



Under the guidance of Mr. "G", Courier circulation jumped from 4,000 in 1934 to today's 66,000.

**Looking Back**

**Pioneer Of Catholic Press,  
Mr. 'G' Mourned By Associates**

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

This newspaper entered its 27th year on Friday, Oct. 3, 1960, without the invaluable services paper and encourage getting of Elmer G. Grapenstetter, circulation manager since 1934. Mr. "G" as he was affectionately known to his many associates died that day after a painful illness of long standing.

To look back on the Catholic Courier Journal's progress is to include Elmer highly on the list of those who have had a part in it.

He came to this organization when Monsignor Hart, Father Mooney, Howard W. Kippert and this writer were struggling with a newspaper skirting the bankruptcy line and with little interest yet developed in its necessity.

THE SUBSCRIPTIONS at the time were in the low thousands and some had not been paid in several years. Having had previous experience with the Extension and other Catholic magazines in the days when gimmicks had to be resorted to to get readers, Mr. "G" calmly entered into the work.

He tried carrier boys and there are many men now in active life in the clergy and laity today who worked for him in delivering the paper.

Other activities in which he cooperated were Diocesan Holy Name Society drives, a Knights of Columbus effort and then the school crusade. This brought Mr. "G" in contact with pastors, parents, school officials and pupils. He had many headaches over the awarding of 100 percent coverage as direct prizes but subscriptions were brought in to the paper.

A highlight in the Crusades was a rally at a local movie house, the Palace. I recall in which the boys and girls packed the theater and listened to Fred

In Flynn took over the duties of editor. Again Bill Lang joined with us to give his daily newspaper experience. Later Father Richard Torrey strengthened the staff and now Father Henry Atwell skillfully directs the editorial side of your Courier Journal, highly regarded throughout the church in the United States.

Pastors cooperated wholeheartedly in the 100 per cent subscription program. Mr. "G" patiently and intelligently worked with pastors, and assistants at these drive times in April and competently directed Father's calls in to work on subscription cards.

In his spiritual activities, Elmer was active in the First Friday Luncheon Club and for many years was a daily visitor to the Blessed Sacrament, especially when our offices were in Columbus City Center and he could visit the chapel. As grand knight of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus in 1944, I had the privilege of proposing Elmer for membership.

THERE IS NO glamor to the circulation end of a newspaper. Taking care of the subscriptions, the mails, the newsstands and driver is prosaic to the average person. Elmer Grapenstetter, however, was a dedicated man and his career will long be remembered by those associated with him.

The dream is now realized by Bishop Kearney's program of awarding 100 percent coverage as direct prizes by Monsignor Randall. Elmer appreciated what this meant more, I believe, than anyone connected with the newspaper.

THE EDITORIAL contents when Monsignor Patrick J.

**First 'Red Mass' Held  
For Elmira Area Courts**

An annual Mass to ask divine guidance on courts and deliberations of attorneys and court officials was inaugurated at St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, last Saturday.

Bishop Kearney celebrated the "Red Mass" and preached the sermon. The assistant priests were the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky and the Rev. George S. Wood. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo G. Schwab were in the sanctuary.

In his sermon following the Mass, Bishop Kearney declared that the virtue of justice is such a holy thing it is well to give it the virtue of special attention year after year at the opening of the court session.

He asked the Holy Spirit's blessing on "this particular gathering and on the program which we develop here today."

IN A COUNTRY such as ours, he continued, such an event is particularly important. Those who administer justice and have advanced to places of importance are subject to a great many loyalties — to friends, to church and to leaders of party. All are deeply conscious that these loyalties have to stop.

Those who administer justice, he declared, have only two loyalties — to the God of Justice and to their own consciences. These are sanctuaries into which no man has a right to intrude, he went on, and he asked God to give them the courage, the strength and the resilience to keep anyone from intruding into these sanctuaries.

BISHOP KEARNEY said it is always a difficult problem to know where justice ends and mercy begins. "In our administration of justice we cannot eliminate mercy and we call on God to help us to know where justice ends and mercy begins," he concluded.

**Elmira KC**

**To Hear Dean**

The Elmira Knights of Columbus will hold a First Friday supper at 8:15 p.m. at the Columbus Center.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo G. Schwab, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, will be the guest speaker.

CHAIRMAN of the supper is Gerald D. Delaney and assisting him is Matthias F. Fenell.

The Ladies of Columbus will prepare and serve the meal with Mrs. Gerald Delaney as chairman.

Willis L. Larrabee, Grand Knight, urges all members to attend and bring a guest.

Among those attending the Mass were Chemung County Judge Donald H. Monroe, former County Judge John A. Matthews, Children's Court Judge Daniel J. Donahoe, Elmira Recorder John D. Frawley, Big Flits' Peace Justice Jerry Haywood and Atty. James E. Javorski, president of the Chemung County Bar Association.

Others attending included lawyers and court personnel and members of the city and county administration.

Following the Mass the bishop greeted individually all attending the Mass.



BISHOP KEARNEY is shown following first "Red Mass" of the Elmira area celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church. With the Bishop are Recorder John D. Frawley, County Judge Donald H. Monroe and Children's Court Judge Daniel J. Donahoe.

**Lourdes Pledges  
'Over The Top'**

Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners, Elmira pledged 87c over the estimated \$150,000 cost for a new convent and other financial needs at their campaign meeting held last Saturday night.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo G. Schwab, pastor, said pledges for 1961 total \$161,566.90. The pledges were received from a special gifts canvass on Sept. 18 and a general solicitation of the 850 families of the parish was obtained last Sunday by volunteers working on the campaign.

**DCCW Meet  
Expects 800  
In Rochester**

Catholic women of the twelve county Rochester Diocese will hold their annual convention tonight and tomorrow in Rochester's Chamber of Commerce.

More than 800, representing almost every parish in the Diocese, are expected.

BISHOP KEARNEY will celebrate the convention Mass and preach in St. Mary's Church Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m.

A general session with the theme "Strengthening Your Parish Organization" will open the convention tonight at 8 p.m. Rev. Albert Simonetti will be speaker.

Eight workshops will follow the Mass tomorrow, "Work with the Aging" with Miss Mary FitzGerald of Elmira, speaker; "Teen Age Challenge," panel discussion by Attorney Thomas Meagher and children's probation officer Miss Helen Fink.

"Foreign Relief," Dr. Paul S. Lalonde, speaker; "Foreign Students," panelists Rev. Charles Langworthy and Harry Davis, Teen Age Diplomat program of K of C Home, Mrs. Joseph F. Conway presided and plans for the fall season were formulated.

A FASHION SHOW was presented for the social hour by Miss Nancy Elliott and Auxiliary members modeled multi-ethnic and accessories from the Nancy Elliott Shop.

A Halloween costume party with prizes is planned for the October meeting coordinated, James Marsin, Mrs. Elmer Lupton and Miss Patricia Hoy.

Luncheon speaker at 1 p.m. will be Mrs. Frank Thiverson, president of the National Council of Catholic Women.

**St. Catherine of Siena**

**\$75,000 Goal Sought  
For New Ithaca Parish**

Ithaca — The Rev. John S. Maloney, administrator of Immaculate Conception Church, will be principal speaker at a general solicitation committee, Thursday, Oct. 13, in the Knights of Columbus Home, McGraw Hill Building, Ithaca.

More than 80 members of the general solicitation committee will have a pep rally at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, in the Knights of Columbus Home, McGraw Hill Building, Ithaca.

Leadership figures will be Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will be principal speaker at the general committee meeting at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, in Willard J. Kane Gymnasium, Cornell University, Ithaca.

Monsignor Cleary this week announced top committee members for the campaign as follows:

Advisory committee — William J. Fields and James E. O'Connor, co-chairmen; Dr. Leo Speno, H. Speno and John W. MacDonald, vice-chairmen; Joseph Costantino Sr., Dr. Anthony Leone, John Munschauer, John Nagle, sk.

**KC Ladies  
Plan Events**

Ithaca — The initial meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus was held Wednesday evening at the K of C Home, Mrs. Joseph F. Conway presided and plans for the fall season were formulated.

Advanced gifts committee — Harold R. LaBonte, chairman; Harold R. LaBonte and Philip McGraw, vice-chairmen; group leaders, Sal Indelicato Jr., Henry Keronicki, Dr. James Michael, Walter O'Connell Jr., Myron Wauldick, William Wimsatt.

General committee — Robert J. Kane, chairman; Paul McKee, John Guthrie, Walter Schwan and Matthias Donelan, vice-chairmen; division leaders, Anthony Augustine, Donald Dellman, Charles Christian, James Cirone, Richard Cunningham, David Cynok, Francis Fox, Robert Helman, Rocco Lucente, Stephen McCarthy, James Walsh Jr., Stanley Olsefski, George Tener, Paul Wilkynson.

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PLANNING NEW PARISH FUND DRIVE — The Very Rev. Msgr. Donald M. Cleary (seated), chaplain of the Newman Club of Cornell University and pastor of the newly-created St. Catherine of Siena parish there, confers with some of the top committee members for a parishwide drive to construct a church — The second Catholic church in Ithaca. From left are: John MacDonald, John Guthrie; Robert J. Kane, athletic director at Cornell, general chairman; Dr. Leo Speno; Harold R. LaBonte, Ithaca businessman, advanced gifts chairman; Walter Schwan, Matthias Donelan, A minimum of \$75,000 in pledges will be sought Oct. 9 and 14.

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