

New Moderator, Prexy Named By Deanery

The Rev. John Coonan, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Mt. Morris, is new moderator of the Livingston Deanery, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

THE DEANERY also has a new president, Mrs. Peter Papero of Caledonia.

First meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 18 in St. Mary's Rectory, Geneseo. Miss Margaret Courney of Caledonia will report on the Sept. 17 prevention meeting in Waterloo.

Hostesses for the Geneseo meeting will be St. Mary's Rosarians, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Racyka.

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Interracial Mass at Mt. Carmel

Participants in a Mass honoring St. Peter Claver at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Rochester, Saturday, Sept. 9, included Rev. Gennaro Ventura, left, who said the Mass, Rev. Robert Kreckel and lay people from several parishes. Father Kreckel called for "mutual charity" — as exemplified in the Scripture parable of the Good Samaritan — as the only lasting basis for interracial progress.

AUXILIARIES

The first meeting of the season of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will be held on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 8:30 p.m. in the Columbus Civic Center. Mrs. Frank Melville will be the hostess for the evening.

Bath Rosary Group Hears Security Talk

Bath — At its first meeting of the fall season, St. Mary's Rosary and Altar Society met on Wednesday, Sept. 6, beginning with recitation of the Rosary at the church. The meeting followed in the church hall.

MRS. CHARLES BOWERS presided and the Rev. John P. O'Malley introduced guest speaker, Dr. George Yost of the Bath Veterans Administration staff who spoke on "National Security in the Atomic Age." Mrs. Bowers introduced the officers and chairmen of committees.

Mrs. Charles Bowers, president; Mrs. Robert Wilcox, vice-president; Mrs. Mahlon Rick, treasurer; Mrs. Emory Bennett, recording secretary; Mrs. Frank Sullivan, corresponding secretary.

Foreign Relief, Miss Marion Thalman; Historian, Mrs. Carlo Marano; Hostess, Mrs. Bernard Fagan; Mothers' Circle, Mrs. Richard Giovanni; Library and Literature, Mrs. William Dupont; Legislation, Mrs. Andrew Hopiak; Organization and Development, Mrs. Edwin Mackowiak; Public Relations, Mrs. John Melynk; Pianist, Mrs. John Gallagher; Spiritual Development, Mrs. Ernest Smith; Study Club, Mrs. Frank Evans; Family and Parent Education, Mrs. Hilda Mowchan; Ways and Means, Mrs. George Yost.

AFTER THE meeting, refreshments were served by Chairman Mrs. Sebastian Canarella and Mrs. Thomas Connelly with the following helpers: Mrs. Richard Benincasa; Mrs. Mounette Moran; Mrs. Goliardo Miale; Mrs. John Shields; Mrs. Emilio Yannie.

Also, St. Mary's sponsored a Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8 and 9, at the Bath Municipal Hall. Cochairmen of this event were Mrs. Gene Mancini and Mrs. George Yost.

Legacy Of Irish - Americans Extolled At Barry Banquet

Some 85 Hibernians and guests attended the Third Annual Commodore John Barry Banquet, Saturday night, Sept. 7 at Myhal's Restaurant.

They heard Dr. Frank C. Brown, professor of history at the University of Scranton, describe some of the contributions made by men and women of Irish Roman Catholic ancestry to the growth of the United States.

PROFESSOR BROWN, a renowned lecturer with 22 years' experience as a collegiate history teacher, captivated his audience as he verbally covered many high points of Irish contributions from the men who were our Founding Fathers down to the present and the late Dr. Tom Dooley.

Even in limiting his address to a half-hour, the Scranton professor touched on many points either generally overlooked or forgotten. He pointed to the election of John F. Kennedy as the president of our country as a big step in giving status not only for the Irish but all Roman Catholics.

The professor reminded, however, that it has not always been easy for the Roman Catholic Irish. "In fact," he underlined, "the road has been unmarked by abuse, insults and beatings."

In talking of the presidency, he pointed out that President Kennedy was not the second, but rather the third Roman Catholic of Irish blood to be nominated for this high office.

Most every American believes that Al Smith was the first to try. "But, as far back as 1872, an Irish Roman Catholic was attempting to break the caste system," Prof. Brown said.

"CHARLES O'CONNOR was a candidate on the Straight Democratic ticket and drew over 29,000 votes.

"It is true, however, that Al Smith was the first and President Kennedy the second on a major party ticket."

In talking of Colonial times, he pointed to seven Irishmen as signers of the Declaration of Independence and to the fact that a John Sullivan was a close friend of Thomas Jefferson, who exerted some influence in the writing of the Constitution.

"It is interesting to note," he continued, "that one-third of the troops with General George Washington at Valley Forge were Irish.

"In 1816 when there was a labor shortage in this country, the Irish were recruited to work here. It was not long after that the Irish played a major role in the building of the Erie Canal.

"If any nationality owes a debt to its ancestors, it is those

of us who possess Irish blood." "I say this," explained Prof. Brown, "because I have conducted a check of various banks in New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Charleston and New Orleans and discovered to my amazement that during the period 1845 to 1858, over \$63 million dollars in small monthly amounts was sent back to Ireland by Irish workers in this country, so that relatives could join them in the New World.

Now a resident of Dunmore, Pa., Prof. Brown graduated from St. Thomas High School, Scranton, and received his degrees from the University of Scranton and Columbia University.

The Rev. John S. Hayes, pastor of St. Patrick's Church and a past Hibernian division chaplain, spoke briefly and delivered the invocation and benediction.

"This is an amazing record, and becomes quite a personal consideration, since many of us would not be here today except for this noble sacrifice. In addition, this then vast, unsettled country benefited immensely.

"WE CAN ALSO better see the importance of the contribution of Irish immigration to our early days when we understand that the peak of Irish immigration occurred in 1851, some 30 years before the peak of the German immigration and 36 years prior to the peak of the Italian immigration — both of which also played major roles in the formation of this land."

In his closing remarks, the dynamic history professor praised the Irish descendants and other national groups for their love of the United States and their patriotism.

Bart J. Maloney, president of the Msgr. John J. Lee Division, read telegrams and letters from AOH, also spoke briefly and past chaplains and other members of the clergy who are division members.

Paul H. McCabe, Chemung County District Attorney, was toastmaster.

Introduced at the speakers' table were Mrs. Matthias F. Fennell, president of the Msgr. John J. Lee Division, AOH Ladies' Auxiliary; Mary McCabe, wife of the toastmaster; Jerome R. Hogan, Hibernian state director and past division president, and his wife, Eileen.

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