

Hiroshima Priest Addresses Catholic Family Service At Anniversary Dinner Party

"Where were you on Aug. 6, 1945, when Hiroshima was bombed? Is a question which every American old-enough to listen to radio twelve years ago can answer."

Almost 400 friends of Catholic Family Service heard the Rev. Hubert A. Schiffer, S.J., describe his experiences on that memorable morning. The occasion was the 28th anniversary dinner of the agency, held at the Mark Twain Hotel, on March 2nd.

Bishop Kearney, who was to have been the honor guest and was to share the speaking program with Father Schiffer, was unable to attend.

Richard P. Serra, president of the Community Chest, was introduced by the toastmaster, Dr. James A. Mark, general chairman of the dinner for the third consecutive year. Serra referred to the Catholic Family Service as one of the oldest Community Chest agencies. He called the "very satisfactory" partnership between the organizations and congratulated the service on their progress.

MARY E. FITZGERALD, executive director of the service, briefly reviewed the multiple areas of social work in which the agency is pledged. She said, "Today, we have more than twice as many husbands and wives than we did last year coming to us because 'marriage' problems are threatening their homes and their families. We are convinced that we are reaching these confused men and women in the earlier stages of their marital battles."

"Much of the credit for this enormous prerogative is due to the local Children's Court and to our own Judge Donahoe. Also, of course, we acknowledge the referrals from the County and Recorder's Courts, the Police and Probation Departments, the Clergy, physicians, attorneys and many others, including some of those whom we have helped," she added.

Father Schiffer had just finished his breakfast on that Au-



LEADING ROLES in the 28th Anniversary Dinner of Catholic Family Center, Elmira, March 2 at Mark Twain Hotel were taken by above: (from left) Monignor William J. Brien, V.F., Rev. Hubert F. Schiffer, S.J., principal speaker and Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, Catholic Family Service director.

gust morning, and his story was an unusual version of a commonly discussed event.

"Suddenly there was a great light, a burning, blinding one as though the world had been removed from around me—then a great noise and a bursting concussion. The room seemed to explode around me. I fell myself lifted in the air by an invisible force, whirled back and forth, from one wall to the other, like a leaf in the Autumn wind. Then I was lying amid the debris of the room blinded and deafened."

"I wondered, 'I was deaf, the deafness was vast—I spoke a few words and the sounds came to me clearly. I could see the desolation around me, the utter destruction of the room, my blood. There was blood on my arms, my body, my legs—blood, seeping slowly from my forehead."

"Then I heard the pastor's voice 'You don't look very nice, Father. Get out of here, go any place. Probably it's best down there by the river. We'll stay here and help. You'd be one more to take care of. Just go away. Now."

"And Father... one of us is probably going to Heaven today. Which ever gets there first, let's make an agreement that he'll go to our Blessed Mother and tell her that we'll build this chapel for her again." Father Schiffer tried to answer but the words came slowly—"I think I have a chance of life. If I can draw to the river and get some water. You may be able to give your message to Our Blessed Mother before I do."

Following his story of the next few days and nights that dragged to close after an eternity of hours, Father Schiffer described the "Garden of Light" which he

found after a long period of convalescence.

Staffed by Japanese nuns, headed by Mother Elizabeth, a convert, this home for A-Bomb orphans, became a reality. The house did not have windows, running water or food. "We did not need water," Father Schiffer said "as there was nothing to put in one. He did not have a kitchen. It was a hard time, but of happy one."

The speaker was introduced by Dr. Arthur D. Smith, director of the agency clinic. Others at the speakers table included Monignor William J. Brien, M.F., Francis J. Lane and Arthur E. Balligan.

Also the Revs. Hubert A. Bisky, Leo G. Schwab, Leonard P. Kufawski and Joseph F. Hogan and Honorables Edward A. Moores, Donald Monroe, Daniel J. Donahue and William S. Bennett.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1958

Discussion Club Set By Corning KC Council

Corning—A series of Lenten discussion periods are planned for members of Corning Council, Knights of Columbus, according to announcement by Grand Knight Leonard Dziadkowiec.

A business meeting was held last night at the KC Home where Eugene Gilson, chairman of the council oratorical contest for high school seniors, made his initial report. Following the meeting, the Rev. Ralph Thomas, SA, was slated to be speaker and discussion leader on the general topic, "The Bible."

DR. GEORGE J. BARR, a member of the board of education of the Corning City School District will be the speaker during a discussion session to follow the business meeting March 13. "The School Bond Issue" will be the discussion topic.

Dziadkowiec announced that the Council will hold a St. Patrick's Day banquet March 17 in the K. of C. Home, Ernest Peltz Bath, district attorney, will be the guest speaker, and Mayor George E. Kinnan of Corning, master of ceremonies. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Corning Girl Named To Honor

Corning—Miss Helen Clancy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clancy of 213 Pine St., was recently named Co-Ed Colonel 1958 at Ganong College Military Ball.

The ball is an annual affair sponsored by the Ganong College Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Erie, Pa. Miss Clancy is a senior at Mercyhurst College, also at Erie, majoring in elementary education.

During intermission at the ball, the Co-Ed Colonel was escorted down an aisle formed by members of the Pershing Rifle Drill Team of the ROTC. At the bandstand, Miss Clancy received her official title and gold eagles were pinned on her shoulders by Lt. Colonel W. E. Willis.

Cenacle Convent Retreat Master

Retreat master for a retreat at Our Lady of the Cenacle Convent, 639 Erie Ave. from March 7 to 9 will be the Rev. Alexis McCarthy, O. Carm., of Chicago, the Sisters announced today.

Mass History Series Draws 100 To Ithaca Parish Hall

Ithaca—More than 100 persons attended the first talk of a series on "The History of the Mass" by Rev. Otto J. Vogt of the Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, March 2, at the Parish Hall.

Father Vogt said it was a natural desire of all people to pay homage to a superior being, and he illustrated this by examples from the Old Testament. He said the supreme sacrifice was made when Christ offered His life to God by death on the cross for the salvation of all mankind.

FATHER VOGT then said that the Mass is the same sacrifice as that of the cross; it differs only in the manner in which it is offered. He cited the writings of St. Justin as evidence of the Mass in the Second Century.

The next talk is scheduled for 8:15 p.m. Sunday, March 16, in the Parish Hall. The subject will be: "The Ceremonies of the Mass and How To Best Follow Them." The remainder of the series will be as follows: March 23, a showing of colored slides of the Mass; March 30, "The Mass And You," and Holy Week Ceremonies will be explained.

Nurses Hear Judge, Plan Institute

Daniel J. Donahoe, Chemung County Children's Court Judge was guest speaker at a recent meeting of Area 11 of the New York State Student Nurses' Association in the auditorium of the Dunn Memorial Nurses' Residence, Elmira.

Judge Donahoe discussed the relationship of the nursing profession to problems met in family court. About 150 nursing students from Arnot Ogden Memorial Hospital, Alfred University and St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing attended.

Sonia Portner, Arnot Ogden Hospital School of Nursing, vice president of the student organization, presided at the meeting. Plans were discussed for a one-day institute to be held at St. Joseph's Hospital on April 21. This institute, sponsored by the student organization, will be for senior nursing students.

A panel, including representatives from the various fields of nursing will discuss the career open to the young graduate nurse. The principal speaker of the institute will be Esther M. Thompson, director of the Division of Nursing, University of Rochester. Miss Thompson is president of the New York State Nurses' Association.

Presbyterians Hear Father Brennan

Corning—The Rev. Thomas Brennan, pastor of St. Mary's Church, speaking on "Our Early Tradition in Roman Catholicism" was guest speaker at an open discussion program and dinner meeting of the 76ers Club of the First Presbyterian Church.

The program, open to the public, is one of a series of meetings planned by the club in their study and understanding of various religions.

Father Brennan explained the meaning and origin of Catholicism. During a question and answer period, he attempted to dispel misconceptions concerning the rites and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. He explained Confessions, Purgatory, Excommunication, the last Rites and other practices of the Faith.

140 Attend Cubs Blue, Gold Banquet

Corning—About 140 persons attended the annual Blue and Gold Banquet of Club Pack 63 held in St. Vincent School hall.

John Falme, chairman of the pack committee, presented achievement badges and service awards to several Club Scouts.

He commended the various den mothers and their committees for outstanding work they have done during the year.

Edward Dailey, Council commissioner, presented a speech on the "Value of Cub Scouting to the Boy." Nicholas Tammaro, neighborhood chairman spoke.

Catherine Connelly will review the new book, "Cardinal Merry Del Val" by Cecilia Buehrle.

First Friday Masses Listed

First Friday (today) evening Masses are scheduled in these Elmira area churches:

- St. Patrick's 5:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony's 5:30 p.m.
- Our Lady of Lourdes 5:30 p.m.
- St. John the Baptist 5:15 p.m.
- St. Charles Borromeo 5:15 p.m.

Ithaca Knights List Dance

Ithaca—Grand Knight James Otis of Ithaca Council 277 Knights of Columbus announced that the annual St. Patrick's dinner dance party will be held at the council home on March 17.

Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. with a guest speaker to be announced, followed by a dance from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Group singing will be led by Lee Barnett and Paul Lepkowski of Westfield, N.Y., will entertain with the guitar. Mrs. Fay will furnish the dance music.

Otis is chairman of the general committee assisted by Royald Hogan, John E. Barrett and William Seitz. Mrs. Dennis Joyce and her auxiliary committee will be in charge of reservations and act as hostesses for the evening.

Probation Speaker Slated By Society

Ithaca—Frank Kuttack, a member of Ithaca and Tompkins County Probation Department, will be the speaker for the meeting of the Rosary and Altar Society, on Monday evening, March 10. Kuttack, a graduate of Ithaca College, Ithaca, will speak on "Probation And The Teenager."

The meeting will be in Parish Hall following services in church at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Charlotte De Witt, President, and Father Otto J. Vogt, Moderator, will conduct the business meeting. All women of the parish are invited to this special meeting of the year.

Library Group Resumes Meetings

St. Christopher Library will resume the monthly cultural meetings on Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. in the library rooms at State and Church Streets, Elmira.

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Mission Listed At St. Anthony's

Annual three weeks mission will open in St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, Sunday evening. Rev. William A. Burns, pastor, said the first week will be for the women and high school girls of the parish followed by a week for the men. The final week will be in Italian.

The Mission will be conducted by Rev. James McNeil, O.M.I. and Rev. Thomas Morrin, O.M.I. of Boston, Mass.

Services will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m. and daily Masses will be celebrated each morning at 6:45, 7:30, 8 and 8:30 a.m.

Forty Hours

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

Sunday, March 9 - Assumption, Fairport; St. Michael, Lyons; St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport.

St. Cecilia's Men's Club Sponsors Rummage Sale

Men's Club of St. Cecilia's Parish will sponsor a rummage sale to be held in the church hall on March 10 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

John Walsh, chairman named John Bellinger, Joseph Corbo, Peter Chalk, Anthony Cuvotti, Vincent Dooly, Jerry Haynes, John Hampton, William Hoesey, Leonard Murray, William O'Brien and James Palmer as his aides.

Mrs. William Finn, president of the Rosary Altar Society will be assisted by the Mesdames Daniel F. Collins, Henry P. Farrell, Francis Johnson, Eugene Morrill, Joan Swenko, Patrick Nelson, Charles McCarthy, Joseph Capurro and Anthony Shepherd.

Discussion Club Meets In Corning

Corning—Catholic Discussion Club met Sunday evening in the Catholic Daughters of America rooms on East Market St.

The Rev. James Malley, assistant pastor of St. Mary Church, led the discussion on a Chapter Nine of the book "God, Man and God-Man" entitled "How Did God Make Us?" The discussion and summary were of Detroit and Mrs. Elmer J. evolution.

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