

## Hornell Knights, Squires Hear Retreat Director

An unknown Christian is useless to himself and everyone else in this age of rapid change. Christians have the responsibility of knowing God, other Christians, their wives and children.

This responsibility to know was the theme of an address by Redemptorist Father Richard S. Moran, at a communion breakfast Sunday for members of the Hornell Knights of Columbus and the Columbian Squires. The memory of Knights who died since last November was honored at the annual event at the K. of C. home on River Street.

Departed Knights include James P. Griffin, Harry G. Tolson, Samuel McCabe, Daniel Shea, Patrick McLaughlin, Rocco Morey, Emil Rousher and Leo Sullivan.

Father Moran recently was named director of the Notre Dame Retreat League at Rochester. His previous assignment included parish work in New York City's Bowery area and at St. Alphonsus College, Hartford, Conn.

"This is an exciting age to be alive in because of the actions of the Vatican Council," Father Moran told about 125 Knights and Squires. "Some are saddened by changes in the Church, but they are not essential changes."

"It is an exciting age because the laymen are emerging as a force in the world. The laity—men and women—are coming

into their own. But this new leadership demands knowledge. A retreat is a weekend seminar during which one wrestles with the word of God and brings it down to the 20th Century, Father Moran said.

Rudolph Schneider was master of ceremonies. Anthony Miller was breakfast chairman. The invocation was given by the Rev. Gerald T. Connor and Father Mora gave the benediction.

The Knights and Squires formed at St. Ann's School before the 7:30 Mass. They were led to the church by Fourth Degree members in regalia. They included Schneider, Miller, John Murphy, Francis Kelly, G. Scott Loree, Edward Deegan, John Brody and Carl Weber.

The Ladies Auxiliary served breakfast.

## Christmas Tea For Carmelites

A Christmas tea for the benefit of the Carmelite Nuns on Jefferson Road will be held at the Catholic Women Clubhouse in Alexander Street on Sunday, December 12, from 3 to 5 o'clock. It will be sponsored by the Business Women's Group.

All members are invited to bring their gaily-wrapped gifts to place beneath the Christmas tree. After the tea, these packages will be taken to stock the shelves and cupboards of the Carmelite Convent.

Miss M. Geraldine Moylan is chairman, and Miss Mary Allen co-chairman of the event.

## Rakowian Society Banquet Listed

The Rakowian Society will celebrate its 50th anniversary at the Polish Peoples Home on Hudson Ave. on Sunday, Nov. 28. Main speaker at the banquet will be Father Alexander Stec, pastor of St. Stanislaus Church.

The Rakowian Society was organized as a mutual aid and sick benefit group, composed of emigrants from the town of Rakow, Poland.



## Holiday Sale at Fairport Parish

St. Mary's Guild members from Assumption Parish, Fairport, are preparing for their Holiday Sale on Sunday (Nov. 28) in the church hall. A large variety of hand-made articles, including decorations, centerpieces and novelties, will be available. Pictured at a workshop are (left to right) Dorothy Michaud, Agnes Khamble, Margaret Wallin and Helen Phillips.



## At Our House® Bundle Of Joy

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Thanksgiving, 1965, means more than a big family dinner, with turkey and all the trimmings to one young couple of our acquaintance, Maureen and Joe. Forever it will be remembered as the formal day of thanking God for an event which occurred in this month of November, an event for which they undoubtedly thank God each and every day.

You see, this month Maureen and Joe had a baby delivered to them—delivered, it's true, by a social worker, one who put their son into Maureen's welcoming arms as the couple waited at a social agency.

"It was like a dream come true," Maureen told us, her brown eyes sparkling. "I still can't believe it!"

"There we were, Joe and I; the social worker handed me this soft little bundle. We all filled up, but we—Joe and I—just stood stock still. We couldn't move a muscle. Then the social worker said, 'Don't you want to take a look at your baby?' Well, that broke the tension. We looked at him, our baby and, do you know what?"

"He was the most beautiful baby in the world!" came the chorus.

"How'd you guess?" Maureen laughed.

Shower

We saw Maureen and heard the story the day following adoption, at a "new-baby shower" attended by 26 of Maureen's friends, most of them mothers of young children.

"It was just a new-baby popular in World War II, 'but oh, what it seemed to be."

It was like welcoming an heir to a kingdom, a kingdom of a shower" to paraphrase a song warm and loving home presided over by young, intelligent, and outgoing parents, denied children of their own during five years of marriage.

Maureen was encoined in the chair of honor, presents passed to her for opening.

"Just can't believe I'm doing this," she glowed. "I've been to 8,000 baby showers, and now it's for my baby!"

Maureen's figuring was perhaps a bit exaggerated, but certainly during the five years she and her friends have been having such showers she manfully—or womanly—attended and contributed. Only Maureen must have known the wrench at seeing one after another of her friends accept the "seat of honor," others awaiting their turn, in various stages of pregnancy.

Pink or Blue

"When the showers were for us, Maureen," one of the guests said, "we never knew whether to wrap the presents in pink or blue. You know you have a boy."

"Joe and I didn't care," Maureen laughed. "Could have been boy or girl. We just wanted a baby, what ever the agency decided."

(Indeed, many of these young couples have been interviewed by the social agency, with careful investigation into background of the adoptive couple; attitude toward family, financial status and all the rest, to "match up" nearly as possible

adoptive parents with the probable potential of the child.)

So, the happy shower proceeded, producing bottle warmers, smuggle bunnies, bath sets, kiddie carriers, a red sweater ("Every little boy ought to have a red sweater!"), a bathrobe ("smoking jacket," Maureen called it)—all sorts of "fancies" appropriate to a shower.

"Just can't, just can't believe it!" Maureen reiterated. "Now we've got a chance to rear a child! And," she chuckled, "I'm coming to all you gals for the advice I've been dishing out so freely when I was baby-sitting your children. Honestly, I will relish advice—a five-day-old baby is a little scary."

The natural mother who bore the adoptive child and whom Maureen and Joe did not meet, had of course, her own good reasons for relinquishing him. Must have been a hard choice, but probably a wise one. If she could know, and she probably does, that he is going to have two wonderful parents who will care for him as though he were their very own flesh and blood, she will rejoice.

"I shall pray for you every day of my life," Maureen wrote to the natural mother in a note delivered by the social worker.

Maureen and Joe have already "put in" for a second baby.

Thanksgiving? A significant day.

## Seven To Be Professed As Franciscan Tertiaries

Seven laymen who have completed a novitiate of a year and a day will formally profess their intention to live by the rule of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, in St. Patrick's Church, 445 Plymouth Ave. N.

The fourth Sunday of the month is the regularly scheduled meeting date of St. Patrick's Fraternity of the Third Order.

Those to be professed will choose saints' names by which they will be known in the order. They are Della Amesbury, Gertrude Amesbury, Rita Armstrong, Emma Ciellini, Alfred Pietzold, Rosella Serou and Louise Trembley.

Instructions for postulants and novices will be given in the church basement at the usual time, 2:15 p.m. Any who are interested in the Third Order are invited to attend.

Religious services conducted by Father Gordon Krahe.

O.F.M., Regional Commissary of the Third Order will be followed by special ceremonies for profession.

Minister Prefect Perry D. Finks will conduct a brief business meeting following religious services.

All are welcome to make use of the library which will be open for those who wish to avail themselves of a variety of new books for Advent reading.

## Couple Marks 40 Years Wed

Mr. and Mrs. William Fay entertained at a family dinner on Sunday, Nov. 14 in honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Fay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooney of Parkdale Terrace.

The jubilee couple was married in Caledonia and lived there for several years, later moving to Genesee and Rochester.

They have three other children, Sister M. Euzonia of Auburn, Mrs. Louis Wilhelm and James of Rochville, Ind. and 13 grandchildren.



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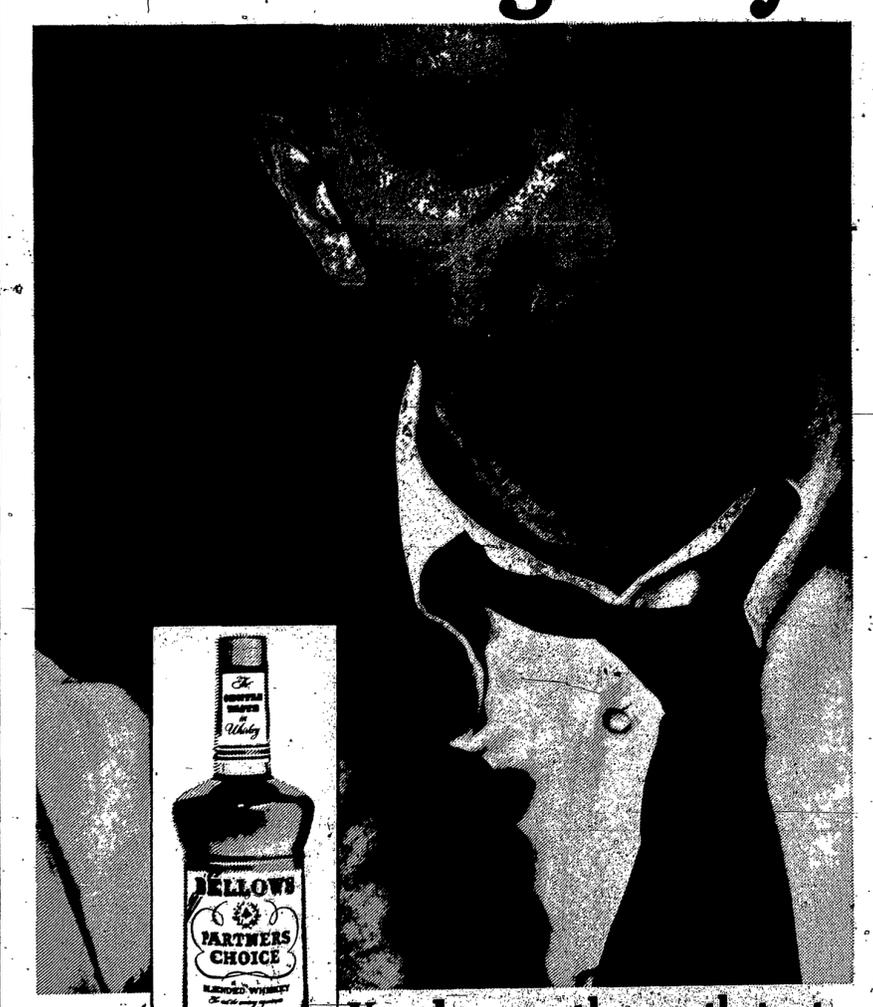
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