

New Chairman For Speakers Bureau

Appointment of Mrs. Bernard Lancer as chairman to succeed Mrs. Arthur P. Farren who resigned was announced at a meeting of the speakers bureau sponsored by the Monroe County Council of Catholic Women, by Mrs. Lawrence P. Weis, president.

As a result of recruiting of new speakers it is hoped that the list will be augmented by nine members. At the dessert-planning meeting, new topics were chosen so that each speaker will be preparing an additional talk. It is expected that new brochure will be available in the early fall.

The bureau, composed of 20 trained laywomen, gave a total of 63 talks during the past season. Thirteen local parishes availed themselves of the services of the bureau. Fourteen talks were given before Mothers' Circles, six for interparochial organizations.

Rev. E. Leo McManus, moderator of the bureau, urged the members to mail their new talks to him by Aug. 15 for approval.

SPEAKERS WENT to parishes in Canandigua, Shortsville, Webster, Genesee, Henrietta, Wayland, Rush, Auburn, Palmyra, Churchville and Naples.

Requests for speakers may be directed to Mrs. Bernard Lancer, 819 Washington Ave., Charlotte 2-1088-M. Mrs. R. J. Gledhill, 495 Cooper Rd., COngress 6-6282 is assisting Mrs. Lancer in handling the business of the bureau.

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New Professor At Niagara Seminary

Niagara University, N. Y. — A Vincentian priest who holds a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the University of Fribourg and a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Istituto Pontificio Biblico, Rome, Italy, has been assigned to the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels at Niagara University.

He is Rev. Norbert F. Gels, C.M., who will serve as professor of sacred scripture, Hebrew and Greek in the local seminary, replacing the Rev. John P. Murray, C.M., who has been assigned to Rome for further study by Very Rev. Sylvester A. Taggart, C.M.V., provincial of the eastern province of the Vincentian Fathers.

Father Gels, a native of New York City, attended St. John's University, Brooklyn, St. Joseph's College, Princeton, N.J., and the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., where he received a master of arts degree with a major in semitic languages.

Requiem Mass Said For Mrs. Ketchum

Corning — Funeral of Mrs. Hene Catherine Ketchum of 38 W. Sixth St. was held Friday, July 11, 1958 with prayers at the Phillips Funeral Home followed by Requiem Mass celebrated in St. Mary's Church by the Rev. James Malley, assistant pastor. Father Malley also officiated at the committal in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mrs. Ketchum died July 8 at Pinecrest Manor following an extended illness.

Mrs. Ketchum was born in Corning April 20, 1894.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Helen Gerhart of the Powder House Road, Mrs. Betty Thomas of Corning, Mrs. Mary Havlik of Newfield, Mrs. Dorothy Scheidwiler of Greenville, O.; three sisters, Mrs. Frances Morse of Yonkers, Mrs. Margaret Skelly Heiser of New York City and Mrs. Betty Kempf of Cleveland, O.; 12 grandchildren.

Mrs. Lyons Funeral Held In Addison

Addison — High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Rev. Francis H. Turner, pastor, in St. Catherine's Church last Saturday for Mrs. Minnie Lyons of North Addison. She died on July 9, 1958 at the home of a daughter in Painted Post.

Burial took place in St. Catherine's Cemetery with Father Turner in charge of the committal.

Mrs. Lyons, 68, was born in the Town of Erwin.

Mrs. Lyons is survived by one son, Thomas W. of North Addison; three daughters, Mrs. Francis Kane of Painted Post RD 1, Mrs. Edward Griffin Jr. of Painted Post and Mrs. Francis Frawley of Addison RD 1; two brothers, John Kingston, San Gabriel, Calif. and Samuel Kingston of Los Angeles, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Sweeney of Elmira, 22 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.



New Camp Building Blessed

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of Camp Columbus, Owasco Lake marked by an Anniversary Mass marking the founding by Monsignor Frederick G. Straub, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, included blessing of a new building. Participating are: (from left) Rev. Gerald T. Connor, master of ceremonies; Rev. Robert Kreckel, deacon; Rev. Raymond J. Wahl, celebrant and Rev. Frederick Straub, nephew of Monsignor Straub, subdeacon. (A. G. Tarby photo).

Crusaders Mission Report

Aquinas Students Raise \$22,800

A grand total of \$22,818.14 and contributions toward erection of mission chapels in Ghana, West Africa and in South India were reported by the Aquinas Institute Catholic Students Mission Crusade through its moderator the Rev. John Wilson, C.S.B., today.

The Aquinas students through homeroom collections, and Aquinas Mission Bouts accumulated \$4,284.88 in excess of last year's report. Homeroom 314 with \$1,791.35 topped the juniors and seniors and homeroom 119 with \$1,381.92 was high among freshmen and sophomores.

Box office, elimination bouts and patrons of the Mission Bouts resulted in \$3,051.30.

THE CHAPEL in Ghana for which Aquinas is raising \$10,000 over a five-year period will be erected at the University of Achimota.

Appeal for Aquinas contribution to the chapel most of which expense will be born by the government, came from the Rev. John R. Koster, S.V.D. Father Koster wrote that the chapel will be dedicated to St. Thomas Aquinas "as an expression of our deep gratitude for the outstanding assistance which your group is giving us."

The Crusaders also received an acknowledgment of \$300 sent to the Rev. Justin Diravim, rector of St. Augustine Seminary, Trichinopoly, South India to build a church there in honor of St. Thomas of Aquinas.

Father Diravim who visited Catholic schools in the Rochester diocese and was a guest of the Rev. Francis Feeney, pastor of St. James Church, several years ago, reported that building of the church in his mission was accomplished only after many setbacks.

"Thanks to the generosity of your Crusade," the native Indian priest wrote, "We have now a monumental church—a pride to our poor Catholics."

His next project, Father Diravim said, was a school, "a nursery of vocations to the priesthood," for which he will need \$1,000.

In making the report of the Aquinas Mission unit, Father Wilson noted that since 1937-1938, Aquinas students have raised a total of \$235,289.14 for the missions.

Latin America Notes Progress In Vocations

Washington—(NC)—Despite a rapid increase in population, there are indications that progress is being made in Latin America toward solving the problem of the scarcity of priests.

Statistics compiled here by Father William J. Gibbons of Loyola College, Baltimore, Md., and Noticias Catolicas, the Spanish language edition of N.C.W.C. News Service, indicate that although each priest in Latin America still is entrusted with the spiritual care of about 5,000 people, the situation is gradually improving in some parts of the continent.

In Central America and Mexico the proportion of faithful for every priest dropped from a high of 9,028 in 1950 to 5,077 five years later.

During the same time in the Caribbean islands the number of faithful cared for by one priest decreased from 9,464 to an average of 6,139.

Figures also indicate that countries with higher educational and living standards reflect a better religious situation.

In Chile, for example, where 80 per cent of the population can read and write, each priest takes care of the spiritual needs of about 3,000 people. But in Guatemala, where 70 per cent of the people are illiterate, the proportion rises to 11,539 faithful for each pastor.

Red Leaders Chided, Not Enough Atheism

Moscow — (RNS) — Communist Party and youth organization leaders in the Leningrad region have been chided for not paying sufficient attention to atheistic propaganda. They were warned that "the last remnants of the distant capitalist past — religion — are still alive and widespread."

THE REBUKE came from the news paper, Leningradskaya Pravda, which said "It should not be believed that this capitalist survival is dead or harmless."

"Marxism-Leninism," the paper said, "teaches that religious beliefs will not disappear of their own accord. Careful and stubborn work is needed fully to liberate the consciousness of the believers from the narcotics of religion."

The paper called for training more lecturers in atheism and the promotion of regular and religious meetings and discussions.

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