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Nocturnal Society Announces Report

Nocturnal Adoration Society of the Elmira area, at the last report meeting it was announced that 2,516 Holy Hours were made by the men of the 10 parishes represented in the Society. The complete report includes Our Lady of Lourdes, 125; Saint Anthony, 197; Saint Casimir, 261; Saint Cecilia, 611; Saint Charles, 18; Saint Mary (Horseheads), 39; Saint John, 29; Saint Mary (Elmira), 185; Saint Patrick, 275; Saint Peter and Paul, 520, and high school boys, 256.

Special congratulations were given to Rev. Thomas Manley, pastor of Saint Cecilia's Parish, and Joseph Corbo, the parish captain, for their excellent cooperation in inspiring the men of their parish with the spirit of the society.

At the meeting held in Saint Peter and Paul's Parish Hall, the captains and leaders elected officers for the coming year. They include James D. Barrett, president; Dr. Walter C. Ervin Jr., first vice president; Adolph A. Cirulli, second vice president; Archie Bacon, third vice president; William J. O'Bryan, secretary and J. Arthur Kieffer, treasurer.

THE PASTORS of the churches of the Elmira area have selected captains and leaders to represent their parishes during the coming year. Named were James Casey and Lawrence Hastings, Our Lady of Lourdes; Joseph DiNunzio and Adolph Cirulli, St. Anthony; John Rohde and Anthony Sliwa, St. Casimir; Joseph Corbo and William O'Brien, St. Cecilia; Frank Kerbein and Theodore Doran, St. Charles; Charles Hawkins and Frank Schwarze, St. John; William Danaher and Joseph Danaher, St. Mary (Horseheads); Howard Duffy and John Maslinski, Sts. Peter and Paul; Francis Steed and Cornelius Sullivan, St. Mary (Elmira); John Murray and Robert Vetter, St. Patrick, and Gerald Meeker and Louis Brown, Notre Dame High School.

Dr. Walter C. Ervin, acting president, announced that the annual Nocturnal Corporate Communion will be held on April 13th at 8 a.m. in Saint Cecilia's Church. The Communion Breakfast will follow in the Mark Twain Hotel.

Reception of new members into the Nocturnal Adoration Society will take place also on April 13 at 5 p.m. in Saint Peter and Paul's Church.

At the meeting, special tribute was paid to the acting stenographer for the society, Florence R. Hughes, in return for the excellent assistance she has given the society during the past year.

Mission Crusade Gives Financial Statement

Montour Falls—At the January meeting of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade unit at St. John's Atonement Seminary, the financial report for the past five years was presented to the members. Richard Rouillard the unit treasurer announced that 20,742 pounds of used clothing, literature and religious articles were sent to the missions both in this country and abroad.

It was also announced that $1,181.38 was spent by the unit for postage and freight charges to carry these packages to their destination. Aside from this expenditure in postage and freight charges, donations amounting to $570.00 were sent to various missionaries.

THE MISSION Club at St. John's is a branch unit of the National organization, Catholic Students' Mission Crusade. The members of the unit are all seminarians who aspire to become Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, a Religious community which does missionary work in Japan.

In commenting on the financial report the unit president, Thomas Gallagher informed the members that a great deal of the success of the unit is due to the support received from readers of the Catholic Courier-Journal who have responded to our past appeals.

If you have any used clothing, religious articles or Catholic literature for which you have no further use, please send it to: C.S.M.C., St. John's Seminary, Montour Falls, N. Y.

Elmira Open House Lists Poetry, Music

In connection with the observance of Catholic Press Month, the Catholic Daughters of America and the St. Christopher Library will hold a combined open house at the rooms, corner of State and Church Sts. on Sunday, from 3 to 5 p.m.

A program will be presented by Constance Walsh of Westfield, N. J. and Claire Reidy of Elmira, juniors at Elmira College, who will entertain with a selection of poetry, illustrating the major poetic forms and trends, past and present.

Included will be selections from Shakespeare, Browning, Yeats, Robinson and Millay. Mrs. Daniel F. Kennedy, accompanied by Mrs. Joseph P. O'Neill, will sing. A social hour will follow.

Margaret Riebel and Mrs. Marvin Johnson are chairmen of the affair. They will be aided by Grace Miller, Mary Kathryn Margraff, Catherine Connelly, and the Mesdames Robert Morrell, Joseph Caparulo, Paul Reidy, rin, John D'Orio, J

Robert Chely, Patrick Mulherrin, John D'Orio, Joseph Kosmicki, Charles Emery, Paul Affeldt, Francis O'Connor, Edward Widman and Edmund B. Maloney.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Sunday, Feb. 16—St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester.

Knights Map Elmira Convention

STATE CONVENTION of the Knights of Columbus, scheduled in Elmira, May 23-24 is being planned by these convention leaders: (from left) John D. Fountain, state secretary; Edward Clauss, district deputy here; Emmett Burke, state deputy; Fred F. Harrison, state treasurer and Joseph Rempe, grand knight of Elmira host council.

Over $500,000 Pledged To Nuns

Construction of a building for the Sisters of Mercy teachers' college, sheduled in early spring, received a half-million dollar boost this week from committes soliciting funds to aid the project.

Pledges totaling $503,127 were reported Tuesday by groups in Monroe County and six other diocesan communities, with many prospect cards still unreported.

The proposed three-story building, to be a west wing of the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Rd., will house Catherine McAuley Junior College, which prepares young Sisters for teaching in diocesan schools.

With 100 Sisters now enrolled, the college is conducted in the motherhouse basement. State education authorities have given the Sisters until 1959 to provide better quarters in order to obtain a permanent college charter.

Solicitation of pledges began several weeks ago among friends of the Sisters, to lessen the amount of money they would have to borrow to undertake construction of the new building, which will cost an estimated $1,250,000.

HAROLD J. COLEMAN and Mrs. Walter B. Hickey, campaign cochairmen, hailed the result as "a tremendous tribute of appreciation to the Sisters, who have labored so zealously in the Rochester Diocese for 100 years."

Mother Mary Magdalene, mother general of the Sisters' community, expressed appreciation to the committees of more than 800 men and women, and told them they have greatly aided the cause of religious vocations and Catholic education. She pointed out that the proposed structure is needed not only to better prepare Sister-teachers, but also to provide more space in the motherhouse for new postulants and for retired Sisters.

CONDUCTED IN diocesan areas where the Sisters of Mercy teach, the campaign pledge total of $503,127 was reported as follows:

Monroe County, $366,572; Elmira, $46,286; Newark, $28,000; Auburn, $22,000; Corning, $18,500; Hornell, $14,236; Clyde, $7,533. In most cases the result is not yet considered complete, particularly in Monroe County, where among cards still out are several in local industries.

Heading Monroe County committees were: advisory, Jeremiah G. Hickey Sr. and Frederick J. Odenbach; special gifts, Frederick M. Tobin Sr. and Henry J. Kearse; friends, Emmett V. Norton; parents, Joseph A. Carey; Mercy Guild, Mrs. Walter Scholand; alumnae, Miss Marjorie Howland.

Other committee chairmen included: Elmira — Theodore LeBrecque, Bert Seifried; Hornell — Miss Josephine FitzGerald, Mrs. Herman Hoffman; Corning — Edward J. D'Arcangelo, Charles Houston, Francis O'Bryan; Auburn — Joseph P. Cuddy; Newark — Richard F. Finewood; Clyde — Edward J. Coyer.

ELMIRA'S PLEDGES, it was pointed out, will go directly toward reduction of indebtedness on Notre Dame High School, conducted there by the Sisters of Mercy. Final report meeting for the Elmira committee is set for Feb. 17.

Besides classrooms, dormitories, work rooms, offices and a library, the proposed Catherine McAuley Junior College building will contain a reading and guidance laboratory available to pupils of all faiths and to industry. The laboratory now is conducted by the Sisters in Our Lady of Mercy High School, which is the east wing of the motherhouse building.

Fr. O'Brien Listed To Speak At Glen

Watkins Glen — Rosary Altar Society of St. Mary of the Lake Church will meet Feb. 18 in Watkins Glen Public Library, second floor, Municipal Building at 8 p.m.

Catholic Press Month and Catholic Book Week will be the meeting theme. Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien of St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira will speak. All women of the parish are urged to attend.

You can't buck the future — you've got to become a part of it.

Cardinal To Head Convention Guests

Leaders planning the 63rd annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus in Elmira, May 23-24 expect His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman to head distinguished visitors to the convention, they announced this week.

The Cardinal - Archbishop of New York is state chaplain of the knights and is expected to participate in part of the convention proceedings.

Expected also are at least three, and possibly all of the seven Bishops of dioceses in the state. Already having accepted invitations are: Bishop James E. Kearney, of Rochester, a former state chaplain; Bishop James Navagh of Ogdensburg who is state K. of C. youth chaplain and Bishop William A. Scully of Albany.

Also invited are Bishop Walter D. Kellenberg of Rockville Center; Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart, of Brooklyn; Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse and Bishop Joseph A. Burke of Buffalo.

PRE - CONVENTION arrangements were made in Elmira last Saturday at a meeting at the Mark Twain Hotel of state officers and local Knights of Columbus officers and convention committee members.

Heading the list of state officers was Emmett Burke of Yonkers, state deputy. With him were John D. Fountain of Port Washington, state secretary; Fred F. Harrison of the Bronx, state treasurer; Francis X. McCormack of Brooklyn, state warden, and Francis J. Kosman of Staten Island, state advocate.

Meeting with the state officers were members of the Elmira committee, including Grand Knight Joseph Rempe and Edward A. Clauss, district deputy and convention chairman.

Student Nurses Slate Annual Pancake Supper

Aroma of sizzling batter and melting butter will permeate the Dunn Memorial Cafeteria Feb. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. when student nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital sponsor the fourth annual pancake supper.

All proceeds will be used by the Sodality to send a group to the Sodality Summer School for Collegians and Nurses in New York City next Fall.

Honorary chairman of the supper is Patricia Marsh, Junior class, Sodality vice-prefect. Cochairmen are Joyce Puchosic, junior of Elmira and Judy Rookey, Nazareth sophomore of Oswego.

Other committee chairmen are Mary McCarthy, Barbara Skorezewski, Mary Lee Wanagitis, Joan Burak, Myra Hubish, Rosemary Hubbard, Sue Hyland, Mary Congdon, Mary Dell Muench and Kathleen Sullivan.

Nurses Offer Pancakes

FOURTH ANNUAL Pancake Supper to raise summer school funds is planned by St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira, Student nurses headed by above: seated, (from left) Patricia Marsh, junior from Rochester, honorary chairman; Judy Rookey, co-chairman, Nazareth sophomore; standing, Barbara Skorozewski, junior, Blossburg, Pa., food committee; Teresa Fabrizio, senior, Elmira, tickets and Joan Burak, publicity.

Parish, Seminary Share In Bequests

Ithaca Woman Remembers Many Catholic Institutions

Ithaca — St. Bernard's Seminary and Immaculate Conception Church of Ithaca were two of the chief beneficiaries in the estate of the late Bridget Cecelia O'Brien, whose will was probated Feb. 4 in the Surrogate's Court of Tompkins County.

A life-long resident of Ithaca, Miss O'Brien died Jan. 6, 1958. She operated a student's rooming house with her late sister, Mary O'Brien, for Cornell students for many years.

St. Bernard's Seminary received a bequest of $10,000 according to the will.

Immaculate Conception Church received bequests totalling $29,000 They were: $7,000 for Masses to be said in the memory of her family and herself; $10,000 to the parish building fund in honor of her family; $10,000, to be applied to the church debt; $1,000 to the church's Altar and Rosary Society, and $1,000 to the church's Court Santa Maria No. 240, Catholic Daughters of America.

Other diocesan institutions which also were mentioned in the will were $3,000 to St. Anne's Home, Rochester and $3,000 to Monsignor Donald Cleary, for use in the Catholic Chapel at Cornell. Catholic Institutions outside the Rochester Diocese also benefited. They included St. Joseph's Union of Staten Island, N. Y., $5,000; Maryknoll Fathers of Maryknoll, N. Y., $3,000; St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart, Baltimore, Md., $3,000; the Catholic Church Extension Society of Chicago, Ill., $3,000; and Servants of Incurable Cancer, New York City, $10,000.

Total contributions to Catholic Institutions were $59,000. There were also individual bequests in the will.

MONSIGNOR WILLIAM Byrne, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, told the COURIER-JOURNAL, that Miss O'Brien, who was about 84 at the time of her death, was "highly respected in the community and a longtime, faithful member of Immaculate Conception parish."

The Tompkins County Trust Company is executor for the estate and James J. Clynes Jr. of the law firm of Tremen and Clynes is attorney for the estate.

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Holy Name Men Annual Banquet Set For Feb. 18

Annual banquet for all men and sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Parish, Elmira, will be held in the Notre Dame High School cafeteria on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

The Rev. John A. Murphy, chaplain at Craig Colony, Sonyea and a former assistant at St. Patrick's parish will be guest speaker.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., pastor will be the honored guest. Rev. Robert J. Donovan, society moderator will preside.

John Sullivan is chairman of arrangements and will be aided by James E. Casey, Ross G. Lewis, Robert Vetter and Joseph B. Sheehe. Members of St. Patrick's Sodality will serve the dinner.

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