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The Date Book

Bonaventure Night
St. Bonaventure Alumni of Rochester will hold their "Bonaventure Night" on Saturday, April 23 at the Sheraton's Starlight Roof. Reception at 7 p.m. dinner at 8, and dancing from 10 till 2. Honored guests will be Father Francis William Kearney, O.F.M., President of the University and Father Robert Gavin, O.F.M., Director of Alumni Relations. For reservations call Jack Gertner, Francis Roach or Dr. Justin Martin.

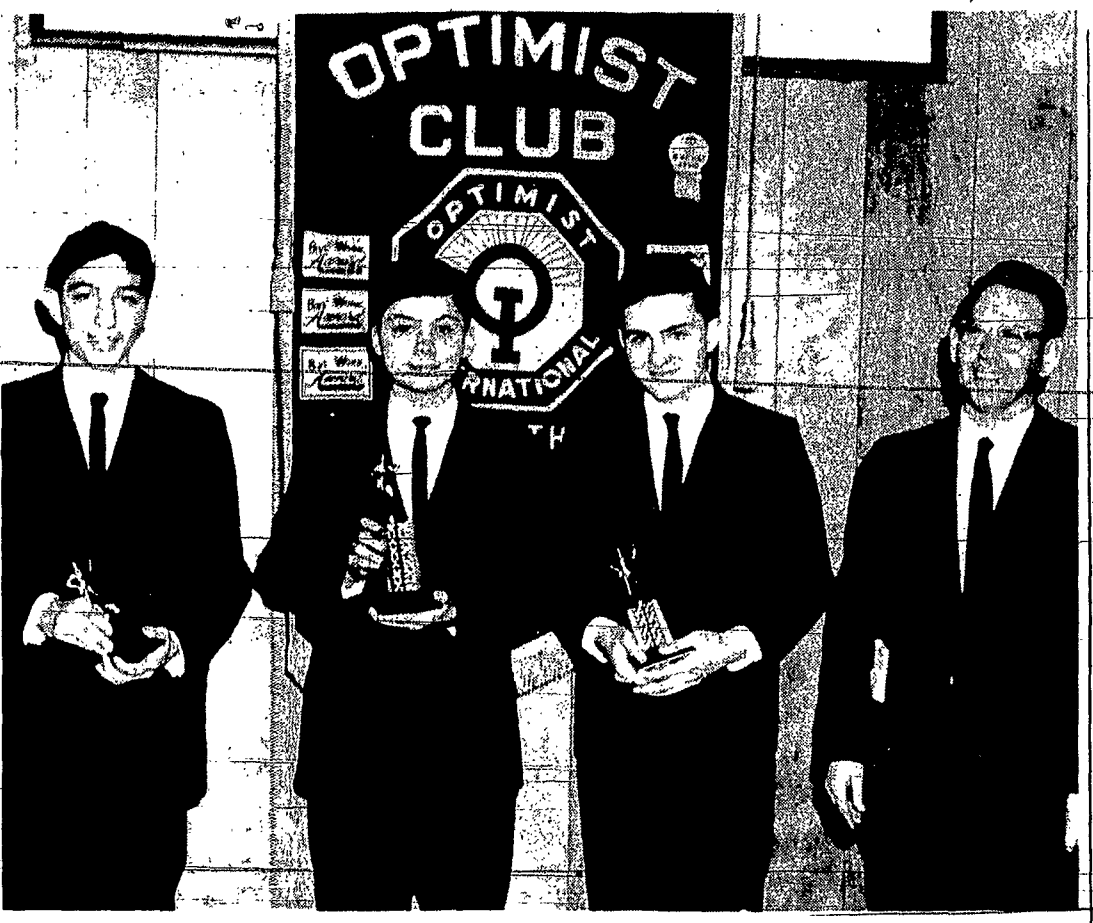
Academy Alumnae
Spring meeting of the Alumnae of the Sacred Heart will take place at the Prince St. convent, Saturday morning, April 16 at 10:30. A "Kaffee Klatsch" will be followed by a business meeting to be conducted by the President, Mrs. Henry Hanford. The group will discuss the proposed revisions to the Constitution. A 12:00 noon Mass will follow.

To Swap Recipes
College of St. Rose Alumnae, Rochester chapter, will meet Thursday, April 21 at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Frederick G. Pickles, 490 French Rd., for a recipe "Taste and Swap." Mrs. John W. Nolan will assist the hosts.

Dance For Missions
A benefit dance for Sister Mary Patrick of Samoa, will be held at the Harps Club, 115 Buffalo Rd., on Saturday, April 16.

List Card Party
Catholic Widowed Parent Club will hold a card party on Saturday, April 16, in the meeting room of St. Monica's Rectory, starting at 8:30 p.m.

Slate Card Party
Perpetual Help Society of St. Mary's Hospital will hold a card party, Wednesday, April 20 in Women's Board Room of the hospital at 1 p.m. Miss Rose Dissett is chairman.



Optimist Oratorical Winners

STRESSING THE POSITIVE were these three young finalists in the Rochester Optimist Oratoricals, held recently. From left are Michael Ugino, Cardinal Mooney High; Richard Morone, St. Andrew's Seminary; George De Roller, Aquinas. They display trophies presented them by R. James Hill, right, chairman of the Oratoricals. Morone, speaking on "Optimism—Youth's Greatest Asset," took first place. DeRoller, second and Ugino, third. Morone will now represent the Rochester Optimist Club at the State finals at Endicott on May 12.

Seton Groups In Action

45TH BRANCH OF Seton Workers of St. Mary's Hospital to meet at home of Mrs. Patricia M. Van Strydonck, 70 McNaughton St., Monday, April 18.

43RD BRANCH CH chairman, Mrs. Gilbert Langmeyer, has named Mrs. Frederick Van Strydonck to be in charge of the Seton Sale for the group. Mrs. Van Strydonck has arranged for the members to start ceramic work for the sale, Tuesday, April 19.

'Plenty of Work' For New Priests

There will be plenty of work for the sixteen men who will be ordained priests in the Rochester Diocese this June. Bishop Casey assured the forthcoming ordination class of this diocese that there is a "plenty of work" for them. The Bishop stated that the number of new priests is larger than usual, can't begin to fill the need.

The Bishop lauded the members of the Serra Club, who sponsored the dinner at the Sheraton Hotel, for their apostolate of promoting vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

"Last year's census revealed a far greater number of Catholics in our Diocese than we had previously listed," the Bishop stated. (Previous census figures had listed 360,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester.)

He said that the burgeoning Catholic population underlines the need for a number of new parishes — "especially in Monroe County alone, if the Diocese can staff them," he said.

Alluding to the many changes in the Church stemming from Vatican Council II, Bishop Casey noted that there is some inevitable confusion among Catholics — "but I feel it is price of progress."

"In the long run," he concluded, "the changes that have been made, will be for the great benefit of the Church."

Museum Exhibit Shows 19th Century Rochester

An important chapter of history on "Rochester and Religion" is told through objects, documents and pictures at Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences.

Social aspects of Rochester life in the 19th century are dramatized in this showing that will continue on view until September.

Precious memorabilia have been lent by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish churchmen to make this a representative exhibit of religion in our community in the 19th century. Mrs. Gladys Reid Holton, curator of history, arranged the display and coordinated the installations of the various faiths as well as the Y.W.C.A. Salvation Army and St. Mary's Hospital.

Children on their way to church are shown with a group of mannequins starch and trim, adding a nostalgic touch.

The vestments of Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, first Catholic Bishop of Rochester in 1868 are also displayed on a mannequin and pioneer parochial school materials are exhibited.

A mural painted by Mrs. Paul Crookshank of a village scene and stage coach tells the story of the 60-day coach movement of 1828 to provide better coaches, horses and schedules so that travel on Sunday would not be necessary. This was proposed by Josiah Bissell, elder of Third Presbyterian Church.

The first wedding of Jehiel Barnard, first tailor and Della Seranton, daughter of Hamlet Seranton on October 8, 1815 is shown with costumes of the period.

There is a tribute to St. Luke's Episcopal church built in 1824 and the oldest public building in Rochester today. Communion silver purchased in

Notre Dame Night Lists Freshman Dean

Notre Dame University's Dean of Freshmen, Dr. William M. Burke, will be guest speaker for the "Universal Notre Dame Night," according to Robert J. Dewey, chairman of the night. It is scheduled for the Rochester Club on Monday, April 18.

Dr. Burke's background as Dean of Freshmen will make his address one of special interest to parents of current and prospective Notre Dame students, Dewey stated.

Jerry Flynn of the class of 1940 will handle the toastmaster's role for the dinner, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. A cocktail hour will precede the dinner. Music during the evening will be provided by an Eastman School of Music member.

DR. BURKE holds his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Duke University and his Ph. D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He was an Army officer during World War II.

After teaching at the Peddie School in Hightstown, N.J., Dr. Burke joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1949. Prior to his assignment as Freshman dean in 1961, he was an associate professor in the English department.



DR. WILLIAM BURKE

Tickets for the Universal Notre Dame Night are \$6.00 for singles, \$12.00 per couple. Checks should be mailed to Robert Dewey, 23 Owen St., Rochester, N.Y. 14615 by April 16. Phone reservations can be made by calling GL 8-1853.

Family Rosary Radio Leaders

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Saturday, April 16 (Mass will be celebrated) — Frank Lioi, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Sunday, April 17 — Andrew Cherre, St. Pius X.

Monday, April 18 — Representative of Knights of St. John, Comm. No. 39.

Tuesday, April 19 — Representative of Holy Cross College Alumnae.

Wednesday, April 20 — John McGuire, St. John the Evangelist, Rochester.

Thursday, April 21 — Representative of Rochester Products Company.

GOD LOVE YOU Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen

"Passers-by" — they are a part of our modern city life, our sidewalks, our highways. Yet St. Matthew speaks of "passers-by" at Calvary. They mocked, turned up their noses and walked on. In the face of intense suffering and need, the disinterested multiply. Take the case of the accident-prevention experiment a government recently conducted. Along a busy highway they staged a collision between two automobiles. Actors, taking the parts of wounded and bleeding victims, cried out for help. Out of 168 automobiles that passed within a given time only 48 stopped to offer help. A short distance beyond the accident scene, the police stopped and questioned those who had not offered help. Their excuse: "We pretended that we did not see." Perhaps some could not endure the sight of blood; others might have wanted to spoil their upholstery. Still others said that it was not their problem but that of the police.

Whether it is the victims of highway carelessness, trapped beneath the wreckage of twisted cars or Christ who is pinioned to a crude Cross there will always be "passers-by." Even those who shook dice for the garments of Our Lord were close enough to touch Him but they sat, some with their backs turned, and gambled. As T. S. Eliot said: "Human kind cannot bear very much reality." Maybe we will have to wait for Purgatory before that hard outer crust of ours is burned away. Then and then only will we learn the full meaning of God becoming one with the suffering of man. A French King once said that if he were in Jerusalem at the time of the Crucifixion, he would have sent a detachment of soldiers to rescue Christ. No! He would have acted no differently towards Christ than towards a beggar-father of a poor family who asked for alms. What you will not do for one, you would not have done for the other. Christ is in the wounded, the hungry, the sick. This is another form of the Real Presence, and it takes as much faith to see Christ there as it does in the Tabernacle.

We have written to you every week for 15 years in this column. How many "passers-by" are there among our readers? If you want to bring home to yourself the reality of how Christ continues to live in the poor, I'll tell you what to do. Send this column to me saying, "I am just a 'passer-by' at Calvary" or else send it back saying, "I want to take a part healing the wounds of Christ in the poor of the world." In either case God Love You!

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New York — (CPF) — When Dr. John J. Meng became president of New York City's Hunter College in 1960, a scholar, reporter from "The New York Times" came up with the information that — in Chinese "Meng" means "A-Number One."

The fact that Meng is a German-Irish descent didn't faze the reporter one bit, no did it sidetrack Fordham University, which has appointed Meng to the highest administrative post ever to be held by a layman in a major-Catholic university.

Beginning September 1, the 59-year-old educator will become an executive vice president at the Jesuit institution with complete charge over the schools of education, law, social service and business. In fact, he will control the development of the university's new Lincoln Center campus going up in midtown Manhattan.

When Fordham approached him for the job, Meng was hardly in a position to say "No," albeit not in the financial sense.

"It's more a case of put up or shut up," Meng said. "O more than one occasion over the last several years I've sounded off on Catholic universities and how they must become modern if they want to establish and maintain excellence. Fordham has what I really interested in—the opportunity to build a really first-class operation."

The first Catholic university to take him up on his challenge, as most people know, is St. John's, for whom he took six-month leave from Hunter last spring to serve as an "educational planning consultant." Since then, St. John's has put into effect all of Meng's recommendations regarding increases in salaries, tenure and faculty participation, and he is still working drafting reorganizational plans for the Vincentian university (the firing of the faculty members was not Meng's suggestion).

"What Catholic colleges need to do now is be aware of the fact that their faculties are longer what they used to be. That the best are composed of lay people, and that the generation of teachers who are best will be consulted and have a voice," said Meng. "It's necessary to recognize this."

He terms this "psychic-ism," which he regards as important to a professional teacher as good salary, tenure, peer teaching load ("no more than 12 hours a week") and fair benefits ("which few nuns are priests understand").

"You also have to have people in the top administrative positions who are not going to be subject to frequent transfers from their superiors," Meng went on to say. "One of St. John's problems was that it had '10 different deans of the graduate school in the space of 10 years."

What Meng will be looking for at Fordham is the development of a "true community scholars" among the teaching staff, something he regards essential to the creation of academic excellence. He is aware that most teachers offer a teaching load of 12 hours, cause it interferes with search. His idea: "I'd like offer a 12-hour load, and be willing to say to the 'Every second term you have a full term off, with no research.' That way I'd be teaching in consistent lumps. I don't think that's tried anywhere, but I'd like see it."

His concern for the problems of the teacher in the new university is indicated one of the clauses of his contract with Fordham: appointment as Professor of History "I don't want to give up academic rank," he said.

Dr. Meng's attitude changed considerably since graduation from Catholic university in 1928. At that time only desire was to go into foreign service, and he graduated courses at Columbia and economics in order

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Do you know what the 30th parallel is? It is an imaginary line that girdles the globe. Below it are Central and South America, Oceania, India; half of China, most of Africa. Above it are the well-endowed, the well-fed; those below live and die in wretchedness. Those above cannot envision the horror and anguish of those below. Hunger is not merely an economic problem; it is a moral and spiritual one — a greater danger to our future than atomic warfare. It is around this searing theme that Bishop Sheen has fashioned his new movie, "The 30th Parallel." It runs 26 minutes and is available through your local Diocesan Director. For more information, write your Diocesan Director or The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10001.

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