Auburn K of St. J Auxiliary Honors State President

Auburn—The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John of St. Alphonsus Church No. 300, paid tribute to Miss Bertha Kennerknecht, state president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Utica. Miss Kennerknecht organized St. Alphonsus Auxiliary No. 300, in 1951, under the late Msgr. Frederick G. Straub and has held the office of supreme deputy of the organization from 1951 until about a month ago, when supreme president, Mrs. Camilla Haszlauer of Rochester appointed Mrs. Daniel E. Taber to the office.

THE TESTIMONIAL dinner took place in St. Alphonsus School Hall on Sunday afternoon and was attended by more than 65 members and guests. Rev. Robert Dobbertin, former assistant to Monsignor Straub and first moderator of the organization, represented all former moderators. Rev. Robert Kreckel and Rev. Robert Meng, both former moderators, were unable to attend.

Mrs. Mildred Tutei, state treasurer, of Syracuse, who also helped Miss Kennerknecht in forming St. Alphonsus Auxiliary was present, as were Rev. John M. Merklinger, pastor of St. Alphonsus, and Rev. Gerald Connor, chaplain of the Auxiliary, and Rev. Irving Sullivan, assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus.

Rev. Benedict Scarff, O.F.M. Conv., of St. James Church, Speculator, N.Y., and New York State Chaplain of the Ladies Auxiliary was guest speaker. Father Scarff spoke of the outstanding work performed by Miss Kennerknecht not only in the Auxiliary, but in her church and family.

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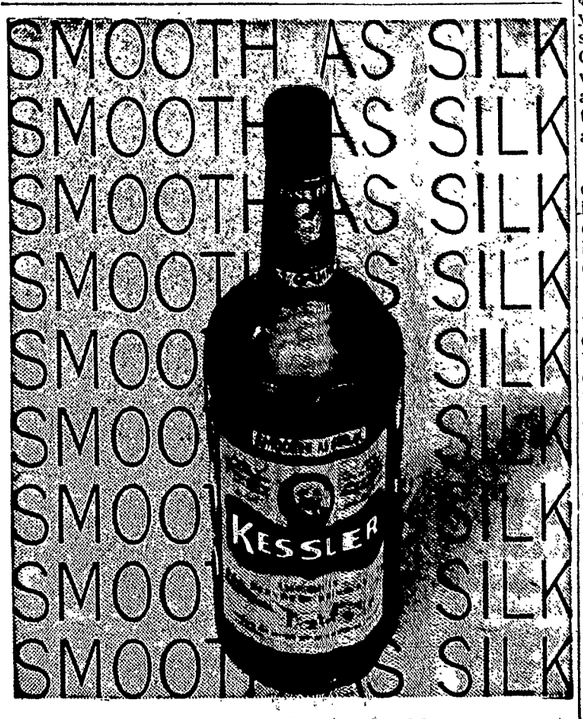

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M. Bessunger Requiem Held

Requiem Mass for Melvin J. (Manny) Bessunger was offered in Holy Rosary Church, Monday, Nov. 5. Mr. Bessunger of 201 Kislingbury St. died Nov. 1, 1962. He was 84.

MR. BESSUNGER was born in New York City He developed polio at 3 years of age and for the remainder of his life his legs were paralyzed. He was unable to use crutches, moved around in a wheelchair and also a tricycle.

His parents moved to Rochester in 1884 when he was 6. Due to his condition he was educated entirely by private tutors. The family moved to the Tenth Ward in 1905 and have lived there since.

He studied violin under Paul Verpoese of Belgium in Rochester and also under Ludwig Schenk of Rochester. For many years he gave violin instruction at his home. He retired in 1956.

Prior to World War II he drove his own car. It was fitted so that he could operate it with his hands and arms.

A sister, Miss C. Louise Bessunger, Rochester; a nephew, Leslie B. Cowell, Encino, Calif., and two grand nieces survive.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Joseph J. Buckley Funeral Director.

KC Offers $36,000 Grants

New York State Council, Knights of Columbus will award scholarships valued at $36,000 to Catholic seniors graduating in January or June 1963 according to an announcement made to day by J. Harold Wright, District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus.

THE STATE is divided into 12 scholarship districts, each scholarship district is allotted three scholarships: 1st Place—$1400 paid at $350 per year for 4 years; 2nd and 3rd Place — $800 each paid at $200 per year for 4 years.

This year will mark the start of a new scholarship valued at $2,400 and paid at $600 per year for 4 years. This scholarship known as the "Joseph S. Coffey Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to the student attaining the highest mark in the entire state in the merit examinations.

Examinations will be conducted by the Princeton Testing Service. The preliminary examination will be given in December 1962 and the final examination in March 1963.

Applications must be filed with John J. Waycie, Chairman of Scholarship Committee, New York State Council, Knights of Columbus, 47 Sussex Street, Port Jervis, New York as soon as possible.

NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY REASON AFTER DEC. 1, 1962.

Promote Boys Town Choir

THE LIONS CLUB of Auburn the presentation of the Boys Town Choir at Emerson Auditorium, East High School, Nov. 8. The Owasco-Fleming Kiwanis club purchased 50 tickets to the affair and will present the tickets to the Cayuga Home for Children. Pictured as the transaction was made are Luther H. Shepard, and Joseph Pine, of the Lions Club; George Underwood III, president of the Owasco Fleming Kiwanis Club; and Alfred C. George, chairman of the clubs boys and girls committee.

Breakfast Held By Rosarians

Ovid — Mrs. Paul Covert, President of the Rosary and Altar Society of Holy Cross, Ovid and Sacred Heart, Romulus welcomed clergy, members and guests to the Mother and Daughter Communion and Breakfast in Columbus Hall, Ovid, on Sunday, Nov. 4. Miss Nellie Riley, past president, gave a history of the society which was organized in 1954 by Father Michael J. Tydings, with Mrs. James Maguire as the first president.

The Rev. Francis Harding expressed his thanks to Mrs. Robinson, chairman and the men of the Holy Name Society for their work in arranging, preparing and serving breakfast. He spoke in the importance of recitation of the Rosary.

Mrs. Henry Bromka and Mrs Willis McGrain led the group in singing "Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest" and "Holy God we praise Thy Name." Mrs Charles McCrane offered a special prayer to Our Lady.

Bertha Huxley Requiem Offered

Solemn Funeral Mass for Mrs. Bertha J. Huxley was offered in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Friday, Nov. 9. Mrs. Huxley of 191 Lehigh Ave., died Nov. 6, 1962.

SOLEMN REQUIEM Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Leo V. Smith assisted by the Rev. Edward J. Tolster, deacon and the Rev. Ernest Kurzejewski, subdeacon.

Surviving are one son, G. Richard Huxley and two grandsons, Robert and Richard Huxley.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Alvah Halloran & Son Funeral Home.

Power's Novel Reviewed By Fr. Thomas Hoctor

"On the level of satiric comedy, the book is a sheer delight."

With these kind words, the Rev. Thomas Hoctor launched into his critique of J. F. Power's novel "Morte D'Urban" in last Tuesday's Noonday Book Review. His praise was mixed with certain sharp reservations however.

"Structurally, as a novel, it's a failure," he went on. Father Hoctor explained that the book is really a series of short episodes, rather than a unified whole.

"I TRIED READING Chapter 6 before Chapter 5 — It didn't seem to make any difference," he said.

Powers is a one-subject writer, the subject being the foibles of Catholicism in America, said the reviewer.

"He has been delighting and antagonizing readers for twenty years with his short storics. This, his first full-length work, will probably do the same."

Father Hoctor did not feel that Powers was anti-clerical, but rather a very clever satirist, whose area of competence happens to be his fellow Catholics, clerical and lay.

"In the fictional Father Urban, and his fictional order, the Clementines, Powers has a wide-open field to display his virtuosity as a social satirist," Father Hoctor went on. He felt that Powers' lacks real depth in his insights, but—

"On the subcutaneous level, he's devastating. He not only gets under his subjects' skins, but often his readers."

He concluded that the book may annoy many Catholics, but would entertain many more.

The theme on which the episodes are strung, is the rise to prominence in his own Order of the hero, Father Urban. Along the way, Powers offers his tongue-in-cheek observations about clerical life in contemporary America.

Father Hoctor's review was the fourth in a series currently running at the Catholic Evidence Library at 50 Chestnut Street. The library is sponsored by the Monroe County Council of Catholic Women.

Mothers List Fashion Show

Auburn — The Mothers' Club of Holy Family Church has scheduled Sunday, Nov. 18, as the date for a Fashion Show in the school auditorium.

MRS. GERALD Casler, President, announced that a holiday theme will be carried out in the presentation of the Fashion Show from Kalet's, with accessories from the Nolan Shoe Store.

Mrs Andrew Kuczek is general chairman with Mrs. Edward Devers, cochairman. The cochairmen are being assisted by the following committees:

Publicity: Mrs. Bruno DelFavero and Mrs. Martin Dougherty; decorations: Mrs. Thomas Vail; refreshments: Mrs. Gerald Schintz; tickets: Mrs. Paul Cuddy; music and accessories: Mrs. LeRoy Ireland and Mrs. Anthony Tabone; makeup: Mrs. Anthony Siracusa.

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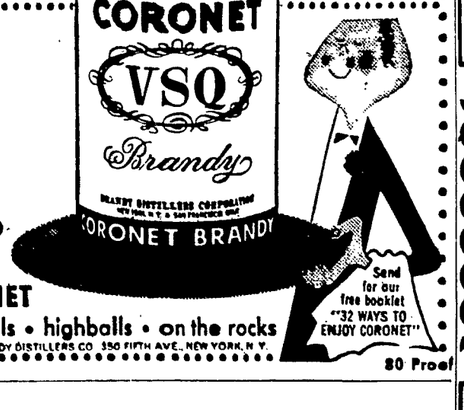

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Thomas Shields Last Rites Held At St. Pius X

Mass of the Angels was offered for two and one-half year old Thomas J. Shields in St. Pius X Church, Tuesday, Nov. 6. Thomas of 54 Sequoia Drive Chili was killed Nov. 4, 1962 in the driveway of his home, pinned under the family car while other children were playing in it.

THE MASS for the child, youngest of nine children, was celebrated by the Rev. Donald J. Murphy.

Surviving are the boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Shields; four sisters and four brothers, Elizabeth, Michael, Mary Susan, Christopher, Stephen, Catherine, Barbara and Peter Shields; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sheilds, Bronxville, N.Y.; maternal grandparents Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Dooling, Lantana, Fla.; several aunts and uncles including Thomas A. Shields of Chili.

Burial was in St. Pius X Cemetery. Arrangements by Alvah Halloran and Son Funeral Home.

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