McAuley Alumnae Hold Civil War Program

Catherine McAuley Alumnae conducted a program in commemoration of the Civil War at a meeting held Jan. 28 at St. Rita's School, West Webster. Seventy Sisters of Mercy alumnae members attended and shared the results of the panelists' research.

SISTER MARY Dominic, president of the organization, presided at the business meeting and acted as coordinator for the program. Sister Mary Matthias conducted a song fest of Civil War melodies.

A debate, biographies of the leading generals, the major battles, the war at sea, and the services of the Sisters of Mercy in the Civil War constituted the program.

The following Sisters participated: Sisters Mary Callistus, Mary Eugenia, Mary Fidelis, Mary Frederick, Mary Josépha, Mary Josetta, Margretta, and Mary Sean.

Rev. Francis Kleehammer celebrated Benediction. Sister Mary Ellen, superior and principal of Saint Rita's School, acted as hostess at a buffet supper.

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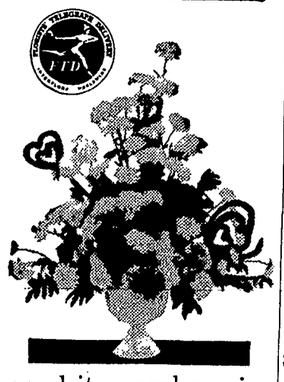

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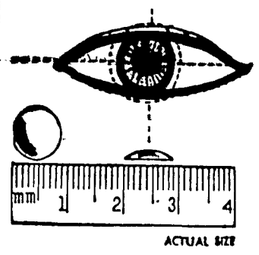

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BONNET BUFFET planned by the Notre Dame Women's Organization will feature a hat show and a luncheon at the Treadway Inn at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 4. Discussing plans are from left Mrs. Reginald Morrison, Mrs. Charles John O'Brien, program chairman, and Mrs. Vincent Dollard.

Family Rosary Radio Program

Friday, Feb. 3 — August Maier, Our Lady of Perpetual Help accompanied by the Kolping Society.

Saturday, Feb. 4 — William Schmitt, Holy Cross.

Sunday, Feb. 5 — John Hendricks, St. Michaels accompanied by Legion of Mary.

Monday, Feb. 6 — John McDonnell, Our Lady of Lourdes accompanied by St. Thomas More Club.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 — Dr. James Gleason, St. Augustine accompanied by Catholic War Veterans.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 — John Puffer, Holy Ghost, Coldwater accompanied by Men's Club of parish.

Thursday, Feb. 9 — William Morgan, Holy Ghost, Coldwater accompanied by Laymen's Retreat League of that parish.

The Date Book

Aquinas Mothers

For the Aquinas Mothers' Club, Valentine Day will also mean "High and Handsome Fashions for Spring '61". Tuesday evening, Feb. 14, at 8:30 p.m., B. Forman Co. will bring to the School Auditorium on Dewey Ave. an array of "exciting fashions." Top designer creations will vie with attractive and wearable casuals.

Annual Fashion Show is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Leo B. Rittersbach. Assisting her are: Mesdames Rudolph Toth, Charles Bartash, Anthon Bonafede, Kenneth Crane, Fred Glenn, Joseph Mann, Edward Provenzano, John Wehner, Francis Caccamise, Charles Tufano, Albert Flesch, and Thomas Riley.

Assisting as Usherettes are the Misses Sue Callaghan, Mary Ellen Flynn, Karen Gears, Ann Provenzano, Jean Russer, Rosemary Slattery, Sue Sorokti, Patricia Winterkorn, Geraldine Zachary and Cheri Zirpolo. Music will be furnished by Mrs. John Sorokti and flowers by Raymond's.

Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria following the Fashion Show.

Young Matrons

Young Matrons Group of the Catholic Women's Club will hold its annual pre-lenten supper at the clubhouse, 215 Alexander Street, Wednesday, Feb. 8. Serving will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Louis J. Hohman will be guest speaker. Mrs. Leon Bauer, chairman, will be assisted by the Mesdames Charles Bailey, Clarence Bircher, Harold Cadmus, Lewis Neary, Lawrence Liberatore, William O'Hagan and Gerald Schantz.

Mission Group

Mission Group of the Young Matrons' will meet at the clubhouse, 215 Alexander Street, Wednesday, Feb. 15, 8:15 p.m. Members are invited to assist in packing medicines for the missions.

N. D. Women

The University of Notre Dame Club of Rochester, women's Organization will hold a hat fashion show and buffet luncheon Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Treadway Inn, Rochester. New Spring hat fashions in many colors, fabrics and styles will be presented by Faith Booth, custom milliner.

Women's Club

The pre-lenten dessert bridge party will be held at the Catholic Women's Club clubhouse, 215 Alexander Street, February 10, at 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Orr M. Sixby, chairman will be assisted by Mrs. Joseph H. Broderick.

Capri Club

The Capri Club will hold a bowling party at the Gates Bowl on Pixley Road Sunday afternoon, Feb. 5. Bowling will start at 4:30 p.m., followed by a buffet supper. Thomas Mastradonato is chairman. Reservations may be made by calling Carmalita Petote at GL. 8-5256.

Archconfraternity

Members of the Archconfraternity of The Holy Family of St. Joseph's Church will receive Holy Communion at the 7:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, Feb. 5. This Mass will be offered up for the intention of the members. Breakfast and Conference will follow in the Church Hall. Rev. Josph Wintecki, C.Ss. R., will conduct the conference. Breakfast committee: Catherine Ferris, chairman, assisted by Nellie Huddy, Helen Lannen, Cleta Rummel, Lucille Euler and Delta Kiefer.

Visit Sister

Mrs. John Hart of Canary St. and Mrs. Edward O'Connor of Mulberry St. returned from a trip to Atlanta, Ga. where they visited their sister, Sister Mary Bertrand O.P., a Dominican Sister at Our Lady of Perpetual Hhelp Free Cancer Home. Sister is the daughter of the late John and Mary Temmerman.

Seton Groups In Action

19TH BRANCH of Seton Workers of St. Mary's Hospital will be entertained by Mrs. Ronald J. McDonald of Electric Ave. at luncheon in her home Wednesday, Feb. 8.

20TH BRANCH will meet Tuesday noon, Feb. 7 at home of Mrs. Robert Hand of 119 Milton St.

13TH BRANCH luncheon meeting to be held Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital. Hostesses Mrs. Albert Held, Mrs. Forest Doyle and Mrs. Arthur Doyle.

22ND BRANCH will meet for luncheon Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the home of Mrs. John J. Conway Jr of Westland Ave.

29TH BRANCH was entertained at luncheon at the home of Mrs. Watler B. Sullivan, Meadow Drive honoring Mrs. Frank A. Eaton who is leaving for Fort Lauderdale, Fla., next week. Projects for the Seton Sale in the Fall were selected at the meeting.

66TH BRANCH will meet Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Clarence Amann of Caroline St.

63RD BRANCH will be entertained by Mrs. Thomas Spiess at her home, 188 Danforth Cres., Feb. 9.

67TH BRANCH will meet Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the home of Mrs. James O'Brien, Scholfield Road.

AUXILIARIES of the K of C

Ladies Auxiliary of St. John Fisher Council, Knights of Columbus, will hold its annual banquet Saturday evening at 7 p.m., Feb. 11 at Webster Hotel, Webster, N.Y. Husbands of members are invited. Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 3. East Rochester members are asked to contact Mrs. Helen Carli for reservations and the Fairport members are to contact Mrs. Wanda Miner.

At Our House . . .

Re Sermons

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Dear Mrs. Daly:

In a recent column, you spoke of hearing an inspiring sermon. Even from the bits you gave, I got a glimpse of this inspiration. All of us wish that we could have more of these: the "tell you how to live" kind.

We ordinary Catholics do not ask for oratory. On the other hand, we don't want sermon time taken up by notices from the parish bulletin. These we can read at home.

I realize that what with waiting for the previous Mass to finish, parking, attending Mass and clearing the parking lot again for the following Mass, there is precious little time for a "message" from the pastor or his assistant.

Nevertheless, how eagerly we of the congregation await that "message." It can be only five or six well-thought-out paragraphs; an interpretation of the gospel we have heard, comments on current moral problems. What we seek is something that we, as a family, can discuss during breakfast on Sunday, perhaps even continue over into the dinner hour.

BEST OF ALL, we should like some thought from a priest which will buoy us up during the week ahead.

In my own small parish, the priest is overworked, has financial burdens that would stymie a Kennedy consultant. Nevertheless, each Sunday he preaches to us "the Word of God." Many of his sermons, I feel sure, were those delivered as "lessons" when he was in the seminary. However, we sense that he has subsequently thought them through, adapted them to the need of this parish he now serves. We appreciate Father W's sharing of his spiritual thoughts with us who now give him the grave problems he faces.

Sincerely,
One for Better Sermons

—:—

Dear Mrs. Daly:

Your column about a sermon makes me write this letter.

I am married to a Non-Catholic, a fine man and one quite faithful to his own church. In his tolerant fashion, he has many times gone to church with me. I don't know why, but every time he accompanies me to church, we do not have a sermon such as you describe.

We don't have a sermon, period. Oftentimes, we have a harangue.

Is there any way of finding out, ahead of time, what will be forthcoming from the pulpit?

Mrs. S.T.G.

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I WAS SOMEWHAT surprised at the reaction from a column about a sermon, these being but a couple, but typical, of responses. In answer to Mrs. S.T.G. we can only advise, speak to your pastor. Harangue has no place in a Catholic church.

Certainly, in other faiths, the sermon is paramount. An expert preacher draws crowds.

In the Catholic Church, the picture is different. Compared with the Mass itself, the sermon is inconsequential.

Nevertheless, being human, we do like, in addition, to derive a spiritual "lift" from the priest in the pulpit After reading of an Epistle of St. Paul, followed by a Gospel, we should like something besides a list of forthcoming card parties, benefit chicken dinners, a CYO dance, "50 cents stag-or-drag." As "One for Better Sermons" says, we can read these items in the parish bulletin.

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FROM THE other side of the chancel rail: We attended the funeral of an old friend, a newspaper man, and heard a fine eulogy.

Speaking to the priest later, the Head of the House and I complimented him on it.

"I tried," the young priest sighed wearily.

"But up until midnight I was doing parish paper work, typing out notices. It's hard to organize your thoughts — the things you really want to say to people."

* * *

Father, you know our problems, our need for spiritual guidance. We only hope that we can try to understand your side.

Films Listed At Museum

A program of three films will have two showings at Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2.30 p.m. and at 3:30 p.m.

The country and the people, geography, history, economic life and social customs are described in the film "Introducing the United States"; why we have day and night and how the sun heats and lights our world is shown in "The Big Sun and Our Earth"; while animal behavior is observed in the film "Looking for Answers."

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GENERAL CHAIRMEN, seniors Jane Doane and Kathy Sheehan, have appointed students from the junior, sophomore, and freshman classes to assist them in carrying out the planned events. A jazz concert, snow sculpture, a cabin party, dinner and dancing at the Powers Hotel, will occupy the first two days, and the weekend will close with Mass and breakfast on the college campus on Sunday morning.

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