

Book Review, Tea Mark Catholic Press Month For Steuben Deanery DCCW Unit

Steuben Catholic Press Month was observed Sunday by Steuben Deanery DCCW Unit. A Council of Catholic Women with a book fair took place in the Free Room at St. Ann's School.

Four reviews of books of varied interest comprised the afternoon's program. There were nearly 100 women present.

"The Miracle of Lourdes" written by Ruth Cranston was discussed by Maria Smith. She discussed the story written by a non-Catholic which deals with the miraculous recoveries from major illnesses without treatment.

"Thought examinations to determine the authenticity of the cures are made by an organization of 5,000 doctors. The Church then conducts an even more rigorous investigation. Its conclusion is reflected in the fact that in almost 100 years, only 33 cures have been declared 'miraculous' by the Church, although the Medical Bureau has pronounced 10,000 as inexplicable by scientific terms.

The author concludes: "The road to Lourdes is the road back home. Everyone must take it, for in the end there is no place else to go."

MARGARET DEGAN reviewed "A Doctor at Calvary" by Dr. Pierre Barbet, a French surgeon.

"The Passion of Our Lord is described in vivid detail by Dr. Barbet, who made a study of the sufferings of Christ as seen through the eyes of a medical expert.

"The author shows us that Christ wished to undergo these terribly agonizing pains through His great love for us. Election on the sufferings of Christ should prompt each of us to accept physical and mental pain in resignation and in gratitude for the agony He underwent for us."

ANN LESTER reviewed "White Fire" by the Rev. E. J. Edwards. The book tells of the work of the Sisters of Mercy in a leper colony in the tropics.

"The selfless devotion of the nuns and the manner in which the patients accept their afflictions makes an inspirational and an interesting story," she said.

"The 'Mass of Brother Michel' by Michael Kent was discussed by Mary Ann Griffin. This was the only work of fiction included in the reviews.

"This is the fascinating story of a young nobleman who entered a monastery in the middle ages.

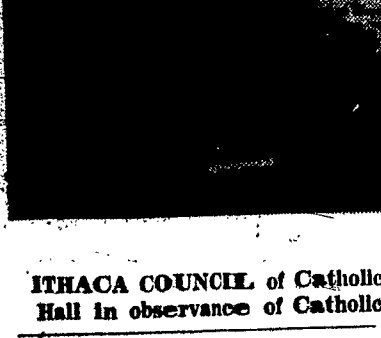
Through an accident, his hands were mutilated, so he could not be ordained a priest, since he would be unable to celebrate Mass.

Another Michel's love of the Mass, as Calvary re-enacted, prompted him to offer all his sufferings joyously to atone for the sins of mankind. In a miraculous manner, Brother Michel finally attained his great desire—celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass.

Mrs. Frank Hornbeck, president of the Steuben Deanery, introduced the girls. Tea arrangements were in charge of a large committee, headed by Mrs. Sidney Gibbs, library and literature chairman.

A display of new books included volumes recently purchased by the Catholic Reading Club, a lending library sponsored by the Steuben Deanery.

Tea was served at a table centered with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, surrounded by blue iris and yellow daffodils. Miss Virginia Hussong and Miss Josephine FitzGerald, past presidents of the Steuben Deanery, poured.



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Mrs. Walsh Rites Held In Corning

Corning — Funeral of Mrs. Liguori Walsh of 208 E. Second St. was held Wednesday morning, Feb. 13 with prayers at the A. W. Bellby and Son Funeral Home followed by Requiem High Mass at St. Patrick Church, Corning.

The Rev. William Cannan, pastor, offered the Mass and the Rev. Gerald Dunn, assistant pastor, conducted committal services in St. Mary's Cemetery. Bearers were Dewey Miles, Joseph McIntire, Leslie Howell, Thomas O'Rourke, Thomas Rother and Darrell O'Brian.

Mrs. Walsh, 70, died the previous Monday morning at Pinecrest Manor following a long illness.

Mrs. Walsh was born at Elmira, Sept. 19, 1886, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Moran Gill. Her husband, John M. Walsh died her several years ago.

She had spent most of her life in Corning where at one time she was employed by the New York State Electric and Gas Company. More recently she had done office work at various places of business.

Surviving are two brothers, John E. Gill of Stamford, Conn., and William A. Gill of Hornell; several nieces and nephews.

Displays In Hall, Bank Feature Catholic Books

Ithaca—The Ithaca Council of Catholic Women has made it possible for the people of Immaculate Conception Parish to observe Catholic Press Month and more specifically Catholic Book Week (February 17-23).

A display of paper-bound editions of popular Catholic books was set up in Parish Hall in order to bring to the people's attention the worthwhile Catholic literature available at reasonable prices. Many already have viewed the exhibit.

To make the exhibit possible, excellent cooperation was received from various publishers and a local bookstore, the Corner Bookstore. The books on display are Image, Lumen, Popular Library, Permapooks, and P. J. Kennedy—all paper-bound editions.

An exhibit of the Image Books and Vision Books (for youth 9-15 years of age) was also set up in the Ithaca Savings Bank window thereby presenting Catholic Press Month to the public.

Weddings In Corning

SPARTAN — Wetherbee Corning — St. Mary's Church last Saturday morning was the scene at 9 o'clock for the marriage of Miss Helen Evelyn Wetherbee of Lawrenceville, Pa., and Francis Robert Spartz of this city. The wedding ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. James Malley.

Mrs. Joseph Michalak, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and best man was Francis Spartz, nephew of the groom.

She attended Wellsboro Elementary Free Academy and is employed in the Westinghouse Electric "tube plant" at Bath. Mrs. Spartz is the daughter of M. Leslie Wetherbee of Lawrenceville.

The groom graduated from St. Mary's Parochial School and also attended Corning Free Academy. He served three years and seven months with the U.S. Army 45th Division, 190th Combat Engineers. He served 39 months in the European Theatre, and was awarded eight battle stars and the Silver Star. He is employed in the Presswork Plant at Corning Glass Works. He and his bride will reside in their newly purchased home at 39 Roosevelt St.

Mizoni — Schwartz Corning — In a wedding ceremony performed last Saturday morning, Miss Mary Madeline Schwartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwartz of W. W. Third St., and Richard Michael Mizoni, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mizoni of 88 W. First St., were united in marriage.

The double ring ceremony was performed at 10 o'clock in St. Brigid's Church by the Rev. Hugh Brady, assistant pastor, who also celebrated Nuptial Mass.

Traditional wedding Mass music was played at the organ by Mrs. Joseph Clancy.

Mrs. Cecilia Leonard of Corning was matron of honor for her sister, while the bridesmaids were Mrs. Mary Tommas of Long Island, Mrs. Barbara Costello, Mrs. Catherine Charapella and Miss Mary Caruso of Corning.

Nicholas Mizoni was best man for his brother. Ushering guests for the service were Louis Ferrarella, Angelo Costello and Michael Giordano.

Notre Dame High Notes

By ANN DE MEMBER and BOB LEVANDUSKI

Senior honor students of Notre Dame High School, Elmira for 1957 were announced by Sister Raphaela. They are as follows: Valdemiro, Robert Levanduski; Salvatore, Robert Levanduski; Margaret Guinane, Fredrick O'Herron, Maureen Fleming, Mary Susan Mangano, Sandra Seifried, Saverio Vittorino, Carol Ferguson, James Cullin, William Creighton, Helen Sullivan, Alice Cheney, James Sheehan, Terence McKeon, Kathleen Sullivan, Susan O'Brien, Ann DeMember, Mary Lou Loney, Teresa Desanto, Phyllis Gorsky, Walter Whitehair.

FRESHMAN CLASS of Notre Dame sponsored a dance Feb. 21. It was appropriately named

FUNERAL SERVICES Held For Mrs. Yarka Bath — Requiem High Mass was offered Saturday morning, Feb. 16, for Mrs. Antonette Yarka, 66, in St. Mary's Church here, with the Rev. Henry C. Manley, pastor, officiating. Friends were received at the Fagan Funeral Home where the Rosary was recited the previous evening.

Burial took place in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Bath.

Mrs. Yarka, wife of Stanley Yarka of Cameron RD 1, died at Lakeview Memorial Hospital here on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1957.

Born in Poland March 19, 1890, she and Mrs. Yarka farmed in the Cameron area for many years. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Clarence Williams, and Mrs. Mary Yarka of Cameron; seven sons, Walter, John, Edward and Chester of Cameron, Joseph of Addison and Alex. and Frank of

Elmira Area Deaths

Funeral services for six in the Elmira area reported this week were conducted as follows:

John J. Kough of 418 E. Market St., Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1957. He was a World War I veteran and communicant of St. Peter and Paul Church. Survived by sister, Mrs. Kathryn Sullivan of Waukegan, Ill.; nephews, the Rev. Paul E. Lynch of Cambridge, N. Y., John Lynch of Newark, N. J., Leo and Francis Sullivan of Waukegan; nieces, Mrs. Vincent Napoli of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Joseph Crowley of Elmira Heights, and Mrs. Frank O'Dea Funeral Home. Prayers service there Friday 8 a.m. Requiem High Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Holy Cross Cemetery, Bath.

Mrs. Anna Malone O'Brien of Buffalo, formerly of Elmira, widow of Peter J. O'Brien, Thursday, Feb. 14, 1957. Survived by son, Farrell O'Brien, daughter, Mrs. Franklin Heibel, both of Buffalo; brothers, Thomas A. and William J. Malone, sisters, Mrs. J. P. Hanrahan, all of Elmira; five grandchildren, Requiem Mass Saturday 10 a.m. at St. Girard's Church, Buffalo. Burial in Buffalo.

Mrs. Clare Conroy McCready of Englewood, N.J., formerly of Elmira, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1957. Survived by husband, Corwin McCready of Englewood; son, Lt. David McCready with the U.S. Army at Seaside, Calif.; sisters, Mrs. Michael Leahy and Mrs. John Hehr, both of Elmira; brothers, John J. Conroy of New York City, Ralph Conroy of Rutherford, N. J., and Martin Conroy of Hollywood, Calif., all former Elmira residents. Body was at Justin T. McCarthy Funeral Home. Prayer service there Monday at 8:30 a.m., Requiem Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

Walter Marchinock of 360 Davis St., Friday, Feb. 15, 1957. He was a communicant of St. Casimir's Church. Survived by wife, Mrs. Veronica Marchinock; daughter, Mrs. Richard Krovetz, and son, Ambrose Marchinock, both of Elmira; one grandchild, sister, Mrs. Stanley Jerzak of Rochester. Body was at Justin T. McCarthy Funeral Home, 403 Walnut St. Prayer service there Tuesday, Solemn High Requiem Mass at 9 in St. Casimir Church, St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

James Martin Van Gelder, 82 of 69 Manhattan St., Rochester, formerly of Elmira, Thursday, Feb.

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Rochester, and 17 grandchildren. "Freshmen Frolic." Entertainment was furnished by the "Melodians," a local group. The freshmen officers, Peter Heinzer, Rita Augustine, John Doehner, and Barbara Forgenski organized the dance.

SISTER CAMELLA held the first meeting of the "Comitelle" on Feb. 12. Officers were elected as follows: Rick O'Herron, Vice-President; Lois Dranski, Secretary; Gerry O'Connor, Treasurer. Purpose of the group is to do extra scientific work outside of the regular science courses.

FIVE N. D. students will vie for honors in the annual Optimist Club Oratorical. Francis Sliwa, Peter Heizer, John Mack, James Cunningham, and Julian Moss, are this year's participants from Notre Dame. Last year Julian Moss placed third in the district finals.

NOTRE DAME'S first "Mission Mardi Gras" on March 1 promises to be a big day. Mass will begin the day-long festival which will feature games, entertainment, and refreshments. The proceeds from which will go entirely to the Marist Missions in the South Pacific. Father Chaisson, a Marist Missionary, will speak in the afternoon.

Mayor of Florence Florence, Italy (INC) Mayor Giorgio La Pira of Florence has received a letter from Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland, expressing thanks for the cable received from the Mayor by the Cardinal when he was released from prison.

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Fire Inspection Set For Churches
Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Fire Chief Millard H. Sutton ordered a special fire inspection of all churches in the nation's capital.

The chief issued a directive to the officials, including the first marshal's office, to contact pastors of the city's churches and arrange for interviews and inspections.

The inspections will provide essential information on the construction of church buildings. Chief Sutton expressed the belief they also will turn up hazards that churches may wish to remedy.

While the District of Columbia has not had a major church fire in many years, the fire chief said a recent wave of such blazes throughout the world in 1955, many believed caused by arsonists, creates a need for special precautions here.

6,200 Priests Ordained In '55
Rome (INC) — According to official figures published here, 6,200 new priests were ordained throughout the world in 1955. During the same period, 9,300 priests died.

There are throughout the world about 400 major seminaries, which are attended by 21,000 students in philosophical studies and 22,000 in theological studies. Approximately 500 minor seminaries have an attendance of 30,000.