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NEW OFFICERS of the Laymen's Retreat were installed at a dinner at the Notre Dame Retreat House this week. Shown above from left are, seated, Charles Groves, retiring president; the Very Rev. Thomas J. Fallon, C.S.S.R., rector; George Tunney, new president; standing, Urban G. Kress, treasurer; Robert H. Kahl Sr., Peter Drago Jr., Ronald Timmons, Donald E. Robinson and James G. D'Amico, all vice presidents; Edward Mason, secretary; J. Norman Burke and Sylvester Englehart, vice presidents.

George Tunney Named Head Of Retreatants

Installation of new officers for the Laymen's Retreat League of the Rochester Diocese took place following dinner at Notre Dame Retreat House last Tuesday evening.

New officers include: George Tunney, president; Peter Drago, Robert Kahl, Donald Robinson, Ronald Timmons, James Amico.

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DISTRICT LEADERS are installed with the new President: Francis J. Gormley, Auburn; William Cassidy, Corning; Arthur Kiefer, Elmira; Donald Sanders, Geneseo; James Hurley, Geneva; Francis O'Rourke, Hammondsport; James H. Gleason, Lima; Dr. F. J. Langevin, Newark; and Victor Gestner, Wayland.

Redemptorist staff members of Notre Dame Retreat House are the Very Rev. Michael J. Fallon, the Reverend Fathers William Walsh, Edward Coonan, and William Jamison.

Alcoholism Talk Given in Corning

Corning — Alcoholism can be arrested but not cured, in that it is a disease of the body, mind and soul like diabetes and tuberculosis; more than 70 persons were told by the Rev. Vincent P. Collins of St. Anne Church, Hornell, here last week.

Father Collins, speaking on "The Clergyman and the Problem Drinker," talked under the auspices of the Corning Area Committee on Alcoholism at the small auditorium at the Corning Glass Center. His audience represented a large area from Corning proper.

HE STRESSED that Alcoholics Anonymous is the only agency yet successful in showing the alcoholic how to understand his problem and effect his own recovery.

The Corning Area Committee on Alcoholism, a United Fund agency, presented Father Collins as part of its continuing program to bring information throughout Addison, Watkins Glen, Hornell, Monroe Falls and the community.

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Looking Back

Scholarship, Zeal Mark Career Of Ithaca Dean

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

Down through the years, this writer has met in this work many priests whom he highly regards and respects. Such a one is the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Byrne, dean of Tompkins and Tioga deans who was made pastor emeritus of Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca.

This is not meant to be an accurate account of the well-lived priest's life, but recollections as they come.

First meeting with Father Byrne was at Aquinas Institute which he headed as president in 1925 when the new school for boys on Dewey Ave. was opened. Representing at the time the Rochester Echo I went to the opening ceremony and Father Byrne saw to it that I had a convenient place in the balcony from which to report proceedings.

CARDINAL HAZRITT presided and Father Dwyer, editor of the Catholic Sun, Syracuse was speaker. Prominent on the stage were Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, founder of the school, and Father Byrne the president.

When I came with the Courier Journal in 1932 news of Father Byrne's activity again came to our attention. He had been appointed pastor in 1922 and with his customary zest set out not only to carry on the administrative duties of his parish in a creditable manner but to evangelize the neglected areas about Ithaca.

Whenever he can, Monsignor Byrne comes into the Courier Journal office and he is always welcome. He has been alert to the need for the 100 percent coverage in his parish. With capable assistants, Sisters of two orders and parishioners, he has been able to send in print through news stories submitted to the diocesan newspaper, the varied activities of Immaculate Conception, Ithaca.

GETTING TO Rochester was always an effort for people up-front from the See City, but Monsignor Byrne keeping pace with progress has used the airplane. One story is that on the Ithaca airport was closed down by weather he traveled several miles to another airfield to board a plane for keeping an appointment in Rochester.

Sensing the need for people in towns adjoining Ithaca, Monsignor Byrne often travelled to nearby towns like Newfield conducting Masses in private homes. Then upon the invitation of Bishop Kearney and under the Monsignor's direction the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart came to his parish to carry on the Catechetical work with the aid of a station wagon. The success of this program which included training of lay catechists is widely known in the diocese and beyond.

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Assisting the national secretary in the annual wave New York State Treasurer J. William Anderson and Frank D. Maloney are chaplain and Frank D. Maloney are chaplain and Frank D. Maloney are chaplain.

Father Delaney succeeds Father John S. Hayes, pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

A bumper supper was served after the service.

National Secretary Geoghan, State Treasurer Reagan, State Director Anderson and Past Director O'Hara conferred the next morning with division officers and convention workers at the Hotel Twinwells Hotel which will be the scene of New York State's 100th Annual Convention, June 22-23.

ANOTHER BUILDING FUND campaign resulted in \$225,000 being pledged in 1955.

Honors have come to Monsignor Byrne for his work in Ithaca. He was made a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor by Pope Pius XII in 1952. Recognizing his leadership, Bishop Kearney appointed him Dean of Tioga and Tompkins Counties in June, 1952.

Highlight of Monsignor Byrne's career which gave greatest satisfaction was the celebration of his golden sacerdotal jubilee in 1957. The Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving was a fitting tribute by all who attended. Monsignor Byrne probably received equal satisfaction from the parishioners' celebration and especially the children's entertainment in his honor.

In the report on the latter he paid tribute to the Sisters of St. Joseph with whom he has worked through the years in developing Immaculate Conception school.

President Hourihan assumes his new duties following two years' service as a division officer. He served previously as recording secretary in 1958 and as financial secretary in 1959.

He succeeds Jerome F. Hogan.

300 Attend Retreat Mass

Newark — Top committee men for the St. Michael's School and Auditorium Appeal were announced this week by the Rev. Joseph M. O'Donnell, pastor of St. Michael's Church. The group will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, in the church hall.

Father McDonnell said that nearly 100 general committee captains will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21.

More than 300 men will be organized to conduct a parish-wide canvas on Feb. 7 and 14 for pledges toward construction of an addition to St. Michael's School, to include four classrooms and an all-purpose auditorium-gymnasium-exterior.

Minimum goal for the drive is \$175,000.

READING THE campaign general committee is Dr. Fred J. Lampert, with Edward W. Deane, Richard F. Finewood, Howard B. Finewood, Francis Henderlong, Kenneth Hubeler, Dr. Bruno Marotta, Francis Mason, John Niekerk, William O'Connell, Ward Rynearson Jr. and Harold Vandemore.

Division leaders include Harold Atwood, Richard Baker, Morris Boyle, Achiel DeMetseire, Victor DeWever, Clifford Dhopat, Kenneth Filippello, Howard B. Finewood, Francis Henderlong, Kenneth Hubeler, Dr. Bruno Marotta, Francis Mason, John Niekerk, William O'Connell, Ward Rynearson Jr. and Harold Vandemore.

Advisory committees are chairman by Dr. V. James Palmeri, Leslie J. Englehart is vice-chairman. Members include

John Kammer, M.D., an president for three successful years. Dr. Kammer stated that he hopes to carry on the work of Dr. Quinlan in bringing St. Mary's Hospital to the front in medical service to the community and that the hospital's association with Gebrtowana Uni-

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Dr. Chris Katsampas, Assistant Professor in Pediatrics at the University of Rochester, has been assigned to the Teaching Program at St. Mary's Hospital's Pediatric Department.

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The first quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is to be held at the Columbus Civic Center, Rochester, in Parlor A on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 2:30 p.m.

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