

St. Ann's, Owasco, Golden Jubilee

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Lightning rods were placed on the church and the year 1927 ended with the church free of all debts and a balance of \$90. This was accomplished from the returns of a social picnic held on Owasco lake at Koenig's Point.

Succeeding Father Smith was Rev. Francis Moffett. Additional improvements were made in the heating equipment. Improvements were limited as Father Moffett's pastorate spanned the depression years. A dealer in antique glass offered \$1200 for the windows and agreed to replace them with colored glass windows. This was a most attractive offer but the parishioners, with only ten families active members of the parish at that time, through several social functions succeeded in paying \$900 to retain the original windows.

Father Moffett was followed by Father James Tischer, who came from Victor and Father Moffett was transferred to Addison. Father Tischer had the electric lights installed, replacing three lovely brass hanging lamps which were lighted by standing on a step ladder.

While on a vacation trip to Quebec, Father Tischer died, and was succeeded by Rev. Ernest Dougherty. Again because of limited finances and the few active parishioners, only essential repairs were made. In 1946 Father Dougherty was transferred to Clifton Springs and was succeeded by Rev. Francis Waterstraat.

New families were coming in the Rosary-Altar Society was formed and became a very active unit of the parish. The Men's Club was started. Mrs. Henry Silience, at an Altar Society meeting, made the suggestion that we should plan for a bazaar in the fall and the annual Chicken Barbecue and Bazaar was inaugurated. The receipts from this annual bazaar have provided many improvements.

Father Waterstraat replaced the linoleum with a tile floor. The altar was remodeled by removing the extended pulpit and installing a small lectern and new carpeting was purchased. New cement walks were laid in front of the church. New roofing, painting of both interior and exterior and the removal of the stencilled border around windows and doors was done.

In June 1950 Father Waterstraat went to St. Michael's, Penn Yan, and Rev. Orin Feller of Aquinas Institute, Rochester, was appointed pastor. Father Feller expanded religious devotions.

New walls were installed. The outside wooden steps were replaced with concrete. Stations of the Cross were purchased principally through individual subscriptions.

Father Feller, because of ill-health, became an assistant pastor in Rochester and was succeeded by Rev. William O'Brien.

St. Ann's was then separated from St. Patrick's, Moravia, and became a part of the newly formed Sacred Heart Parish in the Town of Owasco. The barbecue and bazaar held under Father O'Brien's guidance produced added receipts for the treasury to provide for extensive improvements at some future date.

Rev. Raymond J. Wahl became pastor of St. Ann's when Sacred Heart Church was established. Under his direction plans were formulated for the Golden Jubilee.

The Men's Club, under the direction of Jack Hoadley and Leo Hunter, assisted by John Clark, Bill Davies, George Frank, Albert Gahwiler, Leo Murphy, Stanley Pilat, Jim Shapley, Roy Sherman and John Smith, worked every Thursday night and laid out and built the basement. This affords a place for meetings, social gatherings and any activity of parish interest. At the same time a new kitchen, with equipment, and two new lavatories with running water, were installed.

Rev. George Wiant, who was appointed assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Church immediately after his ordination in 1961 is also assistant at St. Ann's.

Today an entirely new altar, redecorated statues and new statues of the Blessed Virgin and the Sacred Heart; a new finished ceiling give the fine old rafters a different look; and a new organ combine to give the people of St. Ann's as lovely a place of worship as any in the Diocese.

Many St. Ann's children attend school at Sacred Heart. This leads us to feel that the faith in Owasco will grow stronger and deeper with a greater love of religion in the years to come.



Albert and Mrs. Albert E. Gahwiler Sr.; Paul A. Murray and his twin sister Miss Pauline Murray; John J. O'Brien and Miss Arlene Fitzpatrick chat about the "old days" of St. Ann's Church, Owasco, which will mark its 50th anniversary this Sunday. (A. G. Tarby Photo)

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Vatican City — (RNS) — An appeal to Catholics for more generous contributions was made by the Vatican Radio in a broadcast reporting on the work of the pontifical mission societies. These are the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Society of St. Peter the Apostle for Native Clergy, the Society of the Holy Childhood and the Missionary Union of the Clergy.

It said that in 1962 the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith received offerings amounting to over \$22,000,000, an increase of more than \$2,000,000 over the previous year.

However, it added, "the amount of assistance given satisfied only one-third of the requests" received by the society.

"THE AMOUNT at the disposal of the Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle," the station said, "was just over \$7,700,000. Even though this sum was higher than in the previous year, it only succeeded in satisfying 66 per cent of the requests received."

During 1962, Vatican Radio said, the Pontifical Society of the Holy Childhood, "besides an immense spiritual treasury of prayers and sacrifices," collected just over \$6,700,000, an increase of slightly more than \$445,000 in comparison with 1961. It said this amount was distributed to about 1,000 missionary programs spread around the world.

The station said the international secretariat of the Pontifical Missionary Union of the

Clergy, established at present in 49 countries, devoted special attention in 1962 to development of various press activities. It said the Union now has 17 magazines and national bulletins, "to which must be added some special services for seminarians in Canada, Italy, Mexico, Spain and Belgium."

Vatican Radio said "the rapid evolution taking place brings new problems every day, opens new dimensions to the missionary apostolate, and therefore presents new exigencies daily." In this connection, it noted that the International Missionary Congress held at Lyon, France, last May had "done much to awaken the conscience of Catholics to the task of the missionaries."

"Death Knell" For Hungary

United Nations — (RNS) — Msgr. Bela Varga, a prominent Hungarian Catholic prelate, declared here that a U.S.-sponsored resolution to abolish the post of U.N. Representative on Hungary, had sounded "the death knell . . . for hope of Hungary's freedom fighters."

Msgr. Varga, who was president of the Hungarian parliament just before the Communist takeover in that country in 1947, is now chairman of the refugee anti-Communist Hungarian Committee in New York.

His comments referred to a U.S.-backed resolution which was approved by a vote of 61-0, with 19 abstentions, in the U.N. Special Political Committee. The resolution, which now goes to the U.N. General Assembly, would abolish the post of U.N. Representative on Hungary now held by Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand.

The post was created under a General Assembly resolution in 1958 to enable an on-the-spot investigation of Hungary in the aftermath of the 1956 revolt against the Communists. The revolution was smashed by Russian forces. Hungary, however, has never permitted Sir Leslie to enter the country.

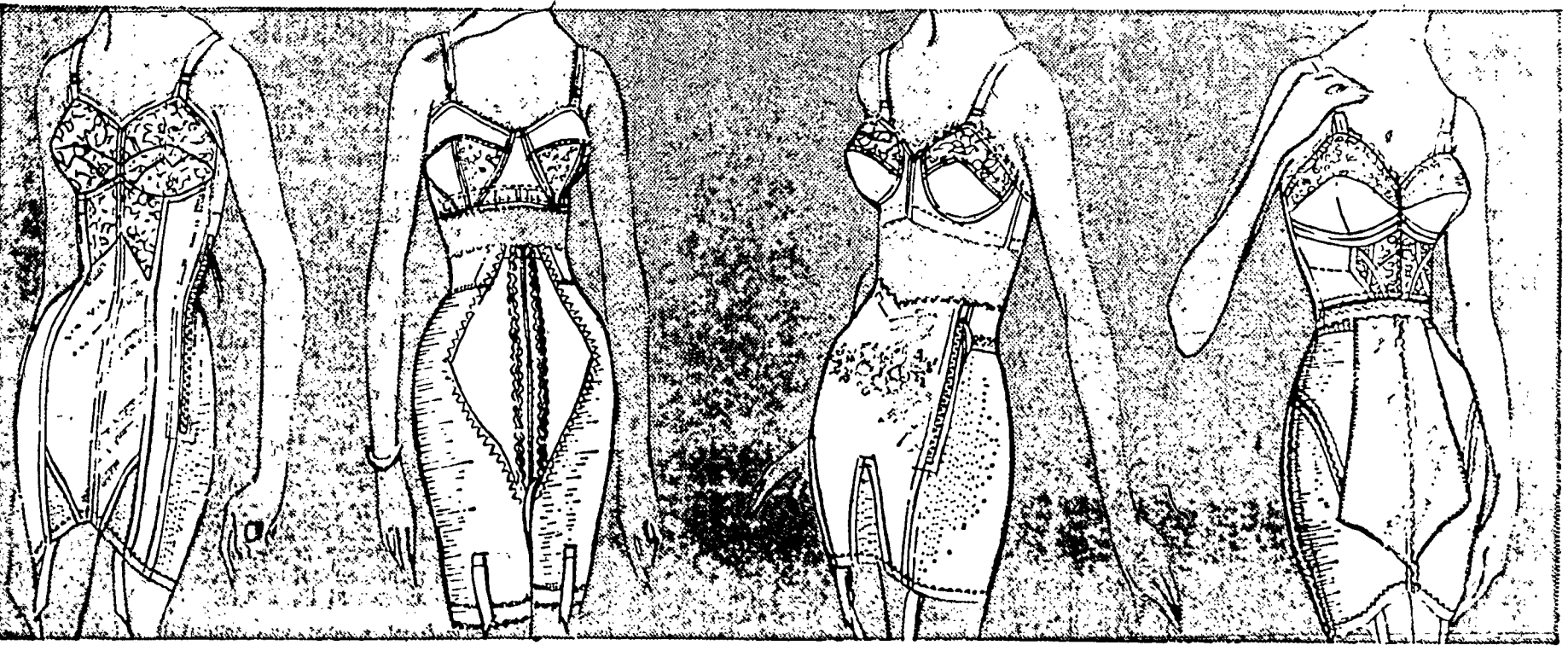
Catholic Party New in Italy

Rome — (NC) — A new party styling itself the "Political Movement of Italian Catholics" has entered the political arena here to halt what it calls "the steady drift of Italian policy toward positions dominated by social-communism."

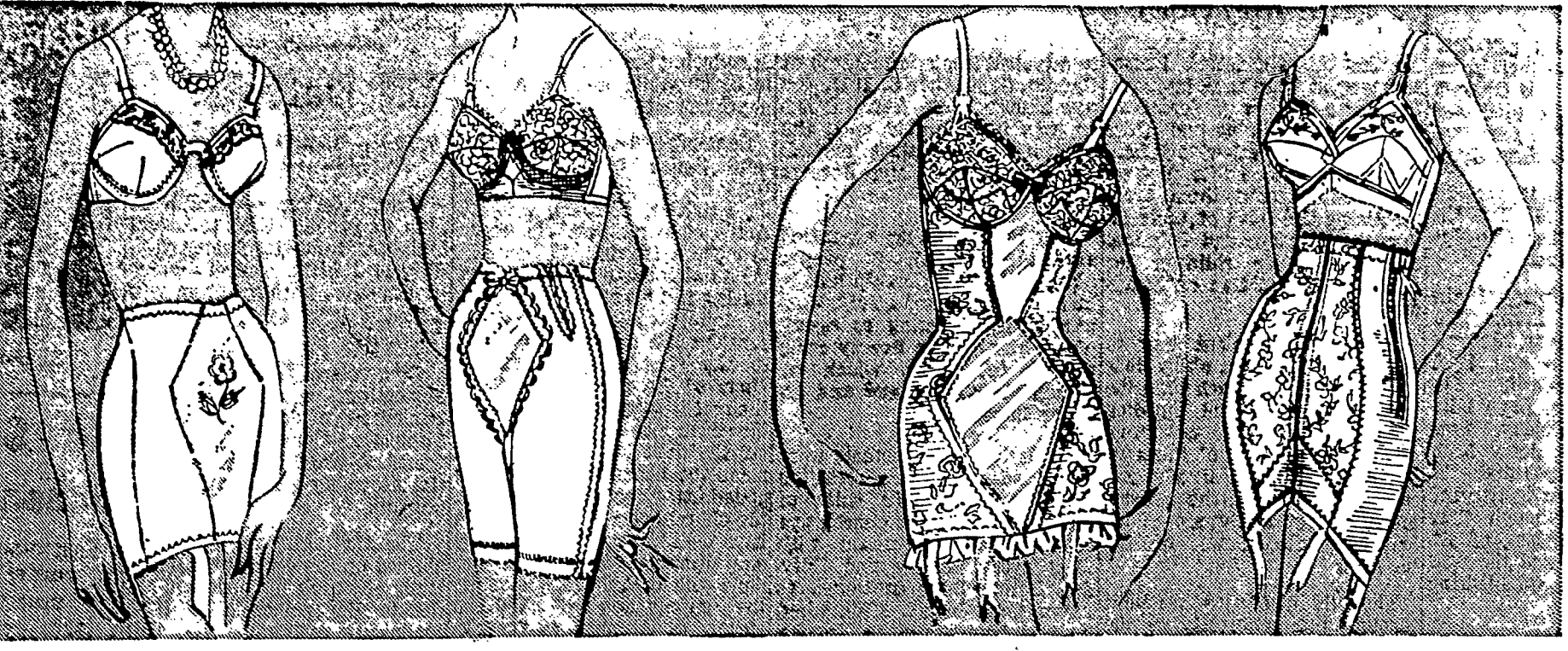
The leader of the new party, former Ambassador Ugo Scialoja, said it wants to appeal "to the natural disgust of many Italians for the present political parties and the year-old coalition between the governing Christian Democratic party and the Democratic Socialist party of Giuseppe Saragat."

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