

Writing Contest

The Russell L. Cecil award for science writing in the rheumatic diseases will for the first time, in 1959 carry an honorarium of \$500. It was announced by the arthritis and rheumatism committee of the Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County, local sponsors of the annual competition.

The award, named in honor of Dr. Russell L. Cecil, pioneer rheumatologist and consulting medical director of the Foundation, will be presented to the author of the outstanding writing effort on arthritis during the coming year, for newspapers, magazines or the broadcasting media.

Entries, which may be submitted by the author, editor, publisher or station representative, will be judged by a special committee to be announced at a later date. Entries must have been broadcast or published between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 1959. Rules governing the competition and application blanks are available from the arthritis and rheumatism committee, Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County, 973 East Ave.

Dinner Meeting A dinner meeting for members of the Rochester Monroe County Chapter, American Red Cross city units is scheduled for the Red Cross chapter house canteen, on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. according to Mrs. Kenneth Power, newly appointed chairman of city units.

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Panelists Discuss Hospital Organization

PARTICIPATING in a panel discussion on hospital organization at St. Joseph's, Elmira are (from left) Sister Anne Maurie, Rosé De Socio, Sister Liguori, Dr. Fred W. Barton, Sister Margaret Adelaide and Sister Joan Francis. Panel was sponsored by Women's Auxiliary.

Cana Conference Rite Fifty Thousand Renew Vows

Chicago—(RNS)—Mass renewal of marriage vows were held here for some of the 50,000 Roman Catholic couples who have attended Cana Conferences in the Chicago archdiocese over the past 14 years.

THE CEREMONY followed a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Albert G. Meyer of Chicago in honor of the Cana conferences which were started here.

The program set the pace for a movement which has spread to 72 other dioceses in the United States and to Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, India, Malta, South America and the Philippines.

Reviewing progress over the years, Msgr. John J. Egan, diocesan director of the Conferences since 1946, said: "I think the biggest problem was convincing people Cana conferences were not for those having trouble in marriage, but for ordinary, happily-married couples striving to learn more about their vocation in marriage and how they can bring greater happiness and holiness into their lives."

There also was the job of convincing the clergy this was a worthwhile venture for their parishes, then setting up an organization so the work could be carried on primarily by the lay people themselves. Problems of married life have kept changing over the years and conference leaders have kept up a continuous training program so that they could deal with newly arising issues, Msgr. Egan said.

Knights of Columbus representatives attending were William L. Piedmont of New Haven, Conn., national Squires chairman, and Albert W. Ryan of Shortsville, N. Y., State youth committee vice-chairman.

ELMIRA COUNCIL 229 members who helped with arrangements were Rev. Raymond G. Helsel, Squire chaplain; Council grand knight Matthias F. Pennell; John J. Crowley, Jr., chief Squire counselor; counselors Bart J. Maloney, James F. Larkin and Thomas T. Ryan, and John G. O'Leary, Glendon L. Mallette, and James L. Tunney.

The Columbian Squires is open to Catholic boys from 13 to 18 years of age. New York State alone has over 100 circles.

The purpose of the organization is to provide active participation in a program of stimulating activities under the guidance of exemplary Catholic men. It is an supplement to the teachings of the Catholic Church, home and school.

In Elmira, the program was adopted, under the sponsorship of Council 229, as part of its increased youth activity plans. The circle will meet once a month at Columbus Center, under the guidance of the counselors.

St. Monica's Civics Club Gets Charter The "Better American Civics Club" of St. Monica's School recently received its charter from the Commission on American Citizenship, Washington, D. C.

The charter recognizes affiliation of the local unit with the national organization which has its headquarters at Catholic University. Pupils of Sister Aurelia in the eighth grade comprise the membership.

Christian Brother Authors Booklet The 12 page booklet outlines the development and growth of the several religious teaching orders and their members now teaching in Catholic colleges and high schools in the United States and at missionary centers throughout the world.

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AOH Auxiliary Sets Prayer Day

Auburn — The ladies auxiliary of Cayuga County Division No. 1, A.O.H. planned for a pre-Lenten party and a day of recollection at the January dinner meeting. Rev. James C. Lane, pastor of St. Aloysius and chaplain, was guest of honor. Loyola A. Donahue, president, conducted the business meeting.

Mrs. Clarence Maywalt accompanied the group in singing and was auctioneer at a white elephant sale following.

The day of recollection has been scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 15, with Mass at St. Aloysius Church, brunch in the Grand and a final conference and Benediction in the church.

League Reports Record Savings

The seven savings and loan associations of Monroe County, all members of the county League of Savings and Loan Associations, held a record amount of savings as of Dec. 31, 1958. The amount was \$205,724,000. This figure compares with \$182,466,000 a year ago.

Net gain for last year was \$23,258,000, compared with a gain of \$22,321,000 a year ago. Mortgage loans of these institutions continued the long upward trend to the record level of \$184,489,000. Mortgages have gained \$26,667,000 since Dec. 31, 1957.

Boy Scouts Slate Explorer Ball

The annual Explorer Ball of the Boy Scouts of America, Otsego County Council, Monroe County will be held Jan. 31, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Cutler Union, Bill Pfeig's orchestra will provide the music.

Tickets are \$2.50 per couple and may be obtained by contacting the Scout office.

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