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Looking Back

Many Presses Printed Courier In 75 Years

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

Starting with a hand-operated press in 1889, the Catholic Courier Journal after many vicissitudes of printing is in its 75th year and now comes off a modern Goss Suburban press at Christopher Press Inc. building, 35 Scio St., this week.

The term "press" has many meanings. In the printing world it can be the contrivance that is used to print papers or publications. In the publishing world it embraces the editorial, advertising, business of publishing and this has, a category called the Catholic Press.

Even before this writer had any idea of doing Catholic Press work I had heard of the Catholic Journal. In school days, Walt Mallon, the insurance man, told of writing St. Patrick's Cathedral parish news for the forerunner of today's

Checking back I find that the first issues of the paper, 75 years ago came off a hand fed press in a small office at Main St. East and East Ave. Edward J. Ryan was printer and owner. Willard A. Marakle, Democrat and Chronicle reporter was editor with Thomas H. Donovan who also set type by hand. The completed product at a late time at night had to be wheeled to the Post Office on Church St. (Marakle and Donovan were uncles of the present advertising director, Harold H. Connor.)

All of my association with printing firms and presses did not come from Catholic Press tie-up. I can recall the press the B R. and P. R.R. news magazine came off-the various presses at the Lawyers' Cooperative Publishing Co. especially the salesman's magazine I edited.

Then there was the time in the early part of the century when I received my Democrat and Chronicle papers for delivery from Dave Myers or Willard Bastian from the press on Graves St. which had a way of breaking down now and then. The press that seemed to break down often, however was that of the old morning Herald on Exchange St.

I was working in circulation in the early "teens" of 1900 when the Herald press meant getting home early or late in the morning. A breakdown was a dramatic experience. The late Harry Wilson, bemoustached pressman and an actor in off time, would put on a great show of temper when the press stopped rolling off the copies for morning delivery because of

Father Atwell in assigning this piece said it did not have to be chronological but now and then I like to drop a date or

In 1924 I joined up with the Rochester Echo of Buffalo and the duplex press at the German Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum in charge of Joseph M. Schifferli was considered right up to the minute for publishing a weekly.

In the meantime, back in this diocese, the Catholic Journal was continuing to come out regularly each week-then located on North Water St. The printing was becoming a problem but Ed Ryan struggled on. His daughter Ruth helped him. After his death a company was formed to publish the paper with Maurice F. Sammons in charge and a move was made to print on the Abendpost press on Andrews St.

Started in the flush of days before the crash and continued on towards the depression, the paper serving the Diocese of Rochester encountered financial difficulties and in 1932 I watched the paper come off the press for the first time as the diócese took over.

After a year, a press was bought and located in Louis Heindl and Sons basement with the composing room on the second floor. Father Leo C. Mooney blessed that press. It printed but eight pages at a time and the midnight oil was often needed for us to get the paper out. The late Elmer G. Grappensteter knew many a dark-to-dawn schedule as he waited to get the papers to the postoffice.

Circulation continued to struggle upwards like fish up stream. A press from Nunda, second hand, was purchased and established in the basement of the Siebert Building with composing done by the Campbell printing firm, now succeeded by Walter Rainiewicz and Ziggy Koneski, who helped then

As the paper grew, the old color plant of the Gannett organization was contacted to print the paper. William Oliver was in charge of that plant and Joseph Lynch had charge of the stereotype department. His son, Warren, now with Gannett was at one time headpressman on the Christopher Press press.

When Monsigner John S. Randall became managing editor in 1942 he soon saw the need for a closer tie-up for the printing department. Five years later with Martin Q. Moll, now president of the Christopher Press, Inc. the printing department became a reality, first on Water St. and then in its present location on Scio St.

The diocesan newspaper rolled from a duplex or stove-pipe press in 1947. Second hand, the press turned out an adequate paper but in 1952 a press capable of turning out a eapacity 24 pages and offering use of color was installed. Auxiliary Bishop Casey blessed that press. Now in the line of progress, that is succeeded by the modern offset press due to produce this week's paper.

I suppose it is taken for granted that a newspaper comes out each week without incident but there are many anxious moments and such hard work on the part of the printers. Our iles show that in July of 1958 the Geneva Times had to be called upon in an emergency to keep the printing date for the Courier and in May 1952, the Gannett organization used the facilities of their plant to finish the run of the diocesan newspapér.

Nicholas Schwab Requiem Offered At St. Michael's

Solemn Funeral Mass for Nicholas J. Schwab was offered in St. Michael Church Monday, Dec. 28. Mr. Schwalb, 79, of 1130 Clinton Ave. North, president and reasurer of Nick Schwab &

Son, fuel oil dealers of 443, Nor-lia) Mansing, Mrs. L. A. (Eliz-

Rev. Benedict Ehmann was celebrant of the Solemn Requiem Mass assisted by Rev. James several nieces and nephews. Baker, deacon and Rev. Mr. Blessing at the grave in Holy Lawrence Tracy, subdeacon. Sepulchre Cemetery was given Also in the Sanctuary were: Rt by Father Baker. Arrangements

Rev. Msgr. William J. Naugh by Henry D. Halloran Son Fuon and Rev. Leonard Kelly. neral Directors, Arnett Blvd. Born in Rochester, Mr schwab lived in the Clinton Ave. North home for more than 0 years. His father, Frank J. Schwab was in the coal busi-

ness and Nicholas worked for him until about 1939 when he stablished the fuel oil concern. He was also a director and

secretary of Flower City Tissue

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eda Schuler Schwab; one daughter, Miss Lisette (Honey) Schwab; one son, Frank J (Bud) Schwab; three grandchildren, Catherine, Mary and Nick; three sisters, Mrs. John (Cece-

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Father Janczewski Rites Held at St. Stanislaus

Solemn Requiem Mass was offered for Father Staney Janczewski on Monday, Jan. 4 in St. Stanislaus Church. A native of Rochester, Father Janczewski was stationed in the Green Bay Diocese, Wisconsin. He was pastor Frank, and several nieces and

Arrangements by Richard L He died Dec. 29, 1964 in St. Felerski Funeral Home. Inter-Petersburg, Fla., while on sick ment, in Holy Sepulchre Ceme-

of St. John Cantius Church, So- nephews.

Celebrant of the Funeral Mass was the Rev. Alexander Stec, pastor. He was assisted by the Rev. John Karp, deacon, and the Rev. Edward Kowalski,

bieski, Wisc.

subdeacon.

Nine priests of the Diocese vere in **atte**ndance. Ordained on March 25, 1928, Father Janczewski attended St.

Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He is survived by his brother,

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y Altar Society and the Moth-Bernard's Seminary will be the s Club of Our Lady of Lourdes speaker. His topic will be, rish Elmira will be held in "Marriage." the church hall on Tuesday vening January 19 at 8 o'clock.

COURIER JOURNAL Rev. Charles E. Curran, pro-Thursday, Jan. 7, 1965

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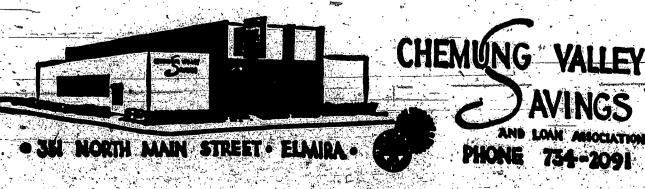
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