

Corning Knights Honor Departed

Corning — Francis Ainsworth and William Kady of Bath, who died during the past year, drew special recognition at the memorial services of Corning Council, Knights of Columbus, attended by 40 knights in the KO Home last Thursday evening.

The regular business meeting preceded the service. Grand Knight James Boffe announced that transportation to the third degree ceremony in Baiters on Sunday would be available. Cars will leave from the local K. of C. home at 1 p.m.

Catholic activities chairman Alfred Comaglion announced that a Communion and Breakfast will be held on Dec. 6. The Knights will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Church, and will hold a breakfast at the Baron Steubert Hotel at 9:30 a.m.

Edward Ridzor of Charlot, Pa., told the group of the activities of the Columbian Squares, K. of C. sponsored group for Catholic young men.

New Parishioners Feted In Ithaca

Ithaca — Officers of 13 organizations of immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, officiated as hosts and hostesses at a get-together for newcomers to the parish in Parish Hall on Nov. 14.

Miss Angelina Torchi, president of the Ithaca Council of Catholic Women, which sponsored the informal social evening, welcomed the new parishioners who were brought together from places as distant as Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania as well as New York State.

IN THE ABSENCE of Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Byrne, pastor, the Rev. Otto Vogt extended greetings to the newcomers as did the Rev. William Thomas and Rev. Richard Murphy.

Refreshments were served by the committee. Able arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Fred Harlock. A shrine in honor of the immaculate Conception was arranged by Mrs. Richard Taber.

Cochairmen of the event were Mrs. Elizabeth Gillis and Mrs. Paul Scott.

In addition to the officers who made up the Committee, others who assisted in the evening activities included: Mrs. Leo Malicki, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Eannetta, Don Blatter, Mrs. John Charney, John Ruane, Mrs. Arthur Eichholtz, Theresa Kinkas, Mrs. Harold Perkins, Mrs. Stephen Pele, Dr. and Mrs. A. Edward Cappucci.

Catholic Books In Library

These books have been received by the Rochester Public Library and residents of Monroe, Livingston, and Wayne counties may borrow them from their community libraries through the inter-library loan services of the Pioneer Library System.

ARADI, Zolt — POPE JOHN XXIII, Farrar, Straus & Cudahy, 1959.

BEAHN, John Edward — A MAN OF GOOD ZEAL, Newman, 1958.

CATHOLIC CHURCH PIOUS XII — THE TEACHINGS OF PIOUS XII, Methuen, 1958.

CHEAU, Marie Dominique — IS THEOLOGY A SCIENCE? Hawthorn Pr., 1959.

FERNANDEZ, Andres, S.J. — THE LIFE OF CHRIST, Sheed & Ward, 1958.

de SALES, Francois — CONSOLING THOUGHTS OF ST. FRANCIS de SALES, Frederick Pustet Co., 1959.

GLEASON, Robert W. — THE WORLD TO COME, Sheed & Ward, 1958.

LEMAITRE, Solange — HINDUISM, Hawthorn Pr., 1959.

MURPHY, Francis Xavier — POPE JOHN XXIII COMES TO THE VATICAN, R. M. McBride Co., 1959.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION — DIRECTORY OF CATHOLIC FACILITIES FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES, Au, 1958.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE — OFFICIAL GUIDE TO CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, Catholic Institutional Directory, 1959.

ONG, Walter, S.J. — AMERICAN CATHOLIC CROSSROADS, Macmillan, 1959.

POWER, Edward J. — EDUCATION FOR AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, McGraw-Hill, 1958.

Ereth Couple Marks 35 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ereth of 45 Mitchell St. in St. Andrew's Parish observed their 35th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Nov. 19. The couple was married in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in 1924.

With their parents for the anniversary were: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Metzdorf and Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Parker. Mrs. Metzdorf and Mrs. Parker are daughters of the jubilarians.



Honored By Hospital

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE citation is shown being presented by Dr. J. William Quinlan, (right) chief of staff at St. Mary's Hospital, to Dr. A. Harvey Waffle, who set up St. Mary's pediatric department and instituted a medical education program for house staff doctors. The plaque, which was placed in the hospital lobby this week reads "for distinguished service to St. Mary's Hospital and his fellow physicians."

St. Thomas Aquinas — And The Beatnik

New York — (RNS) — A Catholic priest linked today's Beat Generation with the early Christian heresy of Gnosticism in a "Dialogue Between St. Thomas and a Beatnik," in which the priest participated here with a modern poet.

Like Gnostics, Beatniks hold the idea that emancipation comes through gnosis (knowledge) which saves its initiates from the clutch of matter, indicated the Rev. Thomas D. Rover, O.P., professor of sacred scripture at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C.

He spoke for St. Thomas Aquinas, acknowledged prince of Catholic theologians, whose 13th century philosophy system is more influential today than at the height of his career.

The other dialogue was Howard Hart of New York, poetry editor of Esquire magazine. He maintained that the whole literary situation is much better now than before the Beat Generation appeared.

MR. HART pointed out that writers like 35-year-old novelist Jack Kerouac, Massachusetts-born "Bard of the Beat Generation," and Allen Ginsberg, whose poem "Howl" has been hailed as the supreme protest of the Beats, had "freed artists from the shackles of the academicians." Examples of Kerouac's "rhythmic prose and Ginsberg's apocalyptic (gnostic) poetry" were among Beat literature read during the dialogue.

Sponsor of the unusual dialogue was the Waller Farrell Guild, a non-parochial Catholic lay organization whose headquarters are in New York's Greenwich Village. The guild is named in honor of the late Rev. Waller Farrell, O.P., noted Thomist scholar of Washington, D.C., who died in 1951.

Beat writers, said Father Rover, express five main characteristics which link their philosophy to the philosophico-religious Gnostic systems of the past.

He listed these characteristics as: (1) Illuminism, the special knowledge which is bright, stunning and visionary; (2) constant conflict between the charismatic and institutional — between life marked by extraordinary spiritual powers, especially vivid or even prophetic utterance, and mundane organized human existence; (3) the tendency to draw inspiration from the East; (4) the cult of simplicity and militant poverty; and (5) pantheism, the concept that the universe is God.

COMMENTING ON the East, Father Rover noted that centuries ago the Gnostics turned to Persian mysticism, while the Beat Generation has become deeply involved with Zen Buddhism, which in the 12th century was transplanted to Japan from China where Buddhism had arrived from India, 600 years before Zen offers escape from a mundane existence through "enlightenment" and self-realization.

In their pantheism, Beat writers seek to embrace all of reality, the priest explained. However, since they exalt feeling over reason, they do not realize one can only embrace reality under the discipline of reason, he added.

By under-rating reason, the artists of the Beat Generation find themselves, in the end, embracing evil as well as good, he said.

Noting that the Beat poet bears striking resemblance to the professors of charismatic gifts, Father Rover stressed that

the true possessor of such gifts — even spiritual healing — may not himself be a saint, according to St. Thomas.

"The persons with these gifts," he said, "stand in the order of Divine Providence to help and illumine the way for others, to bring people to God, in fact, to make saints."

SEVERAL OF the poets whose works were read during the dialogue expressed the feeling of having Divine powers in their creative work with words. Yet each further on "recoiled in something of shame and terror," Father Rover observed. He interpreted this as "a sign that the artists had tried to usurp Divine powers and somehow knew it."

He said Christians "ought to be the temples of the Spirit and should draw the questing souls of the Beat writers towards the possession of the true Spirit of God, which produces the fruits of peace, patience, benignity, long-suffering and charity."

Nazareth Freshman Wins Home Economics Award

Miss Theresa Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coleman of R.D. 1, Almond, N.Y., and a freshman at Nazareth College, has been named winner of the State 4-H award for girls' home economics.

She will receive an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago from Nov. 29 to Dec. 3. She also has a chance to win one of six \$400 scholarships donated by Montgomery Ward of Chicago.

MISS COLEMAN has completed many award winning projects, and has demonstrated and made exhibits for local, district, county and State fairs. She won a trip to New York City last year, and this year was alternate winner in the State chery-baking contest. She also ship Medal.

Knights List Third Degree

Third or Major degree of the Knights of Columbus will be conferred on a class from the district on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 2:30 p.m. in the Columbus Civic Center.

All candidates are required to be present promptly at 1 p.m. District Deputy William C. Joslin of the 72nd district is in charge of the ritual work. John S. Kinney, former district deputy is chairman.

Mt. Carmel Names Diane Guarino

Auburn — Mt. Carmel High School will be represented in the D.A.R. Good Citizenship contest by Diane Guarino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Guarino.

Each year a school may select a senior girl who then must write an essay on "Fifth of Our Fathers — Living Still." With this as a basis judges select one girl from each state and give her a certificate of award and the Good Citizenship Medal.

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