



St. Thomas Convent Work Started

TURNING THE EARTH marking beginning of construction of a new convent for St. Thomas Parish, Irondequoit is the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard K. Burns, pastor. Construction of the work is expected to be completed by late spring of next year. In photo, (Monday) are: Sister M. Leon, superior; Keith Drazil, Monsignor Burns, Reverend Mother Magdalen of the Sisters of Mercy, Rev. Robert Winterkorn and Donald Byrne.

Library Value In 'Book Week' Cited By DCCW

The case for the Catholic Library in this diocese is presented in the following statement by Mrs. Arthur F. Ennis for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women:

"During the week of Feb. 17 to 23, we celebrate National Catholic Book Week. This does not mean that we set aside only one week of the entire year for the reading of Catholic books. Rather, it means that we use this concentrated period to advertise publicly, and to renew personally our interest in Catholic publications.

"In these past years when we have been obliged to attend more and more to the negative aspect of reading its abuses (through the spread of objectionable material) rather than its uses, it is well to set aside one week in which we emphasize the positive approach.

"HERE IN THE Diocese of Rochester, at least, no one can say that he lacks opportunity that, for example, he cannot read Catholic books because of their cost.

"Aside from the fact that many of the most noteworthy have been printed in the inexpensive pocket editions, Catholic books are also available to all through the medium of the Catholic library. In almost every city in the diocese, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women maintains such a library. Here in Rochester, it is the Catholic Evidence Library located in Columbus Civic Center, 50 Chestnut Street.

"The slogan of Catholic Book Week is Christian Books. Heralds of Truth, but perhaps the slogan for the entire month. For GOODNESS sake, read your Catholic press, is even more appropriate for us.

"It is indeed for goodness sake that we ought to avail ourselves of the many fine books to be found in our Catholic library. To be sure, we may obtain the Catholic viewpoint on current topics from Catholic papers and magazines, but it is in books that we find the real meat of our religion.

"MANY OF OUR Catholic books have, in recent years, become best sellers. These you will undoubtedly see on the shelves of your public library. There are many others, however, of equal merit, which for some inexplicable reason never seem to reach the notice of the general public; books which a public library, catering to all groups of a community, cannot of necessity supply.

"Furthermore, a public library bases many of its selections on popular demand, and unfortunately, just as Catholics are slow to recognize their stake in the public school system, we adopt the same attitude of indifference toward the public library.

"Hence it is to our advantage that we already possess specifically Catholic information centers, officially sanctioned by our Bishop and conveniently housing in one centralized spot, a basic collection of Catholic books — old and new, devotional and dogmatic, instructive and recreational.

"The various Catholic libraries throughout the diocese and in particular the Catholic Evidence Library here in Rochester are these centers, these moral 'bloodbanks.'

"For goodness sake, let us refresh ourselves spiritually by patronizing them, not only during Catholic Book Week but throughout the entire year.

Foreign Students To Be Feted At Open House

Several Rochester groups will join with the Fremiin Mission Unit of Nazareth College in letting international students, now numbering approximately 380, who are attending colleges and institutions of higher learning in the Rochester area.

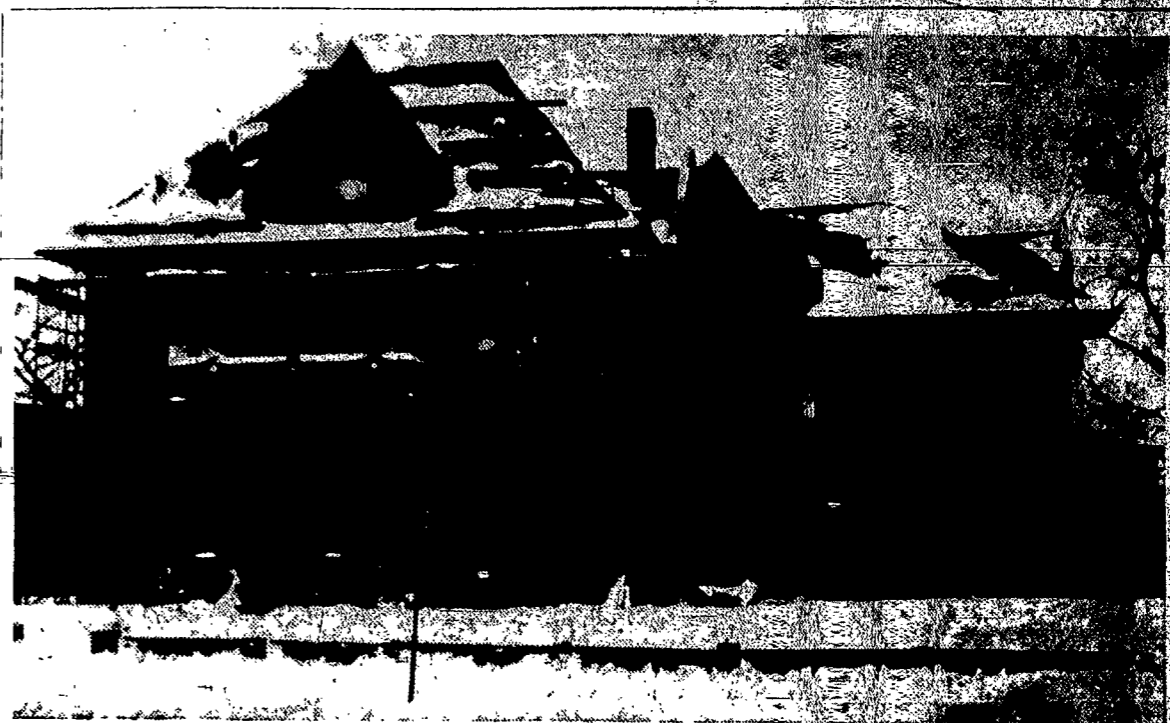
INVITATIONS WERE issued to an "open house" in their honor to be given at Nazareth College on Sunday, Feb. 24, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the college gym.

Sister Rose Angela, dean, will welcome the visitors and short talks will be given by Miss Srana Monaghan, president of the Fremiin Mission Unit, and Miss Mae Crowley, co-chairman of the Rochester International Friendship Committee.

A professional group of musicians will provide a short program and the guests will be welcome to tour the campus, with alumnae and upper classmen serving as guides. Refreshments will conclude the program.

Several representatives of participating groups will be on hand to chat with the visitors and to plan with them future undertakings aimed to acquaint them with our "American way of life."

Cooperating groups and their representatives include Catholic Women's Club, Mrs. John Foley; International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, Mrs. Howard Stauffer; Knights of Columbus, Frank Reidman; National Council of Catholic Women, Mrs. Theodore Strohmeier; Nazareth College Alumnae, Miss Joan Mans and Miss Helen Bauer; Nazareth College Fremiin Mission Unit, Miss Patricia Wurtz and Miss Margaret Gallvotti; Nazareth College Guild, Mrs. Pat Provenzano; Rochester International Friendship Committee, John Garry; St. John Fisher College Mission Committee, Vincent Leonard.



REPAIRS are underway on St. Boniface Convent which houses the School Sisters of Notre Dame teaching in St. Boniface School. The convent above is located at 314 Gregory St. (Tom Casey Photo)

Work Begins On St. Boniface Parish Buildings, \$125,000 Sought In Drive

Preliminary repair work on St. Boniface Parish buildings has begun according to the Rev. Walter J. Kohl, pastor and honorary chairman of the \$125,000 financial need campaign which opened last month.

Present plans include the installation of new roofs on the convent, school and rectory; decoration of the convent chapel and refurbishing the present convent bedrooms.

Plans also include the modernization of the school lighting and wiring new blackboards, refitting of the kitchen and school hall facilities, toilets; the installation of an inter-communication system, and the general refitting and redecoration of the school interior.

RENOVATION PLANS for the church will call for the complete refitting of the interior, carpeting and decoration of the altars, communion rail, and the re-opening of the church aisles.

The campaign will close on March 1 with general solicitation scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 24. Division leaders announced by Father Kohl are: Clement Bayer, Martin Bayer, Edward Caffery, Julius Conrad, Robert Curran.

James Delbert, Norbert Ehmann, Charles Fleming, William Hall, Francis P. Honadle, Robert C. Kaseman, Herman G. Koch, Gerald M. Luke, Richard Miller, Charles Scherer, Arthur Schulz, Edward Sloan, Frank Vogel, Frank Vogel, Paul White, Harvey Zelner.

Father Maxwell Howard Hanson Listed To Be Feted At Nazareth Lecture

Marion — St. Gregory Parish Mission will hold a farewell party Saturday, Feb. 16, for the Rev. John L. Maxwell, former pastor who was recently transferred to the pastorate of St. Vincent Church at Churchville.

The party is sponsored by the Altar Rosary and Holy Names societies of St. Gregory's under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Julian Van Tack and Lawrence Keays. There will be a supper in the Church hall beginning at 7 p.m. followed by a reception for Father Maxwell.

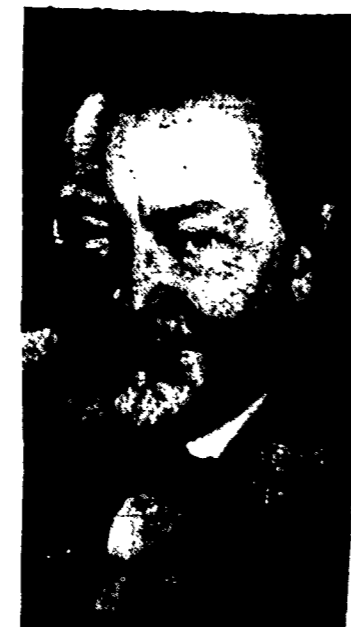
A praise will be presented on behalf of the parishioners by Martin Loutins and Raymond Gohery trustees. Also in attendance will be the Rev. Edward J. Lintz, former administrator for the Marion parish, and the Rev. James C. Lane, recently appointed administrator.

Dr. Howard Hanson, director of the Eastman School of Music, will be the next speaker in the Nazareth College lecture series, on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 2 p.m. Subject of his lecture will be Music as Communication. All are invited.

Well-known as composer and conductor, Dr. Hanson has fostered interest in orchestration through his TV appearances this winter on the "Painting with Sound" program.

He has been director of the Eastman School of Music since 1925, a post which he accepted after his return from four years of study at the American Academy in Rome on a Prix de Rome award for composition.

Of Swedish ancestry, Dr. Hanson was born in Wahoo, Neb. At 2, he was dean of the Conservatory of Music and Art in the College of California in San Diego, when he won the Prix de Rome award. He has written five symphonies, an opera, works for chorus, piano, and string ensembles. Best known of his compositions include the Nordic Symphony, Lament for Beowulf, Pan and the Priest, Romantic Symphony, and the opera Merry Mount, introduced at the Metropolitan Opera House on Feb. 19, 1931. Dr. Hanson has directed American orchestras in guest performances, including the New York Symphony, the New York Philharmonic, and the major symphony orchestras of Cleveland, San Francisco, Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, and St. Louis. His first appearance in Rochester was on March 20, 1933, when he came at the invitation of the late Walter Damrosch to



DR. HOWARD HANSON

conduct the New York Philharmonic in his Nordic Symphony. He also recorded for Victor an album of modern American music and his own Romantic Symphony.

Academy Nun Sails For Rome Final Profession

Mother Dorothy McMichael, a member of the teaching staff at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Prince Street, left Rochester last Saturday for New York City from where she sailed for Rome on the SS. Independence, Feb. 12.

She will be one of a group of some 15 religious going to join others at the Mother House of the Society of the Sacred Heart to prepare for final profession. During their stay in the Eternal City they will have the privilege of an audience with Pope Pius XII, and will make pilgrimages to the four major basilicas.

Academy Parents To Hear Fund Plans

Academy of the Sacred Heart Parents Association will meet in the school auditorium, 8-Prince Street, on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. George Schaft will preside at the business meeting. Mrs. Lewis Boyce will read the Association's new Constitution and fund raising plans will be presented to the membership by Mrs. Joseph Wilson, chairman of the Ways and Means committee.

Mrs. Lawrence Hayes and Mrs. Thomas Hanna are co-chairmen of the Tea to be served in the library following the meeting.

Students of the school will present scenes from a pageant "The Everlasting Love."

HOLY HOUR FOR YOUTH

Catholic Youth Adoration Hour will be conducted at St. Joseph Church, Franklin St., Rochester, Sunday, Feb. 17 from 7 to 8 p.m. Boys and girls of the Rochester Area are invited to the devotions.

Sermon will be preached by the Rev. Joseph P. Beattini, assistant pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, Rochester.

All youths of the city and vicinity are invited to hear Father Beattini and to participate in the Holy Hour according to the Rev. Edward E. Steinkirchner, associate diocesan director of Sodality.

DCCW Sets Talks On Lent, Easter

Short talks on the aims and liturgical family customs for Lent and Easter will feature the meeting of Monroe County Council of Catholic Women in Columbus Civic Center, at 8 p.m., Feb. 19.

The Rosary will be recited in the chapel, preceding the meeting.

The Family Life Committee under the leadership of Mrs. John Maracle, chairman will present Mrs. James Scott and Mrs. Chester Odorczyk assisting Mrs. Maracle in the talks.

Throughout the year members, together with their husbands, meet for discussions and the following will demonstrate how these meetings are conducted: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Servas, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mercier and Mrs. Maracle.

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Pius X School Alumni Day Set

Annual Alumni Day for men and women graduates of the Pius X School of Liturgical Music, Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, Purchase, N. Y. will be held on Feb. 22.

The Rev. Benedict A. Ehmann, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen is Alumni Association president.

Pius X School of Liturgical Music was founded in 1917 by Mother Georgia Stevens, R.S.C.J. It is under the direction of Mother Josephine D. Morgan, R.S.C.J.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester: Sunday, Feb. 17 — St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester.

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