Looking Back

New Apostolic Delegate; Fourth Degree Memories

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR.

Formal welcome to Most Rev. Egillo Vagnozzi, new Apostolic delegate to the United States will take place today in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City. Among those present will be Auxillary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey representing the Dio-

Down through the years we recall only two Apostolic Delegates to this Diocese while on duty in the United States. While our memory of it is dim, the consecration of Bishop Thomas F. Hickey as titular Bishop of Berenice with right of succession on May 24, 1905 brought to this Diocese for the ceremony, Most Rev. Diomede Falconio, then Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

THE WRITER WAS a special allar boy at the time, all dressed up in white cassock and purple ash the altar boys knelt at the altar rail—how can we remember—we saw it in a

Our next recollection is in August 1934 when we saw and heard Most Roy. Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostelic Delegate to the United States at the opening of the Summer School of Liturgical Music at Sacred Heart Academy, We covered Archbishop Cicognani, now Cardinal, for this newspaper.

The diocess again heard from Archbishop Cicognani in October 1935 when he spoke on a mation-wide hookup to the National Catechetical Congress in Rochester. The Apostolic Delegate urged a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in all parishes of the United States.

Archbishop Cicognani was the guest of Bishop Kearney during the national Central Verein convention in Rochester in August 1955.

THE PATRIOTIC OR Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus conferred on 90° some candidates in Mt. Carmel High School, Sunday brought a flashback to other years and activities f this section of the Knights of Columbus.

When our connection with the Fourth Dogree bogan in when our connection with the relative bases and 1920, the master or head of this division of the organization was headed by William T. Conner, a member of the old clothing firm of Steefel, Strauss and Conner. He presided over the area's 4th Degree activities for some 14 years.

His marshal was the late William T. Gragen, a soldierly and strict disciplinarian of the old school. We recall that the degree was after the first World War, some candidates were allowed to take the degree in uniform. He lined us up and ordered us to count off. Just out of the army when it came to number 5, a candidate from army training said "one" and down came the wrath of Bill Gragen.

THE LATE MR. CONNOR served with distinction and was highly regarded. (He was the father of our advertising director; Harold H. Conner and of Mother Francesca and Sister M. Di-

retreat house was honored by the Fourth Degree at a dinner, corresponds to the prefab home Because of his success in gaining voluntary aid, Father Murphy now within the cost range of a edness the membership cann was presented with a silver chisel.

Other masters have included John Barrell, Frederick J. society. Mix and Cyril J. Statt. Sunday's degree was under the direction

THE DEGREE IS most dignified and Bishop Kearney has Conference here, he said that efforts to improve methods of often participated. Men of standing in their communities are admitted and as we remember these members have been a

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The agency referred to a re-refused the sacraments since port that three persons des 1951. He has written virulent cribed as Catholics are included articles against Catholics for in the list of 1,222 deputies who "progressive" reviews. will take part in the forthcom-Tong Shao-sheng is a lay-

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makes no exception of persons from the political point of Boys Town

Fides gave this rundown on the so-called Catholic deputies: Parls — (RNS) — Prominent

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Low Cost Churches Seen Salazar Honored Need Of New Parishes

Chicago - (RNS) - Dr. John W. Harms, executive Among many activities of the Fourth Degree was cooperation with the diocesan retreat house at Geneva A sidelight on vice-president of the Church Federation of Greater Chibition with the diocesan retreat house at Geneva A sidelight on cago, stressed the need for a church building that this was that Father Murphy, Redemplorist, who opened the

> great segment of American afford to carry." He urged architects, manu-Addressing the national facturers of building materials, Addressing the national financing experts and church Church Design and Building extension officials to pool their

somehow we must find ways church construction and financand means to design church fa- ing. cilitles which can serve the people during the beginning months Center For and first few years of the congregation's existence."

Blind Adults DR. HARMS described the circumstances surrounding the building plans of many concre-habilitation center for blind gations, as a "vicious circle." adults is planned, here by the

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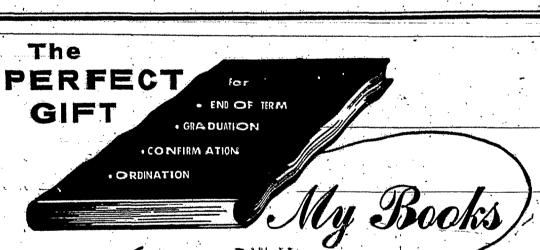
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