembled on "this blessed tribute to Mary, Our Blessed Lady."

The Rev. John J. Tressy, pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Church, Wolcott led in Grace after the luncheon following which Father Tressy simultaneously imparted their priestly blessing to those present.

Co-chairmen of the day were the president of the host units, Mrs. Eleanor Clair, president, conducted a short business session after recitation of the Rosary in the Church.

Miss Nellie Rudey, entertainment chairman, presented the Rev. Thomas Florack, Catholic Chaplain at Willard State Hospital who showed slides of the Vatican, its churches, countryside and other points of interest in Italy.

Mrs. Marjorie McGrane was chairman of refreshments.

## Area Colleges In The News

Niagara University, N. Y. — The Niagara University Library has received a sub-grant of \$400 from the U.S. Steel Foundation grant made to the Association of College and Reference Libraries, according to the Very Rev. Francis L. Meade, C.M., university president.

Bernard H. Dolien, director of libraries at the university, said that the sub-grant will be used for the purchase of a microfilm edition of the New York Times.

St. Bonaventure, N. Y. — Beginning with the Spring semester St. Bonaventure University's department of physical states will offer a new course, "Solid state physics," to seniors majoring in physics.

The course is part of a new program being established for undergraduate students in the expanding physics department, the Rev. Zachary O'Friel, OFM, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, said.

In addition, Father O'Friel said, the department plans to conduct several long-range research programs.

## Newark 4th Degree Lists Dinner Dance

Newark — Washington's birthday dinner dance of Newark fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus will be held at Hotel Gardener on Feb. 20 at 6:30 p. m. according to Anthony F. Colacino, faithful navigator.

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## Auburn Nurses Plan Benefit Fete

DECORATING CANDLES to be used as table prizes at Card Party sponsored by Auburn Council of Catholic Nurses at the Knights of Columbus home, Feb. 11 are those committee members. Profits will be used to purchase sick call sets for area nursing homes. In photo (from left) seated are: Mrs. Elizabeth Vreeland, instructor in candle decorations; Mrs. Elizabeth Painter and Mrs. Evelyn Mahoney, co-chairmen; Mrs. Veronica Smith; standing, Mrs. Irene Kiersl, Miss Anne Falvey, Mrs. Ann Herrick and Mrs. Bessie Burns.

## Mrs. Gonta Heads DCCW; Family Retreats Planned

Corning — Mrs. Michael Gonta was elected president of the Corning District Council, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at the annual meeting held last Thursday evening in St. Patrick's school hall.

Named to serve with the new president were Mrs. Frank Hagane, vice president; Mrs. Paul Lovette, secretary; and Mrs. Charles Parker, treasurer.

MRS. PHILIP GRANNAN as retiring president, gave a report on the 1956 activities, and Miss May Hart, chairman of the Foreign Relief reported that she had received many items of infant's clothing to be sent needy children in Europe.

Rev. James Slattery, moderator, addressed the group on family retreats slated for the near future. He thanked the women for their cooperation during the past year.

Mrs. Fred Gorman told of the progress being made in the mother's circles being formed for family and parent education.

The meeting closed with prayer by Father Slattery.

Refreshments were served the 60 attending from the four areas.

## Newark Airport Lists Sunday Mass

Newark, N. J. — (NC) — Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark has celebrated Mass at Newark Airport, inaugurating regular Sunday Mass there primarily for Catholic employees of the airport, but also for passengers in the terminal.

The succeeding Masses will be offered by priests of St. James parish in which the airport is located. The Mass is sponsored by the newly formed Our Lady of Loretto Guild, an organization of Catholic employees. The service is held in the airport restaurant.

## Miami Trip Listed By 2 Women Groups

Mothers Club of St. Theresa Church and the Holy Name of Mary Society of St. Stanislaus Church are joint sponsors of an 18-day trip to Miami, Florida from March 12 to 29.

Party will stay at the Sands Hotel, Miami Beach and will travel by Blue Bus.

Reservations include round trip transportation, all hotel and motel accommodations and personal insurance. Deposit must be made by Feb. 15.

Interested persons should contact Mrs. Szelag, Marie's Sweet Shop, 975 Hudson Ave. COngress 6-9543.

## Library Tea Lists Musical, Review

Court St. Rita of Elmira Catholic Daughters of America, and St. Christopher's Library will have a tea in the CDA rooms at the corner of State and East Church Streets, on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. Miss Margaret Riebel and Mrs. Catherine Ervin are co-chairmen.

A musical program will be presented and Father Bartholomew O'Brien will give a book review. The public is invited.

## Canadian Provinces Ban 'Baby Doll'

Montreal — (NC) — The controversial film, "Baby Doll," has been banned in three Canadian provinces, New Brunswick, Alberta and Prince Edward Island. Ontario has permitted the showing but has forbidden any person under 18 years of age to attend. The Quebec Film Censors has passed the film but with certain deletions.

In a Canadian TV discussion, Clyde Gilmour, a Toronto film critic, declared he did not think the film had been worth doing, not only on moral grounds but because he said it was "pretentious junk." He considered Tennessee Williams "the most over-rated top bracket dramatist" and said he was sick and tired of Southern white-trash dramas.

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