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Joe, a nickel clutched in his hand, stood in front of the candy counter—but couldn't make up his mind what to get. The proprietor finally lost his temper and exclaimed: "What do you want for five cents—the whole world with a fence around it?"  
There was a moment of silence and then Joey piped up: "Let's see it."

## Rosary Society Installs New Officers At Meeting

**Coming**—The installation of new officers marked the final spring meeting of the St. Mary's Rosary Society last week with sessions to be resumed in September.

Mrs. Keith-Merrick was installed as president by Mrs. Edmund Gay, retiring president. The Rev. James A. Malley, moderator, opened the meeting with prayer.

Others taking office were Mrs. Allan Bassage, vice president; Mrs. Anna Miller, secretary; and Mrs. Wiloughby Babcock, named publicity chairman.

Father Malley thanked the outgoing officers for their work and cooperation during the past year and welcomed the new officers.

A family picnic is being planned by the Rosary Society for June 15 at Denison Park. The newly elected officers are in charge.

Mrs. Ralph Rossi and her committee were named in charge of refreshments for the September meeting. Miss Patricia Hyland was named to take charge of the pamphlet rack in the vestibule of the church.

A surprise birthday party was held after the meeting for the moderator, Father Malley. Mrs. Joseph Michels and her zone members were in charge of refreshments.

**MORE THAN 125** members attended the third annual Communion breakfast of the society in the Baron Steuben Hotel last Sunday morning after receiving Communion in a body at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Church.

Guest speaker was the Rev. Robert White, S.J., student counselor at McQuaid Jesuit High School, Rochester. Group singing of hymns was led by Miss Nancy Dowling, accompanied by Miss Mary Baldino.

Miss Ruth Bussush and Miss Georgelette Walter were in charge of preparing the Shrine of the Virgin Mary.

Cochairmen were Mrs. Wiloughby Babcock and Mrs. Edwin Hill.

The officers and executive committee have selected committee chairmen also: House, Sam Privitera; Speakers, Dan Morgan; Reception, Rosemary Lippa; Mary Jane Amoroso; St. Joe Mamma; Dance, Janet Hill; Outreach, Joe Roy; Social Work, Helen King; Rules, Fritz Blehl; Membership, Pat Doble; Publicity, Tom McCarthy.

The club has planned a weekend trip to Allegany State Park from May 30 to June 1. Call Dave Maier for reservations HO 7-7389.

St. Thomas More Club has planned a Square Dance on Monday, May 25 at 8:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's School Hall, 901 Portland Avenue.



**LEADERS** of St. Thomas More Club named at St. Andrew's Hall here: (From left) Ed Gartland, advisor; Rosemary Connaughton, secretary; Ted Morack, president; David Maier, vice president and Mary Bauer, treasurer.

## Officers Named, Chairmen Picked By Youth Club

St. Thomas More Club has enlisted its 200th member and elected its officers for the coming year at St. Andrew's Hall.

The new president is Ted Morack. Other officers are Dave Maier, vice president; Rosemary Connaughton, secretary; Mary Bauer, treasurer; Hank Strack and Ed Gartland, advisors.

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## J. Edgar Hoover Named For Award

New York (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, was named here as one of five winners of Christopher Awards for books published during the six-month period ending March 31.

He was honored for his "Masters of Deceit," described by its publisher as "a first hand account of American Communism from its beginning to the present." Mr. Hoover has credited Roman Catholic Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston as the inspiration for his book.

The Rev. James Keller, M.M., founder of the Christophers, died the winners of using their "God-given talents in a constructive manner." All received a bronze plaque engraved with the Christopher motto: "Better Light One Candle Than to Curse the Darkness."

## Catholic Aid To U.S. Urged In Oratoricals

State Commerce Commissioner Edward T. Dickinson, today (Friday), urged that "The Catholic Contribution to New York State" be the subject for the New York State Knights of Columbus Oratorical Contest in 1959. He pointed out that the topic is in keeping with the Year of History to be celebrated by the Empire State next year.

In a letter to Emmett Burke, State Deputy, New York State Council, Knights of Columbus, at the 63rd annual meeting of the Council here, Commissioner Dickinson offered to donate gold medals to be awarded to each of the eight sectional winners in the 1959 Oratorical Contest.

The statewide winner chosen from among these sectional winners will receive a full-tuition four-year university scholarship.

**IN HIS LETTER** to Burke, Commissioner Dickinson emphasized that during the Year of History New York State will recall its rich heritage. "It will also give us an opportunity to re-examine the basic principles that made this State and Nation great."

"The contribution of New York State to the Nation's history has been neglected," he said. "Most history was written by New Englanders who, not surprisingly, played up New England and played down New York. More important to the purpose of this communication the Catholic contribution to the history of New York has too often been overlooked."

In recalling Catholics of importance to the history of New York, Commissioner Dickinson mentioned first the Italian-born Giovanni da Verazzano discoverer of New York harbor in 1524, 96 years before the Pilgrims sighted land at Plymouth. He recalled the French Catholics, Samuel de Champlain, who discovered the lake that bears his name in 1609, Father Isaac Jogues, first white man to see Lake George, and Fathers Simon Le Moyne, Claude Dablon and Pierre Chaumont, apostles to the Onondaga country.

"It was a Catholic, Thomas Dongan, governor of the province of New York under King James II, who convinced the first representatives assembly ever to meet within the borders of present-day New York," Commissioner Dickinson said. "It was this assembly for the first time in American history the right of the people to govern themselves was asserted. Dongan's Charter of Liberties was the inspiration for the Declaration of Independence and the Federal Constitution. Yet it was written in 1683."

Commissioner Dickinson listed the vital contributions of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, the great Polish friend of American independence, and of Commodore McDonough, hero of the Battle of Plattsburgh in the War of 1812. He mentioned Dominick Lynco, founder of Rome, New York; the Devereux brothers, who established Utica, and John Hughes, first archbishop of New York, friend of labor, and founder of Fordham University.

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## Communist Activities In Africa Cited

Rome (AP)—Communist activities in French West Africa are definitely on the increase according to Fides, mission news service published here by the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

After working for 15 years to lay the groundwork for effective political groups, communist organizers are currently attempting to set up political parties advocating independence and African unity, Fides reported.

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