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Looking Back

Cathedral Grads Meet, Honor Two Alumnae

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Memories of the status of Catholic high school education shortly after the turn of the century are stirred among those of us now working on the present fund campaign for sorely needed high schools for boys and girls in this diocese.

The need for high school education was realized by diocesan authorities then especially by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, who succeeded the late Bishop Bernard McQuaid in 1908. When consecrated Coadjutor Bishop in 1905, Bishop Hickey gave thought and action to starting a high school for boys and girls in Cathedral parish.

In previous pieces like this, mention has been made of that school's beginning. Flashbacks came at this year's reunion of the Cathedral High School graduates at Dailey's, Washington, when for the first time, the girl graduates attended.

Honored were two outstanding women of their city, Miss Mary Sheehan, retired principal of Monroe High School and now on the staff of St. John Fisher College and Miss Honora Miller, retired city corporation counsel, one of two distinguished women lawyers in the United States to hold that post.

MARY SHEEHAN in her remarks to fellow graduates recalled Sister M. Prudentia, then principal and chief of the ingeniously, excellence in teaching and successful administration of Sister Prudentia. Mary recalled how the good Sister of St. Joseph without the teaching aids and equipment of the present day had in her physiology class managed to teach of the human eye by imprinting one with a shoe button, a rubber ball and skin of an egg.

Others listening to Miss Sheehan could recall the aged school building, the lack of equipment and some could see the late Sister Aquilina starting the business course with but one typewriter. The physics and chemistry labs presided over by the late Father James Keenan and later by Father John Napier were never to adequate for imparting the knowledge possessed by these two priest-instructors.

Besides the two honored women graduates at the reunion the attendance included graduates who have attained success. City Chemist John Temmerman and City Comptroller Emmett Norton, Doctors Joseph Leder, Charles Miller and Henry E. Eiland, Architect Joseph Flynn were among those heard as well as Dr. Harold Quigley, the perennial straight faced advocate of jazz, not to be done by the graduates.

ATTORNEY DANIEL F. FITZGERALD presented in his inimitable manner, his fellow lawyer, Miss Miller. Assignment of presenting Miss Sheehan was handled ably by Louis A. Landis whose record in civic activities exceeds many other citizens of Rochester. He has headed the Chamber of Commerce, Community Chest and other groups with distinction. (This is in return for his remembering that basketball was played by this writer at old Cathedral).

Father Albert J. Geiger, perennial president of the Association presented two other priest-graduates, Father Eugene Giesel and Father Maurice Miller, both of the Society of Jesus. Mary Whalen and Mrs. Marguerite Muckie spoke of happy days at the school on old Frank St.

Dr. Apul S. Lalonde, home from Africa, was recognized. Also were Daniel Culhane, Boys Club director from Washington, Edgar Scholins, who came from Buffalo and Neil Collins and Win Yengert who do the work of getting the old grads together.

The affection held for former teachers at the school was evidenced by Miss Sheehan announcing that the order presented to her would be sent to Sister M. Thérèse and Sister Miller asking John Temmerman to have them made at the M. Pauline now teaching at St. John Fisher High School.

When these graduates got together it is natural that they recall how Francis F. Mulcahy, "Cassidy" to his schoolmates, became a lieutenant general in the U. S. Marine Corps and is now a lawyer in San Diego, of the late Vincent Grady, a Captain in the United States Navy and others. The grads point with pride to Mary Hagerty, vice president of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. whose formal education ended at the old school but whose honorary degrees are greatly more than those who went on to college.

AS THE SCHOOL continued and became Rochester Catholic High School and later Aquinas Institute, graduates succeeded to important posts in the community in civil government, business, the professions and the priesthood. In the city government today, John G. Bittner of the old school is on the City Council with Mayor Peter Barry, a graduate of later years.

Catholic people who are responding to Bishop Kearney's appeal for the Cardinal Mooney High School and the one honoring "the Bishop for Education," our own Bishop Kearney, may well feel that their contribution will result in citizens of the future who will do them and the Church in this diocese, "really" proud.

Today is Bishop Kearney's birthday. His happiest gift would be the knowledge that everyone able to do so in Monroe County would pledge sufficient to assure those future citizens.

Bishop Presides At Benedictine Departure Rite

In a departure ceremony held last Sunday morning in St. Patrick's church, Bishop Kearney presided at a Mission Cross to Father Damian Miller, U.S.B., who is scheduled to leave soon for an assignment in Ndanda, Tanganyika, East Africa.

The Mass was celebrated by Father Damiani and Bishop Kearney presided the sermon.

Assisting the Bishop in this ceremony held for the first time in the Southern Tier were: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo G. Schwab.

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V.F., pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes church; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, former Chaplain at Elmira Reformatory; Very Rev. Msgr. Edward J. McAniff, secretary to the Bishop.

ALSO PRESENT in the sanctuary were the Rev. Charles V. Corlison, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Paul's Abbey, Norton, N.Y.; Very Rev. Damasius W. Martin, O.S.B., prior at Mount Saviour Monastery, Elmira; Rev. David Fink, Rochester; Rev. Philip E. McGowan, Rev. Joseph F. Logan and Rev. John S. Hayes, pastor of St. Patrick's church.

Delegations of Sisters of St. Joseph and Sisters of Mercy were present. An honor guard from Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus were in attendance. A reception was held in St. Patrick's auditorium for Father Damiani in the afternoon.

Greece Parish Launches Drive

Mother of Sorrows parish development campaign has enrolled 331 men to service workers, Father Daniel O'Rourke, pastor, announced today.

CAMPAIN OFFICERS are William Lally, chairman; Bernard Conity and Albert Fellel, vice-chairmen.

Heading the Memorial gift phase of the parish drive is Leo Kowalski with Arthur Kogner and Michael Kowalski.

A drive now in progress to raise funds to meet the cost of remodeling and expanding facilities for the rapidly growing Greece parish.

Ithaca Parish Drive Over The Top With \$133,562

Ithaca — The day's tallying of nearly 100 contributions at the Newman Club of Cornell University, side by side with the final report meeting of the Ithaca Parish drive, announced by the Very Rev. Msgr. Donald M. Cleary, pastor, took place in the spring. The parish committee for "Only magnificent sacrifices" for the new of the newly-created Ithaca parish of St. Catherine of Siena, took place by December, 1961.

Halfing the pledge total as a tremendous tribute to the parish and zeal of our parishioners, the new pastor, Msgr. Cleary, congratulated the parishioners and committee for "only magnificent sacrifices."

He pointed out that the three-year pledges from parishioners averaged \$333 per person.

MONSIGNOR CLEARY added that Thursday night's figure will be raised within the next few weeks "because some of our parishioners are away and have not yet been reached by the committee."

The Rev. John S. Maloney, administrator of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, also extended congratulations. The new St. Catherine's parish will include a portion of the Immaculate Conception parishioners.

"We regret losing some of our people," Father Maloney said, "but we are happy at this further extension of the Church, which is much more important."

Establishment of St. Catherine's Church marks the first change in parochial lines in Ithaca in more than a century. Immaculate Conception parish was founded in 1853.

Monsignor Cleary praised the work of Arthur P. Farron of Rochester, who assisted in direction of the fund drive. Farron represents Foley Associates Inc., Rochester, a Catholic fundraising organization.

HEADING campaign groups were Robert J. Kane, general chairman; Harold R. LaPointe, advanced gifts; and William J. Fields and James F. O'Connor, advisory. John W. MacDonald and Dr. Leo B. Speno are parish trustees.

Designed in the form of a cross, the new St. Catherine's Church building will seat 400 and will be erected on a 10-acre plot on Hamilton Road, Cayuga Heights. It will include a basement hall which can be divided into four classrooms for catechetical instruction.

Villa Needs Drivers

St. Joseph's Villa, our diocesan home for dependent children at 3300 Dewey Ave., needs many volunteer drivers to take the children to clinics and on outings.

If you have a car and a few free hours to donate, you are invited to become an active member of the Motor Corps of the Villa Volunteers. For further information, call Sister Marion at UN. 5-0907 or UN. 5-1450.



New Entrance To Mercy Hospital

NEW EMERGENCY ENTRANCE at Mercy Hospital, Auburn, is now in use. Vehicles receiving or discharging patients are now protected from the weather.

Doors open automatically on the approach of people entering or leaving.



CAYUGA HEALTH ASSOCIATION presented Sister Joan Albee, with a check for the purchase of an Electrolysis Cardio-scope Pneumator, at Mercy Hospital, Auburn. The complete portable unit is now in use.

Sister Joan Albee, hospital administrator at the Cayuga Health Assoc. and Dr. Frank L. DeFuria, chief of surgery at the hospital.

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