

**Looking Back**

**Deaths Of 3 Recall Long Associations**

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

When the deaths of three persons with whom this writer was associated — two for more than 50 years and one for 40, occurred last week, reminiscences flooded the mind and crowded the space for which a piece like this is allotted.

Within days, Monsignor William H. Hart, editor-in-chief of the Courier Journal; Sister M. Philippa, former teacher at old Cathedral High School and Joseph P. (Stubby) Flynn were called to their eternal rewards.

I was a friend of Joe Flynn's since the day in September, 1908, he came from old St. Mary's Orphan Asylum to attend Cathedral High School, 54 years ago. I saw him last, wasted from illness at his home, Saturday, Nov. 17. The spirit that carried him from the orphan home to great heights in his profession and as an exemplary Catholic layman was apparent despite the ravages of cancer.

**MONSIGNOR HART** when an assistant at Corpus Christi in 1924 was first approached by this writer to learn how the diocese officials would feel about my taking over the Rochester edition of the Buffalo Echo. I remember he was kind and considerate.

Eight years later I became associated with him on the Courier Journal. He took an intense interest in the paper especially during the trying financial years and once loaned his Sunday collection to carry the paper's current expenses.

His connection with the paper was to result in his writing editorials for many years, special articles especially on St. Bernard's Seminary and on subjects with which he alone was thoroughly familiar and could express himself fittingly.

Sister Philippa was one of those good Sisters of St. Joseph who served on the faculty of Cathedral High School in early days and was to influence many men and women who attained success in later life. One of her students was Joe Flynn. She was kindly but firm, deeply religious but with a sense of humor, young high school students appreciated.

To recall all of our association with Joe (Stubby) Flynn over the more than half-century period poses a project. I knew him at high school, at Notre Dame University, in the Knights of Columbus, Alhambra, Notre Dame Alumni Club and other groups. Particularly happy were recollections of "The Tenites," a group of 10 Knights of Columbus of which Joe was an active and witty member.

Close to Stubby was the Cathedral High School Alumni Association. He missed very few of the reunions and was there this year, at the speakers' table, marking the 50th anniversary of his class. The affair was more or less in the nature of a testimonial to Joe Flynn.

For example, Emmett Norton, former purchasing agent of the City of Rochester under Republican administration stood up to declare that as an architect on city projects, Joe Flynn gave services in full and the city received full value. Stubby was a Democrat.

**AT NOTRE DAME**, most of us who, influenced by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, had worked off our tuition by waiting on table with Stubby. He was small then, so small that the University authorities wanted to put him in the high school department when he was a full-fledged university student.

One day, as Joe was pulling a large truck carrying dishes, Father Morrissey, the Provincial of the Holy Cross Fathers, noticed him. The kindly priest asked Joe if that were not a heavy job — but the small grinning dark haired boy said: "O no Father — I can handle it." However from that time on he was transferred to the Presbytery or priests' residence to take care of the waiting duties and stayed there until he was graduated in 1916.

Joe played basketball, baseball and even football on the hall teams at the South Bend Institution. One of his cronies was Cy Williams, a fellow architect student and baseball luminary. Williams became a home run king in the National League. He was well over six feet, Joe was small next to him.

We were together at the Aerial School of Photography at Eastman Kodak Park during World War I. I was sent to Florida but he went overseas and became a sergeant in the photo section.

In the Knights of Columbus, the young architect became Grand Knight in 1937. For three years he ably administered the affairs of the Council. At that time the Knights of Columbus and Shriners joined in a charitable program sponsoring the Red Wing Baseball games. His friendships made with the members of the Shrine became life-long. He was invited to their boat rides to Cobourg, to the Shrine-sponsored circus and he was highly respected by men like Gordon White, Elmer Rathel and others of the organization.

**THE STORY** of his work in designing church and civic structures is greater than could be told here. I have mentioned it here before that during high school days I was in old St. Mary's hospital on the ground floor one day. Through the window climbed a youngster from St. Mary's Orphan Home. He was Joe Flynn destined to design the great St. Mary's Hospital next door, years later.

In his home on Elmendorf Ave. is a beautiful stained glass window — in it are reproductions of St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls, the hospital and the new Public Safety Building in the Rochester Civic Center — all his work. He was a member of Bohacket and Flynn architectural firm.

Since starting this I have attended the Solemn Pontifical Requiem for Joe. Bishop Kearney who celebrated the Mass and paid tribute to Joe's work in the diocese for which the Bishop said deep thanks are due, came to Rochester when Stubby was grand knight. They mutually came to respect, esteem and admire each other.

Joe had a strong helper in his wife, Ruth, he was devoted to his daughter Sheila, her husband Bill and the children. He was a staunch family man, a successful architect, deeply devoted layman and an example of courage, faith, fortitude, and friendship, the equal of who, will not be along in our lifetime.



Wilbur Dennis explains to Sister Aurelia, 7th grade teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes School, Brighton, his newly developed "programmed learning" device for "instant answers." Looking on are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wahl. Mr. Dennis and his wife presented "Today's Teaching Team—Parent, Child, Teacher" an illustrated talk at an open house at the school Tuesday, Nov. 20.



Parents study exhibits and select book lists for home reading programs during Open House at Our Lady of Lourdes School, Brighton, last Tuesday.

**New School Addition**

**Open House At St. Ann's**

Hornell—St. Ann's completely modernized school, termed a "fitting memorial to Monsignor Gannon" by the pastor, the Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, was thronged with visitors last Sunday.

They came in a steady stream all afternoon and evening to inspect the recently completed new addition and the improved, redecorated classrooms within the original buildings.

**GUESTS FROM** Rochester, Elmira and Corning, as well as hundreds from the Hornell area were enthusiastic in their comments as they toured the building, escorted by eighth graders who described features of particular interest.

The 54 members of next June's graduating class conducted the tours — wearing the conventional St. Ann's School uniform.

At the entrance to the new addition was a large portrait of St. Ann's late pastor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence Gannon.

It was under the Monsignor's guidance that the campaign for the new addition to St. Ann's School was started in April, 1961. Pledges made by parishioners totaled \$218,000 to be paid over a two-year period.

Following Monsignor Gannon's death on Dec. 7, 1961, Father Bisky, the newly appointed pastor, supervised construction of the addition and renovation of the original school.

Shortly after coming to St. Ann's from Elmira, where he was pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Father Bisky was able to acquire the parcels of land of the Fay P. Rathbun Estate adjoining the school. It was cleared to provide a 160-by-160-foot playground and parking lot.

Visitors at the school yesterday were escorted to the playground, now partially blacktopped and equipped with a field house, by enthusiastic students who explained where the basketball, volley ball courts and baseball diamond would be marked off.

Each of the rooms in the original building has been painted a soft green or rose beige, acoustical ceilings and

completely new lighting fixtures have been installed and floors refinished. A few years ago, new classroom furniture was installed throughout the building.

New restrooms have been installed throughout, with mirrors conveniently placed on the tiled walls.

On the mezzanine of the original building, a reference library has been erected from unused space. It is painted a soft yellow and equipped with a study corner for pupils doing special research.

**TERRAZZO** flooring covers the corridors of the new addition, and the new assembly hall in the basement. A portable stage at one end of the hall will be replaced by a permanent larger platform for dramatic and musical productions.

Visitors at St. Ann's School in the evening saw a huge glass brick cross over the entrance to the building illuminated as well as the statue of St. Ann, patron saint, which has been repainted in its niche on the Erie Ave side of the original school.

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**'You Are The Church'**

**World's Needs Laity's Task**

By ARTHUR FARREN

"How many of you have done anything for the poor man or woman in jail? . . . How many have given personal comfort to some lonely, elderly person down the street — food to the hungry family around the corner? . . . How many of you have done something personally for the Negro?"

Such were the challenges groups, particularly in the study raised in Rochester last week of the Church's social teachings. end by a Chicago priest who "Individual responsibility," contended that the primary role Father Weber asserted, "is one of the layman is to help satisfy of the greatest factors in the needs of those "who hunger Catholic religion."

**EVERYONE'S** "personal responsibility" to bring about a better world was stressed by the Rev. Gerard Weber in lectures at St. John Fisher College before 40 persons on Saturday and more than 200 on Sunday night.

Expressing amazement at the numbers of laymen who continually ask why the Church doesn't "do something" about many of today's problems, Father Weber declared:

"You are the Church — the community of the faithful — the living community of Christ's brothers — Christ working in the world today. Many of Christ's children are crying for justice . . . this is your role: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. If we love people, we'll help them."

Father Weber, an assistant pastor in a Negro mission area of South Chicago, has authored an adult catechism and several books and magazine articles. He has been active for several years in the Christian Family and Gana Movements.

His two-day Rochester visit was sponsored by one of the city's Catholic couple discussion groups. He was presented to the lecture audiences by Dr. William H. Hetzner.

Stating that "the world needs a responsible laity," the priest said "we have an educated laity today, and I am convinced that the Holy Spirit is moving among them."

He emphasized that the Church "is not only the clergy but also the laity," and that the parish "is not only the priests but also the people."

**SOME PEOPLE**, he said, "recognize injustices — and stay at home praying the Church will do something about them."

"This is your job," Father Weber pointed out. "The job of the priest is to lead in the spiritual order, to teach and explain the Faith; the role of the layman is not so much to explain the Faith as to live it."

. . . You are the leaders in the temporal order; the Holy Spirit has given you a job — to go out and do something about the world."

Among avenues of action he mentioned were the problems of marriage, the elderly, Medicare, politics, entertainment, and integration. Noting that effective action often requires group support, he advocated the formation of discussion

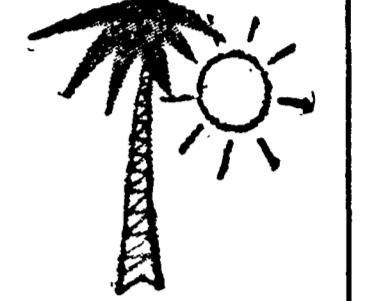
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