



TRAGIC HOUR — Rochester fireman in an effort to save St. Boniface Church, poured tons of water on the burning edifice. Photo shows front of church, facing Gregory Street, at height of fire. (Courier Staff Photo)

Fire Ravages St. Boniface, Stills Church Bells, Clock

The familiar bells in the 250-foot tower of St. Boniface Church in Gregory Street are not ringing this week.

The bells were stilled and the church's tower clock stopped at exactly 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon when roaring flames swept the historic, 70-year-old church. Fire broke out in the roof of the church at about 4:30 p.m. and fanned by brisk winds, soon turned the Gregory Street edifice into a raging inferno.

Responding to a "3-3" alarm, city fire fighters under direction of Fire Chief Walter Adams poured tons of water for almost three hours on the burning church before bringing the fire under control.

Damage to the church, which now stands a charred and water-soaked skeleton against the sky, is expected to reach hundreds of thousands of dollars. The fire is reported to have started from a fire pot used by welders repairing the church gutters.

FATHER WALTER J. KOHL, pastor of St. Boniface since 1947, and his parishioners could understand helplessly as they watched flames ravage the roof of their beloved parish church.

Cardinal Saw Fire From Airplane

Cardinal Spellman and Bishop Kearney were among those who watched fire destroy St. Boniface Church in the predinner hours of Wednesday evening.

The cardinal who arrived at the Monroe County Airport about 5 p.m. on Wednesday, saw the burning church when his plane came over the city.

As he stepped from his plane, the cardinal told Bishop Kearney who was waiting the New York prelate's arrival: "One of your churches is burning."

Both prelates, on leaving the airport, drove immediately to Gregory Street where they crossed fire and police lines to inspect the burning church.

Cardinal Spellman came to Rochester for Bishop Kearney's Silver Jubilee Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Thursday morning.

Clothing Drive Set For Poor

Catholic parishes of the Diocese of Rochester will serve again this year as collection centers for usable clothing for the needy abroad, according to an announcement made this week by Bishop Kearney.

He has named the Rev. Leo McManus of St. Bernard's Seminary as head of the diocesan-wide drive to be conducted during Thanksgiving week, November 24-30.

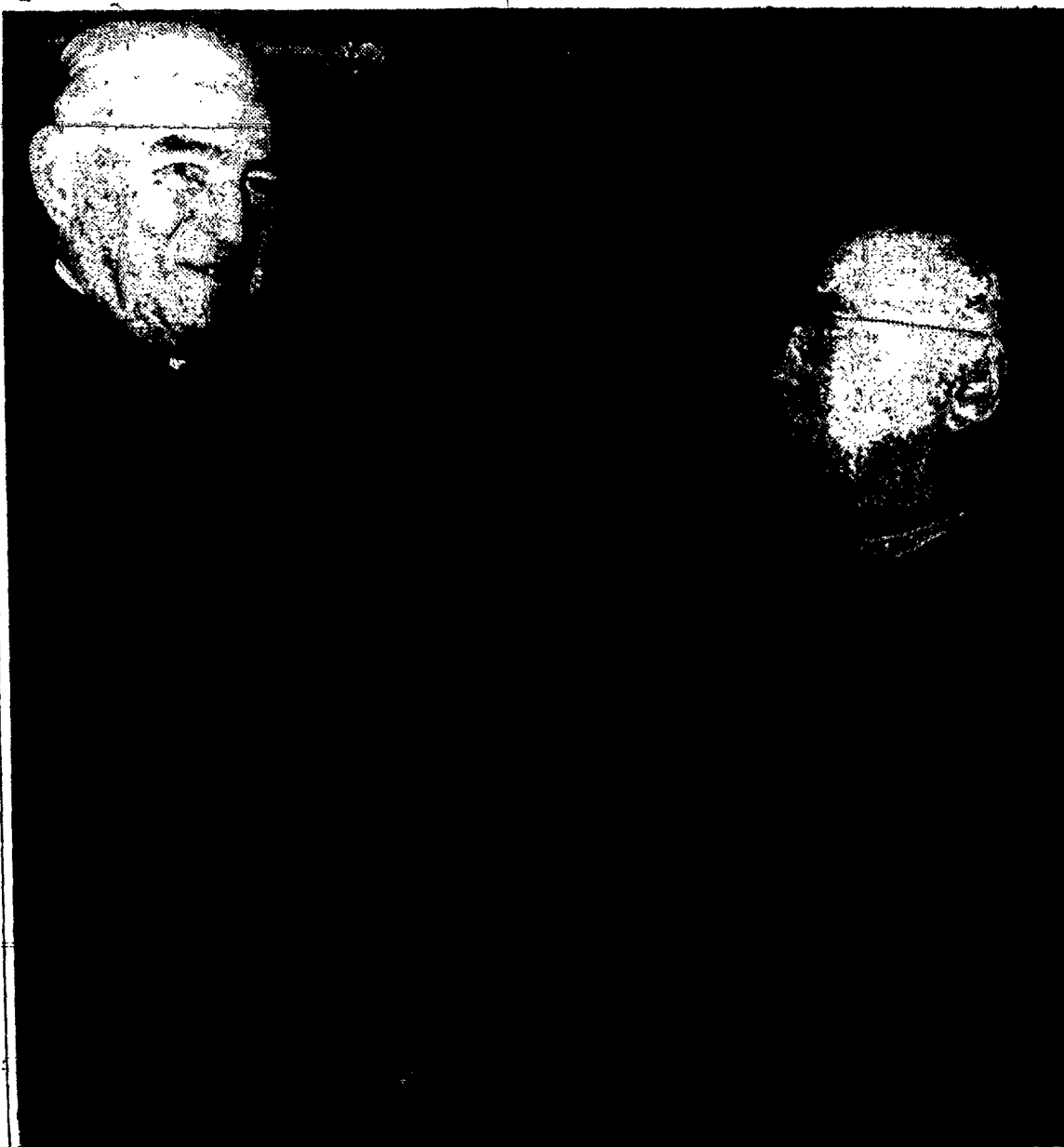
THE DIOCESAN campaign will run simultaneously with similar drives throughout the nation's other dioceses, Father McManus stated. The national collection, which is sponsored by the Catholic Bishops of the United States, last year amassed a record total of 1,619,315 pounds of clothing.

"For eight consecutive years," Father McManus said, "our people of the Rochester Diocese have generously contributed more and more items of clothing, bedding, and other needed supplies for the relief of the suffering thousands abroad."

"The total of these eight years, in our diocese alone, has reached the astounding amount of nearly 1,500,000 pounds," he said.

Distribution of clothing collected here and throughout the United States is supervised by Catholic Relief Services-NWC, a world-wide relief agency of the American Catholic Bishops.

Cardinal Spellman, Bishops Honor Jubilee Prelate



HAPPY JUBILEE — Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, extends best wishes to Bishop Kearney on his 25th Anniversary of Episcopal Consecration. The Cardinal flew to Rochester Wednesday afternoon and presided Thursday morning at Bishop Kearney's Jubilee Mass in the Sacred Heart Cathedral. (Courier Staff Photo)

Thirty-six members of the American Hierarchy, headed by Cardinal Spellman joined with Bishop Kearney yesterday morning (Thursday) in the Sacred Heart Cathedral where the Bishop of Rochester celebrated Pontifical Mass climaxed observances of his silver jubilee of episcopal consecration.

Three other archbishops, besides the Cardinal-Archbishop of New York who presided at the Mass, were among the most impressive group of church dignitaries ever seen in the newly decorated Flower City Park Cathedral.

These were the Most Rev. Archbishops John O'Hara of Philadelphia, Joseph P. Hurley of St. Augustine, Florida, and Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford, Connecticut.

PRESENT FOR the Jubilee Mass, along with the high-ranking prelates from all sections of the nation, were almost 500 clergy including monsignori and religious and diocesan clergy.

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Delegations of the religious Sisterhood, civic leaders and hundreds of the laity were among those who crowded the Cathedral to witness the Pontifical ceremonies.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence A. Casey, who delivered the sermon at the Jubilee Mass, told the overflowed congregation that during Bishop Kearney's twenty-five years as head of the Rochester Diocese "that pastoral and administrative the flock entrusted to him by the Vicar of Christ."

In a dramatic sidelight Bishop Casey recalled that forty years ago in New York City, Bishop Kearney, as an altar boy, often served Mass for a visiting prelate — Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, the first Bishop of Rochester.

Among Bishop Kearney's achievements, Bishop Casey singled out the founding of new parishes and the erection of new churches and schools. "Bishop Kearney has found the last two decades the busiest and most difficult, as well as the most fruitful of his life," his Auxiliary stated.

In establishing new churches, it was explained, Bishop Kearney sought to "set up new towers and beacons on the mountain" so that all might see the message of the Cross.

POINTING to the presence in the diocese of new colleges, high schools and scores of parish schools, Bishop Casey said: "Perhaps the greatest jewel in the crown of our beloved Bishop is his work for Catholic education."

Bishop Kearney's role as a spiritual and civic leader was also extolled. "Catholic and non-Catholic alike," said Bishop Casey, "have a genuine affection for him," and "his priests and people have found the Bishop a kind and understanding spiritual father at all times."

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Bishop Kearney spoke briefly, expressing his thanks to Cardinal Spellman and the many Bishops, clergy and laity who had joined with him in the celebration of his Jubilee Mass.

Bishop Kearney was consecrated a member of the episcopacy twenty-five years ago, on October 28, 1932. Following service for five years as Bishop of Salt Lake City in Utah, he was installed as fifth Bishop of Rochester on November 31, 1937.

THE MASS WHICH began at 10:30 was preceded by a colorful and impressive procession of the clergy into the Cathedral. High lighting the long line of ministers were the purple robes of the bishop and the various ranks of religious orders.

Heading the procession, which was led by the organists and acolytes, were the members of the...

Cardinal Mooney Visits Bishop

Cardinal Mooney came back to his "old home" for a brief visit in Rochester this week. He made a special trip from Detroit to attend jubilee greetings to Bishop Kearney.

His Eminence spent Monday afternoon with the Bishop of Rochester in company with Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey and diocesan officials.

IN AN INTERVIEW at his "old home," the Bishop's residence on East Ave. Rochester, the Cardinal was asked what he thought about the current "religious revival" in America.

"There is no doubt that more people are going to church but frankly, I don't think this revival is getting down to the problems families and cities have to face," he said.

He cited the lurid and obscene books available for sale to children. "If there were a true revival, we'd find ways to protect the children from such trash, but instead the courts every day are knocking out the laws which tried to control that type of publication," the Cardinal said.

He also stated he didn't think the spectacular scientific achievements of the Russians would affect the religious habits of Americans one way or another.

"I don't think a faith from fear of the Russians would be of much value," he stated.

CARDINAL MOONEY, twenty years Archbishop of the vast and racially complex See of Detroit, said, "We don't even know what segregation is in our schools and churches. All our Detroit Catholic institutions are fully integrated."

Bishop Kearney added his own comment, "Just like here."

The Detroit prelate sees the need for more schools as one of the church's chief challenges today. "There are parishes in our archdiocese with over a thousand pre-school children. What can pastors do? In ten years, we have built 15 new parish schools, have sites for 35 more, but we don't have the money to build all we need, or the teachers to staff them."

Cardinal Mooney said the...



CONGRATULATIONS — Cardinal Mooney of Detroit (left) flew to Rochester this week to personally congratulate Bishop Kearney on his Silver Jubilee in the episcopacy. Bishop Kearney, who succeeded Cardinal Mooney as Bishop of Rochester when the latter became first Archbishop of Detroit in 1937, is shown here welcoming his distinguished visitor. (Courier-Journal Photo)

card shortage of Catholic schools in the United States means "mothers will have to do even more" in teaching their children "the Ten Commandments, to pray, to go to church, and to live as Christians should live."

The Cardinal said he has noted the expansion of school facilities in the Rochester Diocese under Bishop Kearney's direction — "You really began to expand here when I left," he quipped.

He has kept an eye on the Rochester Diocese, he said, through the Courier Journal, and paid the diocesan paper the compliment of calling it "a magnificent job." He said he also marveled at the number of subscriptions. "Over fifty thousand, that's remarkable!"

INFLATION HAS its effects on religion, said the Cardinal. "All these mothers that have to go out to work," he said, "they should be home with their families. If husbands were given higher wages, then the wives could stay at home and teach their children how to be good Christians."

minority." As both "Catholics and Protestants get to know each other better" there is a "growing friendship and better neighborliness," he said.

His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Mooney made the Monday trip because he was unable to attend Bishop Kearney's Jubilee Mass Thursday at the Cathedral. The Cardinal was previously scheduled to preside at rites on that date dedicating the new cathedral in Cincinnati.

The Cardinal's visit Monday also included a look at newly decorated Sacred Heart Cathedral and a call at St. Mary's Hospital

to see Monsignor William M. Hart who served as vicar general to His Eminence, the post he still holds under Bishop Kearney.

Cardinal Mooney was fourth Bishop of Rochester heading the See from 1933 to 1937. He was then named by Pope Pius XII to be first Archbishop of Detroit, a city previous to that time the seat of a bishop. In 1946 Pope Pius raised the Detroit prelate to the Cardinalate. His Eminence last visited Rochester in 1953 for Auxiliary Bishop Casey's consecration ceremony.

New York Pastor Appointed Bishop

Washington (NC) — (AP) — John M. Farnas, pastor of St. Francis de Sales church, New York, has been named titular Bishop of Geras and Auxiliary Bishop to Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

The appointment, made by Pope Pius XII, was announced here by Archbishop Angelo Giovanni Gioacchini, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

The newly named Bishop was a professor at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoody, Yorkers, N. Y., from 1934 to 1944, and was rector of the seminary from 1944 until June, 1954.

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Catholic University Theologian

Concern Over 'Sputnik' Dog Seen 'Sentimental Nonsense'

Washington (NC) — A ranking Catholic theologian thinks it is "nonsense" to be sentimental over the fate of the dog in Sputnik II, whirling through space 1,000 miles above the earth.

Redemptorist Father Francis J. Connell said in an interview that the theological principle involved in conducting tests on living animals is that if these experiments can benefit human beings, they are "perfectly permissible."

THE DEAN of the School of Sacred Theology at the Catholic University of America here said that such tests are acceptable because "one human life is immeasurably more valuable than the lives of many animals."

Protests over placing the small dog in the second Red satellite amount to "sentimentally some stray, a deplorable inversion of values," Father Connell declared.

The theologian said he wished that those who protest so loudly over the dog would make their cries meaningful and protest the exile, torture and death of the hundreds of thousands of persons who have



FATHER CONNELL, dean of the School of Sacred Theology at the Catholic University of America, is seen here. He is a vocal critic of the 'Sputnik' dog controversy.

who would get in this manner."

"Man may use animals for his reasonable needs. This is the principle that God Himself enunciated when He said to the first human beings: 'Rule over the fishes of the sea and the fowls of the air and all living creatures that move upon the earth,'" Father Connell said, referring to Genesis 1:28.

In Moscow, Pravda, the Red newspaper, said that the dog's reactions to his flight are being transmitted back to earth by radio and that this data will help man prepare himself to make flights to outer space.

U.S. SCIENTISTS reported that a dog's reflexes are considered closest to human reactions.

The general manager of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said in New York that his organization would urge the State Department to lodge an official protest with the Russian Embassy.

In London, representatives of the National Canine Defense League called at the Russian Embassy to lodge a protest, and at the United Nations, N.Y., six dogs were paraded around the UN Plaza in protest.