

# Eastern Diocesan Events Reported

## Oratorical Contest Won By Mt. Carmel Student

Auburn — Karen Hyland, a junior at Mt. Carmel High School, will represent her school in the American Legion Oratorical Contest. She is the daughter of Mrs. John J. Hyland of 10 Cady Street and the late Mr. Hyland. Her topic was "Benjamin Franklin and the Constitution."

Swietlinski-Kopczek Post 1324 American Legion which will sponsor Karen, in the county finals provided a second prize of \$8 which went to Joseph Adams and a third of \$5 to Robert Guarino. Others who participated were Patricia Coleman, Bertin Karpinski, Anthony Salvatore, seniors; Mary Cuddy, a sophomore and Dominic Iata, a freshman.

## Minstrel Show Formula Used In Geneva Fete

Geneva — Santa Claus was "Mr. Interlocutor" at St. Stephen's Club holiday party in the school hall. A minstrel show that bore little resemblance to the standard formula was presented by a cast of eight.

William McDonald, a veteran of the Kiwanis Minstrel Show was Santa. His endmen included two of the North Pole elves, Kynken and Blynken, C. William Parker and John Hennessy; Rudy, the red-nosed reindeer, Dr. George H. R. White; Plentiful pearl, a real doll, Mrs. Alexander Ran-lier; Pete, the tramp, Charles Rogers; and Susie Snowflake, William Riley. Dr. James Walker was the non-conformist "mouse that was stirring."

THE MINSTRELS began in typical fashion with the parody, "Bring Back Those Christmas Days."

Solos included parodies on popular Christmas songs. Edward McCarthy was accompanist. Comic gifts were presented to several members. Dancing and carol singing completed the program.

Committee members were Dr. and Mrs. James Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. John Beers, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Eades, Mr. and Mrs. William McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore, Mr. and Mrs. C. William Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Toole and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Weyneth.

Next activity will be a "Gay Nineties" party in January. Mrs. Clifford Orr and John Hennessy will be co-chairmen.

Geneva — Boy Scouts of Troop No. 8 St. Stephen's School received awards and promotions Thursday at a Court of Honor.

Tenderfoot badges were awarded to John Ganaster, John Watson, Michael Walker, Donald Sullivan, Joseph Monaco, Michael Gragman, Anthony Gigliotti, Thomas FitzGerald, William Eades, John Doell, Thomas Desilets, John D'Agostino, Lawrence Clark, Gregory Breslin, William Parker, Robert Davie and John Hines.

Second class badges were awarded to Thomas Marks and Gregory Bowen.

Parents of the award winning scouts were guests of the troop at the ceremony. Cub Pack No. 8 put on the skits.

Cistercian Abbot Atlanta, Ga. — (NC) — Trappist Abbot Augustine Moore, head of Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Abbey in Conyers, Ga., was blessed here by Bishop Francis E. Hyland of Atlanta in the Cathedral of Christ the King.

Latin Students Party Auburn — Students of Mt. Carmel High School studying Latin 3 years with Sister Stella Regina, S.S.J., vice-principal, enjoyed an "Officium Stelae" just prior to the Christmas vacation. Those who took part in the program included:

Mary Katherine Mullen, Sharon Jablonski, Mary Sosniak, Anna Searing, Sharon Feeley, Rena Cavatolo, Julian Wright, Charles Warren and David Jackson.

Nations Represented Auburn — Girl Scouts of Troop 29, St. Alphonsus Church, entertained members of the Catholic Action League at their December meeting with a seasonal program prepared under the direction of the troop leaders, Mrs. Raymond J. Conley and Miss Anne Spahn.

The following girls dressed to represent various countries told of Christmas celebrations: Arden Carmody, Italy; Eileen Patti, Ireland; Mary de Montpeller, France; Kathleen Maloney, Germany; Sandra Egan, Japan; Elizabeth Wilson, Mexico; Sandra Cappella, Wales; Mary Litterer, Spain; Patricia Staub, Poland; Mary Margaret Snyder, Germany.

Cub Pack Feted Auburn — Cub Scout Pack 26 of St. Francis Church held its Christmas Pack meeting Dec. 22, in the Church Hall. Christmas carols were sung by the cubs and their parents. A Christmas skit was presented by the cub scouts.

Santa Claus distributed gifts to the cubs and their parents. Mrs. Francis Bushallo, Den Mother of Den 8 was awarded the "Tin Man Award" for attendance and achievements for the month of December.

Achievement awards were given to the following cubs: Wolf badges: Francis Nettl, Daniel Bushallow, John Spoto, John Szakalski, William Heilinski, Alfred Emmt, Richard Pisano, David Del Favero.

Lion badges: Leslie Stiles, Thomas Russo, Gold Arrow: Francis Del Favero.

St. Louis Honors Jesuit Film Expert

St. Louis — (NC) — A Jesuit was honored here with the St. Louis Award, highest honor of the city, for his efforts in the microfilming of the contents of the Vatican Library.

Father Lowrie J. Daly, S.J., assistant professor of history at St. Louis (Mo.) University, was the 26th recipient of the award since its establishment in 1932.

The Vatican library materials will be on exhibit here at the Pius XII Memorial Library. The microfilming of them was carried out under the sponsorship of the Knights of Columbus and St. Louis University.



## Devotion To St. Peter

Vatican City — (NC) — An elderly Italian laborer reverently kisses the right foot of the statue of St. Peter, in St. Peter's Basilica. Millions of pilgrims, from princes to peasants, by the same gesture of affection, repeated through eight centuries, have worn smooth the foot of the bronze statue. The statue is especially honored on the feasts of Saints Peter and Paul when it is veiled with a cape of gold brocade and crowned with a jeweled tiara.

## New Lay Women Foundation Begun By Religious Order

Sponsoring the new foundation in San Antonio, Texas for lay women desiring to devote themselves to Catholic Action for one year is the Congregation of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Word, with a convent in St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Rochester.

The Rochester convent was blessed by His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey on Oct. 2, 1952. The Motherhouse is located at Regina Coeli Acres, Williams-ville, N. Y. where applications from young women are being received for the new Apostolate.

IN SAN ANTONIO the Sisters and the Apostolate may be contacted at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 110 Shannon Lee Drive.

Known as the Daughters of St. Francis, members of the new foundation will live in a community life. They will wear ordinary street clothes. Activities will include catechetical work, home visitation, house-to-house census taking and teaching.

No candidate is required to stay more than one year. A simple vow of chastity is taken and promises of obedience and poverty made, all for one year. These may be renewed from year to year with permission of the Sister-directress.

## Elmira Area Deaths

Robert Harry Dooley, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Dooley of 417 Grove St., Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1952. Survived by parents; brother, John; sister, Betsy, both at home; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Betty Impson of Elmira; paternal grandfather, Daniel J. Dooley of Salem, Mass. Body at Holly-Keck Funeral Home. Burial at convenience of family. St. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

# Church-State Tie Ruled No Bar To Religion Freedom

Rome — (NC) — The Italian Constitutional Court has ruled that Catholicism's position as the state religion here does not interfere with the constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion.

THE DECISION, which stated that Catholicism's special position in no way interferes with "free exercise of worship and freedom of other religious confessions," was sought by a local magistrate in Mineo, Sicily.

In its ruling the court pointed out that the penal laws giving special protection to the Church are called for by the Lateran Treaty between Italy and the Holy See and do not interfere with the freedom of other religions.

It also noted that in the matter of the Church's special position the ancient tradition of the Italian people has to be taken into account.

The court declared: "The fact cannot be denied that the Catholic Church holds a position different from that of other religious organizations because of the ancient and uninterrupted tradition of the Italian people, almost all of whom belong to it."

THE MAGISTRATE argued that the provision of the penal code, under which the Church is treated differently from other religions, is unconstitutional.

He contended that there is a contradiction between the article of Italy's Constitution which establishes freedom for all religions and equality among them, and the article which recognizes Catholicism as the state religion.

He appealed to the court in the case involving Sebastiano Scacciano, who was charged with publicly insulting the Church and brought to trial. (Italian law punishes persons found guilty of insulting the Church in public with jail sentences of from one to three years.)

\$42,000 Pledged Niagara University's Alumni has subscribed over \$140,000 to date in the memorial phase of the University's Development Fund Program. These returns include only the Rochester (with \$42,000), Albany, Syracuse and Utica chapters.

Attending the services from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Milan, with whom Miss Kelliher resided; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kelliher Sr., brother and sister-in-law of the deceased, and Paul Kelliher Jr.

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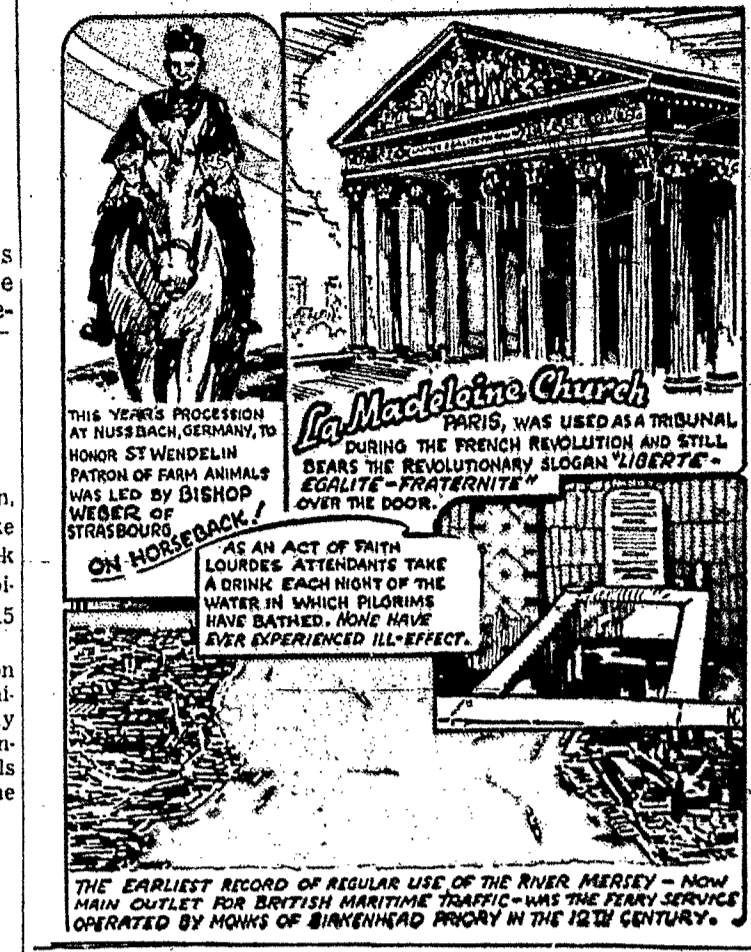
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Also in the Sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George W. Eckl and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Duffy and the Reverend Fathers Leo V. Smith, James R. Barnett, S.J., Francis V. Courneen, S.J., Eugene A. Gisel, S.J., Joseph G. Haltz, S.J., Martin J. Smith, S.J., Bernard V. Kuchman, Thomas J. Kuchman and Elmer J. Schmidt.

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