



Academy Scholars

Two Rochester area girls have been awarded a \$1,200 scholarship each to the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Prince St. The Martin Luther King Scholarship was won by Janet Jenkins, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Jenkins, Curtis Road, Hemlock, at present a student at the Academy. The Janet Erskine Stewart Scholarship was won by Dorothy Hickey, right, daughter of Mrs. John E. Hickey, 57 Rogers Parkway, a student at St. Margaret Mary's school. Receiving honorable mention are: Barbara Armstrong of 140 Dartford Road, Peggy Malone of 231 Georgian Court Road, Joan Segerson of 1140 Clover St., and Christine Wilmot of 154 W. Jefferson Road.

Support Gains For Book Aid

Albany — (RNS) — A bill to permit the loan of non-sectarian textbooks to non-public high school students has won the added endorsement of a Roman Catholic weekly, a minister, a rabbi and two educators, but was strongly

Monsignor Moffatt Funeral

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by this holy priest whom we commit to God this morning.

"We send him back to God with our prayers for his eternal happiness and I am confident Monsignor Moffatt can say at the throne of God the same words spoken by our divine Lord at the Last Supper on the night before he died: the event we commemorate tomorrow (Holy Thursday). I have manifested Thy name to the men whom Thou hast given me. I have accomplished the work that Thou hast given me to do."

Monsignor Moffatt, the son of the late Matthew and Anna Conway Moffatt of Rochester, attended the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School, Brockport, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

He was ordained in old St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, May 29, 1920. After serving at the Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Sorrows churches, he was named pastor at St. Francis of Xavier Church in 1938. Pope Pius XII made him a domestic prelate in 1956.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Arthur J. Wilson of Orlando, Florida, and Miss Katherine M. Moffatt of Rochester and two nephews and a niece.

Priests of the Diocese chanted Vespers of the Dead Tuesday evening.

OFFICERS of the funeral Mass were Monsignor James McAniff, assistant priest to Bishop Kearney, Monsignors Albert Simonetti and Robert Keleher, deacons of honor, Monsignor John F. Maney, assistant priest to Bishop Casey.

Monsignor John Duffy was deacon and Monsignor Arthur Ratican, subdeacon. Masters of ceremonies were Fathers James Mornihan, Gerald Appelby and Daniel Brent.

Acolytes were Fathers Genaro Ventura and Richard Orlando, Rev. James Marvin was thurifer, Rev. Leo Mans and Rev. Edwin Wedow were mitre and book bearers, Rev. Ignatius St. George and Rev. John Lynch were candle and gremiale bearers.

A priest's choir directed by Rev. Robert Smith chanted the Mass.

ATTENDING the Mass were St. Rt. Rev. Monsignors John McCafferty, Leslie Whalen, John Neary, Francis Lane, John Drury, John Vaughn, Joseph Millauskus, Francis Nash and more than fifty priests.

Burial was in the priests' plot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements were by Henry D. Halloran Son Inc., 141 Arnett Blvd.

Previously the measure was supported by Citizens for Educational Freedom, a predominantly Catholic group which advocates aid to private and parochial schools, the National Association of Hebrew Day School PTAs and the New York State AFL-CIO. It was opposed earlier by the American Civil Liberties Union.

THE NEW SUPPORT from The Evangelist, official weekly of the Albany Catholic diocese, the Rev. Louis M. Hirschson, president of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, which is not church related, Rabbi David Abzug, a leader of the Orthodox Jewish community in New York, Vice-Chancellor Chester C. Wood of Long Island University, and President R. G. Folsom of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy.

Meanwhile two Catholic priests, while not specifically endorsing the bill supported use of public funds to aid parochial and other private schools. They were Father William M. Roche, superintendent of schools in the Rochester diocese, and Msgr. Daniel U. Hanrahan, pastor of Sacred Heart church, Cambria Heights, Jamaica, N.Y.

In criticizing the bill, the State Council of Churches said it was "unconstitutional and clearly a subsidy." It pointed to the state constitution which bans use of public money "directly or indirectly, in aid or maintenance . . . of any school, or institution of learning wholly or in part under the control of any religious denomination."

Father Roche said the solution to financial problems of education is neither released time nor shared time, but "equal tax aid for every child, wherever his parents send him."

Msgr. Hanrahan urged that "serious consideration" be given to Catholic parents who "struggle under the burden of ever-increasing taxes for public schools while they support their own."

The bill, stalled in the House Rules Committee, would permit use of public funds to supply science, mathematics and foreign language texts to students in private schools. It was sponsored by Assemblyman William J. Ferrall and State Sen. Guy J. Mangano.

Rhythm Clinic in Syracuse

Syracuse — (NC) — A family life clinic which provides Catholic and non-Catholic married couples with counseling in the rhythm method for spacing child births has been opened at St. Joseph's Hospital conducted by the Conventual Franciscan Sister here.

A panel of eight volunteer physicians will staff the clinic one evening each week and priests will be available for spiritual counseling. The clinic opened March 19 and is sponsored jointly by the hospital and the Family Life Bureau of Syracuse Catholic Charities.

Smoking Sinful?

If Cigarettes Are Stolen

Pushed Away From Church

Jackson, Miss. — (RNS) — An Indian Fulbright scholar who was ejected from two white Methodist churches here said she planned to protest to the U.S. State Department.

Dr. Chari Seibert, 32, was with an integrated group from Tougaloo Southern College near Jackson. She was pushed away from both the Central Methodist Church and St. Luke's Methodist Church.

New York — (RNS) — A full-time priest and pastor, unfortunately anonymous, twists Roman Catholic theologians for their statements on smoking and morality in a letter that seems to be calling attention to a religious prohibition on smoking.

For those who are interested in the present issue, I don't think smoking in any degree sinful, venial or mortal, unless the cigarettes or cigars are stolen or the smoker loses at it, he is negligent.

Theologians must not judge because people like to smoke.

RNS received the "pastoral" from a distinguished priest known to Catholics and Protestants for work in the Christian unity field; he had received it from a "nearby seminary" which had received it from another seminary. At that point abruptly was identified as Father John J. Anon.

IN DISCUSSING recent comments of theologians, spurred by the link of cancer to cigarettes, Father Anon said "basically, it's a matter of numbers."

Over two packs daily will land you in Purgatory, while to have psychological conversations in their work. As under-

standing as I like to be, I also must protest this unnecessary extension of the devil's domain hereafter.

"I don't mean to be so sound-impious or like an angry iconoclast. I just think someone ought to stop theologians from discovering new sins whenever logic seems to trap such criteria."

"I think moral pronouncements contribute not to piety but merely to scrupulosity. In a word, it's the old pastime of straining at gnats. But then, perhaps even theologians have to have psychological conversations in their work. As under-

standing as I like to be, I also must protest this unnecessary extension of the devil's domain hereafter.

"While I enjoy no degree in theology as a priest and pastor I'm entitled to express my opinion on these questions until an authoritative pronouncement is issued to the contrary."

"I think people are against health when an act is performed that injures them NOW (that is within a reasonable period of time), certainly may be wrong, but as I understand it, the stewardship of our bodies does not impose an obligation to strive for longevity."

Vienna Prelate To Visit U.S.

Washington — (RNS) — Franziskus Cardinal Koenig, Archbishop of Vienna, will be honored at a convocation at Catholic University of America here Tuesday, April 7.

He will receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters and deliver a lecture on "Theological Problems at the Second Vatican Council." The cardinal is a member of the Council's Central Preparatory Commission, and has had a major role at its sessions.

Cardinal Koenig, a priest since 1934, is a noted Bible scholar, author, linguist, teacher and preacher. He has studied at the Gregorian University and Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, Catholic University of Lille, France, and the University of Vienna.

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