



Education Week Observed

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK was observed by the students of Our Lady of Lourdes school, Elmira, this week with an assembly on the "Way of Catholic Education." Shown in the photo examining the bulletin board exhibit prepared by the Sisters are, seated from left: Lynn Kopeckowski and Ellen MacNamara. Standing from left are, Pat Patterson and John Sullivan.

Mothers Discuss Obscenity Battle Urged To Write Lawmakers

Hornell — Ways of combating the wave of indecent literature being sent through the mails were discussed at last week's meeting of the Mothers' Club of St. Ann's School.

In cooperation with the public relations chairman of the Steuben Diocese, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, the women were urged to write to their congressmen as individuals requesting action "to stop the flood of obscene books, pictures and magazines which are being foisted upon innocent young victims."

It also was suggested to write Postmaster General Arthur Sumnerfield in Washington, commending him for his action in trying to stamp out illicit literature.

PARENTS SHOULD write Rep. Howard Robinson and Senators Jacob M. Javits and Kenneth B. Keating at their Washington offices asking that "teeth be put into some legislation to prevent further corruption of today's young people."

Final plans were made at the meeting for the annual bazaar to be held in conjunction with the open house 2-5 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Pine Room.

Mrs. Humbert Solo gave a report on the National Council of

Catholic Women Convention, held in Rochester.

The next meeting will include a pot luck supper and Christmas party Dec. 2 with Mrs. Raymond Moretti as chairman.

ENTERTAINMENT for the evening included the presentation of a series of original Indian dances by members of Boy Scout Troop 67 under the direction of Scoutmaster Robert Ingalls.

Those participating were Robert Andrew, William Hedden, Thomas Curry, Arthur Pwercit, John Donalizio, David Markel, Steven Jones, Robert Punoake, Timothy Easley and Donald Kerr.

The committee for the meetings included Mrs. William Buckley, Mrs. Herbert Berry, Mrs. Donald Curran, Mrs. Harry Joyce, Mrs. James Brodick and Mrs. Leonard Ciglio.

FOUNDED IN Rome in 1910, the society has spread throughout the world. There are 300 centers in the U.S. with over 55,000 members.

Waverly — Thirty-three couples attended a Cana conference held recently at St. James Church. Moderator for the conference was the Rev. Otto Vogel, assistant pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, and Denery Moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Martin Barrett, Mrs. Frances Weaver and Mrs. John Mahoney.

On the Telephone Committee were the Mesdames Dancan MacDonald, Armand Sosinski, Raymond Ayers, Frank Grayke, Robert Stas and William O'Brien.

ONE OF THE couples attending enthusiastically said he had given up two days of his vacation to attend the conference.

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Welcome... Catholic Editors!

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

Catholic press conventions of the past come to mind as more than 100 editors and newsmen of Eastern United States publications are in session here in Rochester.

The Catholic Press Association of the United States which was organized in 1890, according to our records, is conducting this regional gathering.

My first experience at a convention when members were less than 100 and an annual meeting was held in 1931 in Baltimore. I was with the Rochester Echo at the time and was invited to attend the proceedings with Father Leo C. Mooney and the late William A. Heindel. My connection with the Courier-Journal at that time was far from our thoughts.

As I look back now, even in those days, the teamwork of clergy and laity in the Catholic press field was inspiring. While the sessions brought strong voicing of personal opinions by editors such as Fathers Wilfred Parson, Francis LeBuffe, James Gillis and laymen including Benedict Elder, Patrick Scanlan, Richard Reid and Claude Becker, all were intensely interested in producing Catholic publications that would be read and acted upon for spiritual welfare.

One of the interesting editors was Father Howard Bishop who later became founder of the Glenmary Home Mission Society. He later attended a Catholic Rural Life convention here in Rochester.

Still another was Father Thomas K. Gorman, then with the Tidings who was now Bishop of Dallas-Fort Worth. Bishop Gorman attended the 1950 convention in Rochester and I remember seeing him in conference with Pat Scanlan and Dick Reid in Monsignor Patrick J. Flynn's office discussing current, at that time, events with Monsignor Flynn.

During the Baltimore Convention the newsmen travelled down the Chesapeake to Annapolis, met Governor Ritchie and inspected the Naval Academy.

In that period of the Catholic Press the ground for sowing the seeds was hardly soughed. Tilling was difficult. I remember having Dr. Thomas Hart of Cincinnati pointed out to me and being told that there was a medical man so deeply interested in the need for the Catholic paper that he even went up and down the streets of his city seeking subscribers.

Prior to our time on the paper it was a custom of editors, it was noted in the files, to take issue with each other and some vitriolic panings while exciting did not tend to bring the editors together.

Later it became the practice to quote editorial opinion. We thought we were made when an editorial we had written appeared with a credit tag in other publications.

After joining the Courier-Journal I remember a convention was held about 1933 in Buffalo and it was there that I met Monsignor Fager now pastor at Synet. He was an energetic editor of the Catholic Union and Times and a crusader for what he thought was right.

The convention was brought here to Rochester in May of 1937. A press exhibit and sessions were held in the Sheraton Hotel. The banquet was at Synet. Among remembered speakers were Bishop Edwin O'Hara of Kansas City and John B. Kennedy, noted broadcaster and editor. William A. Lang was toastmaster.

The next convention to come here was in 1950. Monsignor John S. Randall, managing editor, was coming to the forefront in Catholic Press Association circles and directed a successful meeting. Banquet was at the Seneca where the late Senator Joseph McCarthy was the speaker. A press exhibit at Columbus Civic Center attracted many visitors. Monsignor Randall later became national CPA president and is now on the national board of directors.

Actual tangible results from these gatherings of Bishops, priests, sisters and lay persons giving their all for a press to support and stand behind the Church, to safeguard the spiritual lives of the young and to give Catholic publications they can look forward to receiving are hard to put on paper.

Frankly I believe that they have helped and the fact that not only the national convention is held but many sectional gatherings take place indicate that persons attending are taking home ideas and help in the production of their papers.

A salute, then, from an old timer, to the younger editors, newsmen, advertising men and circulation workers here in Rochester. The Catholic press is on the march and the readers and advertisers, more and more, are falling in line.

Bath Parishioners Hear Marriage Clinic Talk

Bath — Marriage counseling was the topic of the Rev. Vincent Collins in a talk at a joint meeting of the men's and women's organizations of St. Mary's Church.

Held at the Moonlit Restaurant here, more than 150 members of St. Mary's Holy Name Society and the Rosary and Altar Society heard the priest.

from Hornell outline functions of the Hornell Marriage Counseling Clinic.

The clinic is composed of ministers, lawyers, doctors, laymen from Hornell's Alcoholics Anonymous, Father Collins and City Judge Mary Karr Jackson, he said.

FATHER COLLINS was introduced by the Rev. Joyce Spencer of Scranton of the Passionist Order who has conducted a two-week mission at St. Mary's.

Mrs. Andrew Hopiak, altar society president and John Shields, Holy Name president, conducted separate business meetings prior to the main talk.

NEW ROCHELLE ALUMNAE TO MEET Ithaca — Alumnae of New Rochelle College, class of 1930, are asked to send items of interest for the Winter issue of the Alumnae News, last chance before reunion, to local representatives: Mrs. J. R. Innocenti, 200 Rutledge Road, Belmont 78, Mass., or to Miss Charlotte Sheridan, 519 East State St., Ithaca, on or before Nov. 20.

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Bishop Dedicates Mercy College

Sisters of Mercy dedicated their \$1,350,000 Catherine McAuley Junior college for nuns Sunday afternoon. Bishop Kearney presided at the rite which drew over 2,000 friends of the diocesan school and hospital nuns. He put a crucifix in place to symbolize the school's blessing and spoke on the need to include religion in a child's schooling. Sister Mary de Pazzi, dean, greeted guests, and a score of clergy joined the Bishop in the prayers of dedication.

Newcomers Welcomed At Ithaca Parish

Ithaca — A get-together for all newcomers of Immaculate Conception Parish in Ithaca and for converts has been planned for Sunday evening, Nov. 15, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.

This event, sponsored by the Tompkins-Tioga Deacons, Council of Catholic Women, Angelina Torchia, president, will present opportunity for those who have moved into the parish recently or within the past couple of years to get acquainted.

Those who have been parishioners for a longer time, but have not had an opportunity to become acquainted, are also welcome.

ALL PARISH organizations are represented on the committee. On Sunday evening, those attending will meet the priest of the parish, become acquainted with the officers of parish organizations, and meet with other newcomers.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gillis and Mrs. Paul Scott are co-chairmen of the get-together.

Hornell Curate Urges Participation In Mass

Hornell — Twentieth century sinners, separated by miles and time from Calvary, still can participate in Christ's perfect redemptive sacrifice through the Mass.

The Rev. Charles G. Langworthy told a First Saturday luncheon group.

Father Langworthy, assistant pastor of St. Ignace Loyola Church, was principal speaker at the luncheon in The New Sheraton Hotel. Approximately 60 women attended the luncheon which was sponsored by the Steuben Diocese of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

"SEN IS A disobedience to God out of a motive of disordered love. Unfortunately, such a perversion is a common occurrence among human beings. Unlike the rest of creation, man can fail to practice obedience because God has left him free. All inanimate creatures obey God because they cannot disobey. Only intelligent and free creatures — men and angels — can disobey," Father Langworthy said.

"We could not be on Calvary on the first Good Friday and so Calvary comes to us. Christ,

Himself, arranged the living prolongation of Calvary, the night before He died when after the first consecration of bread and wine into His body and His blood; He said to His Apostles and their successors, "Do this in commemoration of Me."

"That prolongation of Christ's death through time and space we know as the Mass," Father Langworthy concluded.

THE SPEAKER was introduced by the Rev. William H. Hickey, spiritual director of the Steuben Diocese. Father Hickey reminded the luncheon guests of the potential influence each of them has in promoting good and combating evil. He urged them to practice the Christian motto: "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

Mrs. Gerald Griffin, Denery president, commended the women for attending the luncheon as a "pleasant, yet spiritual, manifestation of devotion to Our Lady of Fatima." She announced that the Steuben Diocese lending library has been transferred from the rear of St. Ann's Church to a room in St. Ann's School where it will be open each Wednesday evening.

A HUMMEL madonna, encircled by ivy and pompons, centered the speaker's table. The Mesdames Armella and Elizabeth Brill were in charge of decorations. Reservations were in charge of Mrs. E. A. Muench and Mrs. Kingdon Hammond.

85 Nurses Attend Elmira Memorial Mass

Approximately 85 members of the Elmira Council of Catholic Nurses assisted at the annual Memorial Mass for deceased members in the Little Flower Chapel on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.

Rev. Philip E. McGhan, Council Moderator was celebrant. Hospital Sisters and student nurses also assisted at the Mass which was followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Following the services in the chapel, a dinner was enjoyed by the group at the Hickory House. Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, pastor of St. John's Church, was the speaker at the dinner.

FATHER HEISEL said: "A Catholic Nurse should be cognizant of the many fallen-away Catholics. Some of these she will see in the course of her life. She should be genuinely interested in their welfare and show it."

"We speak glowingly of the number of those who come into the Catholic Church each year. But, because of many factors, the number falling by the wayside is, indeed, frightening. Most of these people have not joined another Church. They have just "quit," he said.

"Many are confused with their own problems which are basically, spiritual. So often, they will

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