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St. Agnes To Mark Press Month

Annual observance of Catholic Press month will begin at St. Agnes High School with the

opening of a magazine subscription drive on Wednesday, Feb. 1, under the direction of Robert Roser, area representative of the Catholic Digest.

In photo Roser shows Ann Marie Rappl and Jane Moriarty the folder of over 300 magazines that will be available during Catholic Press Month from

Engagement Told
 Miss Jean Strachan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Strachan of Long Acre Road, is engaged to marry Robert Smet, son of Mrs. Percival Smet and the late Mr. Smet of Sherwood Ave., Rochester. An August wedding is planned.

Prizes for many of the high salesmen will be provided by the Catholic Digest. They will include a transistor radio, Kodak Camera set, a skiing outfit and daily treats for the homeroom with the highest sales, and many others.

the students at St. Agnes High School.
 According to Mary Lou Richardson, president of the Business Club and General Manager of the magazine drive, this "crusade" will last from Feb. 1 to 14. Assisting Miss Richardson will be Marjorie Mahon, Carol Pascarella, Sharon Frederick, Francine Pellegrino and members of the office practice class.

May German Holt Requiem Offered

Requiem Mass for May German Holt was offered in St. Augustine's Church, Saturday, Jan. 21. Mrs. Holt of 227 Garfield St. died Jan. 18, 1961.

The Mass was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Duffy. In the Sanctuary also were the Rev. Albert V. Ryan and the Rev. Francis Donoghue. She was a member of St. Augustine's Rosary Society, the Legion of Mary and the Third Order of St. Francis of St. Patrick's Church.

Burial was in St. Bridget's Cemetery, Bergen, where the blessing was given by the Rev. P. J. O'Donovan assisted by Father Donoghue.



Funeral Held For Mrs. Kowal

Funeral Mass for Mrs. Mary Murawski Kowal was offered in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Wednesday, Jan. 18. Mrs. Kowal of 90 Midvale Ter. died Sunday, Jan. 15, 1961. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Leo P. Smith assisted by the Rev. Edward Tolster, deacon and the Rev. James Williams, subdeacon. She is survived by one son, Bernard Murawski; two daughters, Mrs. John (Eleanor) Schraml and Mrs. Stephen (Medlyn) Ewanow; one sister, Mrs. Madlyn Gerga; and nine grandchildren. Burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with blessing by the Rev. Edward Tolster. Arrangements by D. Bernard O'Brien.

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Looking Back

Early Scouting Days Recalled By Editor

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

The report that contributors and workers to the Boy Scouts Servicenter on East Ave. had inspected the result of their work reminded this department that a visit was made there by Father Henry Atwell and this writer recently and we were impressed with what we saw.

We were guests of Clarence W. Deckman, chairman of Bishop Kearney's Diocesan Committee on Scouting. Scout executive Frederick Wellington explained facilities of the Scout headquarters. Andrew Merritt and Eugene Horan, secretary-advisor to the Catholic lay committee were with us.

Catholic scouts are now participating in this adequate layout and in Camp Massawepie in the Adirondacks and we have seen the development from the time the first troop was organized and sponsored by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus or so we believe.

Work among Boy Scouts of Catholic faith was pioneering similar to the Catholic press promotion in the early days. Names of those active in promoting the K. of C. troop escape me but I know that Francis Swift was an active leader and that the late Paul A. Predmore, K. of C. financial secretary cooperated. The troop had quarters in the basement of Columbus Auditorium. George Burt was long a scoutmaster as we remember.

SACRED HEART PARISH troop 65 was one of the early ones and Andrew J. Kavanaugh recently retired as public safety commissioner of Wilmington, Del., and one time police chief of Rochester had much to do with organizing it. William Simonds was one of the active promoters and Burdette Nash too advanced this troop and other Catholic troops. I served for a time on the troop committee with the late Jim Ryan. At least five of my six sons had Scout training in Sacred Heart troop, the older boys finding it of value when they served during World War 2.

As new troops were founded Bishop Kearney formed a diocesan-wide committee and Louis A. Langie was its first chairman. I remember the first meeting in the Rochester Club and serving on the committee. Another I recall active in Scouting was William Waters of Ithaca. He attended a scout rally here and a picture was taken in which the Bishop and he and a couple of Scouts appeared, one a striking small boy of Negro parentage.

The work has gone on and Catholic scouts are an important part of Scout councils in the diocese. Because of Bishop Kearney's deep interest in the Scouts and his work for them, the Pelican award was bestowed on him in 1956.

The early days of Scout activity brings to mind that on Feb. 1 this writer will again note another year passing in Catholic Press work.

In 1924, this month, I was in the advertising department of the Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company editing their sales paper, Co-op Era, writing advertising for Case and Comment and doing other chores. In spare time a column was being written for the Knights of Columbus paper.

TWO CATHOLIC papers were appearing in Rochester at the time, this one, the Catholic Journal and a paper from Buffalo, the Echo. When I went over to the Culver Herald Engraving Co. one day to purchase a cut, the late Frank Schifferl told me that his brother, Joseph, manager of The Echo was looking for a Rochester manager.

The Echo, a social justice publication had been brought to Rochester at the request of several priests and laymen interested in advancing the Encyclicals of the Popes on social justice. I was to solicit advertising, write local news and handle subscriptions.

The total of persons interested in the Catholic press in those days wouldn't comprise a parish nowadays but the offer was good, a contract was signed for a year and the die was cast.

Working from a small office in the old Central Building, I began. Some support was received from individual priests

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES AT THE CENACLE

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 - Feb. 10-12 College Newman Clubs—
 - Feb. 17-19 Sacred Heart Rosary Guild — Rev. Henry Atwell.
 - Feb. 24-26 General Retreat —Rev. Raymond Schouten, S.J.
- GUILDS:**
- Feb. 7 St. Raphael's Guild for Professional women — 7:15 p.m. — Rev. Joseph L. Hogan.
 - Feb. 9 Eucharistic Guild — 9:15 a.m. Mass — Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B.
- DAY OF RECOLLECTION:**
- Feb. 21 St. James Rosary Society—

who sold the papers at their church door. A subscription campaign was conducted and even the offer of three or four automobiles did not bring subscriptions totalling more than 3,000. Advertisers in Rochester included a few firms like Sibley's, Joseph T. Otto and Joseph H. Oberlies in the beginning. Later banks like Rochester Savings Bank and Rochester Trust and Safe Deposit came in as well as other department stores.

By trying to get Catholic local news first and with the cooperation of Rev. Leo C. Mooney, then director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, printing news with missionaries from throughout the world, interest in the paper grew.

WHEN THE DIOCESE took over the Catholic Courier Journal in 1929, the opportunities for the Buffalo paper dwindled. In 1932, the diocese assumed responsibility for this paper and I joined the new set up. Here at the desk, 29 years later I am still doing a bit about producing news and enjoying it immensely. The current 65,000 plus circulation helps — it is so appreciated.

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