



**PAUL BRAYER**, State President of Citizens for Educational Freedom, studies "fair-textbook" bills being proposed by both Democratic and Republican sponsors in the State Legislature.

## State C. E. F. Head Likes U. S. School Bill

Support, with some reservations, for the national aid-to-education bill was voiced by the New York State president of Citizens for Educational Freedom this week.

Paul Brayer, a Rochesterian who currently heads the non-denominational citizens group seeking equal treatment for all students, said:

"The administration's bill is a statesmanlike attempt to treat all school children equally."

Brayer qualified his approval by saying that the part of the proposed law dealing with "dual enrollment" (or "shared time") programs placed the full responsibility for establishing these in the hands of local public schools. The bill provides no means by which independent school leaders can express their views on the feasibility or content of such methods.

"We are equally concerned about the possibility of the bill being amended so radically that its original intent — to offer some assistance to all children — might be sidetracked," he added.

For this reason the state head of C. E. F. said that he hopes the public will follow the progress of the national education bill closely.

"If it is apparent that the bill is going to be changed radically — by some 'judicial review' clause, for example, which could lead to endless litigation, I would hope that public response would be very clear. People who want fair treatment for all children, in non-public as well as public schools, should not hesitate to let their representatives in the Senate and House know how they feel," he emphasized.

TURNING TO the state level, Brayer commented on the happy circumstance that spokesmen for both the Democratic and Republican parties are sponsoring bills (separately) which would benefit pupils in all qualified schools.

He cited as examples two "Fair Textbook" bills which are very similar in content. One is sponsored by a Republican, Senator Edward Speno, while another, the Mangano-Farrell bill, is jointly sponsored by a Democratic senator and an assemblyman.



**MAKING BOOK SELECTIONS** at the Montgomery Center branch of the Rochester Public Library are two youthful readers who are being advised by Mrs. Andrew Edwards on their choices.

## Books Envelop Life of Deanery V.P.

"People are definitely reading more these days" states the vice-president of the Monroe County Council of Catholic Women (MCC), Mrs. Andrew (Olga) Edwards.

This busy woman is in a position to know, for books play a very important part in her life.

She is the head of the Extension Division of the Rochester Public Library, in charge of the Sully Bookmobile as well as five "sub-branches" in schools and settlement houses. Still another part of this position is the overseeing of a series of "station collections" for hospitals and industry. Mrs. Edwards enjoys especially the story hour for pre-school children which she conducts within the Sully Bookmobile one day each week.

Mrs. Edwards, who came to Rochester five years ago, prepared for her present position at Xavier University in her native New Orleans, Louisiana. She has a Masters Degree in Library Science from New York State University at Geneseo.

Olga's love of books carries over to her leisure hours. She is past co-chairman of the M.C.C.'s Library and Literature Committee which exhibits books at the meetings. She also gives

National Council of Jewish Women are planning a luncheon forum for Mar. 31 at the Y.W.C.A. At this meeting, Mrs. Edwards will assist Miss Ruth Ashburn in presenting a book display to tie in with the theme of the guest speaker, Dr. Zelma George, a Negro sociologist from Cleveland, Ohio, who will speak on "Understanding the Negro Spiritual."

## Book Talk Given By Librarian

Geneva — Reading and books nourish the mind as healthy food nourishes the body. This statement was made by Mrs. Donald Schindlerman, former children's librarian, in a talk recently before the Mother's Club of St. Stephen's School. There were 70 members and guests present.

The club sponsored a special dinner and Book Fair in the school meeting rooms. After a buffet dinner of special dishes, prepared by the members, a brief business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. William Dinan.

## Franciscans To Ordain Rochesterian

Rev. Leon Thomas (Anthony) Finks, O.F.M., son of Mr. Perry D. Finks of Rochester, and the late Mrs. Finks, will be ordained at the Franciscan Monastery, Washington, D.C., Saturday, March 13, by Archbishop Egido Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

Father Finks will celebrate his first solemn Mass at Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, Sunday, March 21, at 12:15 noon.



**FATHER FINKS**

Assisting Father Finks at the Mass will be Rt. Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Hoefen, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church; Rev. P. David Finks, Chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy High School, a brother of Father Leon, deacon, and Rev. Bonaventure J. O'Brien, O.F.M., of the faculty of St. Bonaventure University, will preach the sermon at the Mass. Also assisting Father Finks at the Mass will be Jeremiah Moynihan, of St. Andrew's Seminary, and Brother Leon Abbey, S.V.D., of the Divine Word Seminary, Conesus.

There will be a reception for parishioners and friends in the Holy Rosary School Hall from 4-7 P.M.

Father Finks graduated from Our Lady of Perpetual Help School and entered St. Joseph's Seminary at Callcoum, N.Y. in 1952. He formally entered the Franciscan Order at St. Raphael's Novitiate, Lafayette, N.J., in 1958, made his first profession of vows in 1959, and his solemn profession in 1962. He studied philosophy at St. Francis College, Esopus, N.Y., and theology at Holy Name College, Washington, D.C.

Father Finks will return to Washington to complete his theological studies. He will receive a temporary summer assignment and, in the fall, will begin a one-year course in pastoral theology.

## Nine Million Dollar Goal

# Robert Wegman to Head Campaign

Robert B. Wegman, president of Wegman's Food Markets, Inc., will head the committee for the \$9,000,000 campaign to be conducted in the spring and fall for expansion of facilities at St. John Fisher and Nazareth colleges and for construction of a diocesan house of studies adjacent to the St. John Fisher campus.

Announcement of Wegman's selection as general chairman was made by Bishop Kearney, chancellor of the two colleges and honorary chairman of the Joint College Fund.

Several thousands of men and women will be organized for the drive, with support being sought from corporations, business firms, alumni, alumnae, and selected individuals in the area, as well as from individual parishioners throughout the 12-county Rochester Diocese.

Declaring it "to be a real privilege for me to be associated with this project, which will prove of great benefit to our communities and to the Diocese," Wegman added:

"Expansion of higher education is one of the major challenges facing our nation today. St. John Fisher and Nazareth colleges are fulfilling a most important role in this area, and they deserve the support which will insure continuing excel-

ence in training those who will be among tomorrow's leaders."

Wegman, who is chairman of the board of regents at St. John Fisher College, lives at 175 Ambassador Dr., Brighton, with his wife, Mary, and their children, Joan, Daniel and Marie. They also have a married daughter, Mrs. Patrick A. Tobin.

Wegman is a director of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and has long been active in the Rochester Community Chest. He is a member of the board of Marine Midland Trust Company and is vice-president of the Super Market Institute. He served on the board of governors of the Oak Hill Country Club for six years, and also has served on the Greece school district and town library boards.

Entering the family business in 1937 while still at college, Wegman undertook in 1949 the assignment of converting the Wegman Stores to total self-service. He became president of the firm in 1950 at the age of 31.

As a Marine Corps lieutenant in World War II, he was commended for his service with



**ROBERT WEGMAN**

shows supply parties during the Battle of Saipan. He was graduated from Aquinas Institute and Niagara University. His spare time

interests include school and library administration, civic affairs; golfing, boating and handball.

**MASTER PLANS** of St. John Fisher and Nazareth Colleges, which project an enrollment of approximately 3,000 full-time students in each of the colleges by 1970, include the following objectives:

**FOR NAZARETH**, a fine arts complex, to include music and arts wings and an auditorium; for St. John Fisher, a science building, a library, and a student center; for the Diocese, a House of Studies residence adjacent to the Fisher campus, to be used during their college years by students who intend eventually to pursue theological courses at St. Bernard's Seminary.

Coordinators of the campaign will be the Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, O.S.B., president of St. John Fisher College; Sister Helen Daniel, S.S.J., president of Nazareth, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, representing the Diocese.

Campaign headquarters for the Joint College Fund have been opened at 140 East Ave., Rochester.

## Auburn Laymen Shape Parish School Policies

Auburn — Laymen have helped make decisions in St. Mary's parish school in Auburn for nearly a year.

And the pastor has voiced a solid vote of approval for their help.

"I'm more enthusiastic now," stated Monsignor James D. Cuffney, "than I was in the beginning."

The most noticeable result has been a greater involvement in school activities by more of St. Mary's parishioners, he commented.

St. Mary's has a school board made up of eight people, including the pastor himself, the school principal, Sister Joseph Gilmary, and six laypeople.

The six lay members are James Callahan, Gerald Cowden, Frederick Farrell, Jr., Urban Faubion, Mrs. Harvey Henningway and Mrs. Harry Nation.

"Previously the six laymen on the board are the most involved parishioners," the Auburn pastor said, "but through them, we're reaching many others."

He explained that the school board provides the parish with six parent-members, who become very well informed about the school's operations and problems. They, in turn, can tell the school's story to their fellow-parishioners and serve as

liaison between parish and school.

**THE ST. MARY'S** board came into being as a result of some research Monsignor Cuffney was doing, prior to setting up a county-wide board for his Cayuga deanery. (He had written that area.) He had deeded a number of dioceses which already had school boards.

"The reaction was so favorable in almost all the places that it had been tried, that I was persuaded not only to move with the county board idea,

which would include all our parochial schools, but also to set up a parish board for St. Mary's.

(Incidentally, the Cayuga deanery school board has been established in the meantime, to coordinate the Catholic schools and to act as a liaison group between the parochial and public schools.)

**MONSIGNOR CUFFNEY** cited the instance of a recent "Open House" program as one fruit of his parish board's thinking.

"I've suggested that we have an open classroom type of program, by which the parents could sit in on actual classes and see a real-life demonstration. We arranged it with the teachers so that the parents could come in quietly in small groups and observe from the back of the classrooms. It worked very well — we didn't disturb the classes, and the parents felt that they understood the classroom situation much more clearly, as a result of their visit," he explained.

St. Mary's parish school board serves in an advisory capacity in establishing policy and in the administration of the parish member of the advertising staff-school. While it is still in its infancy, it has proved successful enough to win acceptance from those most vitally concerned with the school — its pastor, its teachers and its parents.

## Novena of Grace at Cathedral

A Novena of Grace will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral March 7 to 15.

Jesus Father Charles F. X. Dolan will conduct the nine day devotion, honoring St. Francis Xavier, sixteenth century missionary to India and the Orient.

Novena rites at the Cathedral are scheduled each evening at 7:45 p.m. and will include prayer, sermon by Father Dolan, blessing with the relic of St. Francis and confession. Bishop Casey, Cathedral rector, said the public is invited.

## Protest Letters Recommended

Citizens who are opposed to a proposal to authorize state paid birth control information and devices to insure welfare checks are advised to write this week to the New York State Board of Social Welfare, 112 State St., Albany, or to Governor Nelson Rockefeller, State Capitol, Albany.

Charles J. Tobin, secretary of the New York State Catholic Welfare Committee, coordinating agency for the state's Catholic bishops, said providing contraceptives to unmarried persons will "encourage and promote illicit sexual relations" and that "such action would seriously harm family life and would be a frontal attack upon the fundamental bulwark of our society, marriage and the family."

## Boston Sodality Leader Keynotes 'Day With Mary'

Charles J. Kelly, executive director of Sodalties in the Boston Archdiocese, will be the keynote speaker for the Sodality's "Day With Mary" next Sunday, Mar. 7 at McQuaid Jesuit High School.

Kelly, father of eight children, left a successful career in public relations to devote himself fulltime to sodality action in Boston. The 35-year old layman is an expert in leader-

Help Me; and To Be or Not to Be Committed.

Electives under the "Work to be Done" section will include: The Church Called to Witness (Social Mission of the Church); The Pew Talk Back (Litururgical participation); You Can Change the World; and Racial Sanity.

Bishop James E. Kearney will conclude the day with tribute to Our Lady and Benediction.



**CHARLES J. KELLY**

ship training, traveling all over America each year in this capacity.

He is also treasurer of the National Federation of Sodalties. In this role, he has been given the opportunity to work closely with hierarchical leaders laying groundwork for Ecumenical changes.

A sparkling array of twenty elective discussion workshops has been planned, according to Father Michael Voipe, diocesan director of the sodality. They will be divided into two themes:

"Ideals of the Perfect Christian" and "Work to be Done." Some of the electives under the "Ideals" group include: Mary, Our Christian Ideal; Sodality, 1965 Version; Father,

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