

Robert Griffin, Top Orator At Notre Dame

Robert Griffin, a senior, was judged winner of the American Legion Oratorical Contest held at Notre Dame High School, Elmsford, December 2. He will now represent the Elmsford School in the county tournament with his speech, "The Constitution — Varying Yet Inevitable."

Runner-up were John Sullivan, a junior, and Kathleen Moran, a senior. Others who participated in the contest were Henry Ellen Fealy and Edward Sherr.

THREE FIVE finalists were previously selected from twenty senior and junior orators who participated in class competitions.

Sister Mary de Sales

Hospital Nun Marks 60 Years Of Service

Roanoke — Sixty years of service to God, to the Sisters of Mercy and to St. James Mercy Hospital were completed by Sister Mary de Sales on December third of this year.

A spokesman for the hospital named up Sister's career. "Sister de Sales has spent the greater part of this time as operating room supervisor giving doctors and nurses alike a wonderful example of efficiency and devotion to duty."

"SHE HAS BEEN in charge of the nursing school, educating young women at the starting stages of a nurse and giving them the true picture of what is expected of a Florence Nightingale follower."

"Sisters have come from their colleges to start their careers and found a true friend and a helping hand in this job."

"Everyone who has ever been at St. James recognizes the happy laughter of this Irish sister. Her kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity is felt and remembered by young and old, rich and poor, professional and non-professional. She is still found close at the operating room, the place most everyone has connected with death. So long as they can remember."

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Corning CDA Hears Former City Principal

Corning — Ralph Spencer, a Cornell University graduate student and a former local teacher and school principal, was guest speaker at a recent meeting of Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America, at the KC Home.

Spencer is a graduate of Yale University, and former principal of both the Erwin Valley and Landley-Preble schools. At one time he was a teacher in the Protestant First Elementary School.

Spencer's topic was "Education." He explained how 1959 is considered the world in which today's children are being educated.

His topic covered such points as education on a local level, as well as future progress from a national level, which he said might arise.

Dean Offers Mass Of Thanks

Auburn — Rt. Rev. James R. Collins, V.F., celebrated a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church on Monday morning. This Mass was offered in thanksgiving for a successful recovery from a serious eye operation.



At the head table during the December First Friday Luncheon Club meeting are Andrew E. Kahl, chairman; Bishop James E. Kearney, and the Rev. Vincent E. LeFevre.

Precious Blood Year Outlined

Bishop Kearney, guest of honor at the 1960 anniversary luncheon of the First Friday Club, composed of laymen whose purpose is increasing devotion to the Sacred Heart, outlined "The Precious Blood Year of 1961," proclaimed by his Diocese of Rochester.

The luncheon was held at the Sheraton where the club has met since started in the December session of 1952.

The Bishop emphasized "The Precious Blood" and the mystery of Christ when He shed His blood during His short time on earth. Bishop Kearney also presented the Catholics in Monroe County from (Lafayette Hill) in the successful Catholic High School Fund campaign.

THE HONORARY GUEST was presented by the Rev. Vincent E. LeFevre, club moderator and chaplain of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus sponsor of the First Friday Club since its beginning.

Andrew E. Kahl, chairman of the K. of C. Sponsoring Committee announced the speaker will be presented. Refreshments will be served on the Rev. Francis also be taken to the Nursing Home, patron of St. Rose.

Senior Citizens To Be Visited

Owego — Members of the Apostolic of the Age, a committee of the Catholic Daughters of America, will pay their annual visit for Christmas, to the County Home and the Nursing Home in Owego and vicinity on Monday afternoon, Dec. 12.

Mrs. James Keele is general chairman and her co-chairmen are Mrs. Donald Hall and Miss Cecelia C. Brennan. Other members of the group are assisting in the preparations.

At the County Home gifts will be distributed and refreshments will be served. A short program of entertainment will follow. Refreshments will be served on the Rev. Francis also be taken to the Nursing Home, patron of St. Rose.

Yule Party Readied By Ithaca PTA

Ithaca — After a short luncheon meeting, the Parent-Teacher Association of the Immaculate Conception School will hold their annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

The Kindergarten teachers will be featured. All PTA members, associate members and parents are invited to attend and to bring a gift to exchange.

BY MEMBERS, mothers may bring members 20 items a Yule Tree. On Dec. 14, each child in the school will be asked to contribute one article of canned goods, either fruit or vegetable. Parents will be contacted by the home-room mothers. These articles, the nutcracker and canned goods, will be distributed in Christmas baskets for the needy of the parish.

Catholic Scout Heads To Meet

Early members of the Catholic Scout Council in Oswego have been invited to the planning program meeting to be held on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. at the new Boy Scout Service Center, 1000 West 1st St. in Oswego.

Deacons Chairman Clarence Decker and Deputy Chairman Dennis Merritt will outline the plans for the annual Report Dinner and present the Ad Altare Dei Award to be presented to eligible Scouts.

Scoutmasters and Unit Leaders will direct a mail campaign for the coming year as a part of the Lay Committee's campaign to the Boy Scout program on more Catholic Action in coordination with the Scout program.

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