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DePorres Center Back in Business

Margaret Muchard and the St. Martin de Porres Center are back in business this week after a disastrous fire which gutted part of the center on April 24.

Despite a small epidemic of vandalism and the fire of an unknown origin which have plagued the North Clinton Ave. center its program will continue, stated Mrs. Muchard.

"We must continue — the need is too great," she says with determination.

A location for most of the Lighted Schoolhouse programs which have been housed by the center has been found in a neighboring building at 515 Clinton Ave. Thomas Rainey offered the use of a 4-room apartment at that address for this purpose.

Meeting last week to determine the next step for the stricken center, the Board of Directors of the St. Martin de Porres house moved to resume activities in the two basic store front rooms that were the original facility. With the addition of the Lighted Schoolhouse program, the center had expanded into an adjoining area. It was this section which suffered most damage by the April 24 fire.

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Golden Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Tierney, Sr. Mass at St. Boniface Church, Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Tierney, Sr. of 80 Gregory Hill Road will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary with

Hornell Forms CEF Chapter

Hornell — A chapter for Citizens for Educational Freedom (C.E.F.) was formed in Hornell last week at a meeting attended by parishioners of St. Ann's Church. It was held last Friday night at the American Legion.

John H. Robinson of Arkport was named president of the chapter.

Citizens for Educational Freedom is a national organization of parents and others interested in securing equality of education. It is non-sectarian, non-partisan and non-profit.

Aims and objectives of the Citizens for Educational Freedom were outlined by two Rochesterians, Paul W. Brayer, CEF state president, and Dr. J. Kenneth O'Loane, a state director. William Dupont, of Bath, who attended the meeting, also is a state director.

The visiting officers pointed out that more than 500,000 children attend non-public schools in New York State. Nationwide, the total is more than seven million.

Parents and others interested in these children pay the full amount of school taxes, yet are denied the services provided by these taxes. This, the speakers pointed out, is an injustice which the C.E.F. through letters, telegrams and telephone calls to persons in government, seek to correct.

C.E.F. is working presently in New York State on two projects. The most immediate is to have the Speno-Hardwick Bill released from the Rules Committee at Albany for action during the present legislative session. The bill clarifies the rights of all state school children to health and welfare benefits.

The second project is aimed at the 1967 State Constitutional Convention. CEF seeks to influence legislators to repeal the "Blaine Amendment" which bars use of state funds in certain areas to nonpublic school children.

Recently, Governor Rockefeller was quoted as saying that the question of public aid for independent schools is "probably the most important issue" that will come before the Constitutional Convention.

At a Cheektowaga meeting, Rockefeller said that the question for state aid for independent schools "cannot be dealt with until the Constitutional Convention provides for a change."

Brayer and O'Loane stressed that CEF is committed to the principle that every American child is entitled to a fair share of education taxes, and that such participation in tax funds may not be conditioned on attendance at a state-controlled school.

"With us," Brayer told the Hornell group, "it simply is a case of justice. Protestant, Jewish and Catholic CEF members fully support the concept of free and compulsory education through high school. But the right to educate is a God-given right which cannot be taken away by the government (totalitarianism) or by majority vote."

CEF, Brayer continued, is not asking for anything special. It is a fact that government should pay equally for the "3 R's" for all children and that parents should be entitled to exercise their right to pay independently for the "4th R," religion, if they so choose.

Opera Theatre to Present Works of Mozart, Puccini

Opera Theatre of Rochester will present Mozart's one-act comedy, "The Impresario," to be sung in English, and Puccini's one-act tragedy "El Taboro" (The Cloak), to be sung in Italian, on Friday and Saturday evenings, May 13 and 14, at the Hochstein Music School, 12 Hoeltzer St. at 8:15 p.m.

Appearing in the title role, a speaking part, in "The Impresario" will be the well-known actor, Tom Avery. The rival prima donna will be sung by Helen Conway and Shirley Lyon. The role of Mr. Angel will be sung by Peter Pesco and Steve Skura will play Mr. Bluff.

Heading the cast of "El Taboro" will be Rachelle Abkowitz, Robert Heins and Peter Pesco. Featured roles will be sung by Gloria McElister, William Read, Steve Skura, Kenneth Follette, Lucyanne Conte, Reba Gillman, Marylee Osborne, Jerry Weinstein and David Bulavinetz.

Ruth Y. Rosenberg is General Manager and Producer. The sets have been designed by George Parsons. The operas are being staged by William Owens, of Brockport State College and the Music Director is Dr. Paul Friceman, head of the Hochstein Music School. Mildred Lapsky is stage manager for all productions.

Tickets may be reserved or purchased either at the Music Lovers Shoppe or at the box office at 12 Hoeltzer and, also, by calling UN 5-8356.

Mrs. Connor Funeral Held

Ontario — Funeral Mass for Mrs. Laurette S. Connor was offered by Monsignor John F. Duffy, a nephew and godson at St. Mary of the Lake Church, Friday, April 29.

Also in attendance were Monsignor John M. Duffy and Reverend Fathers William Gaynor and Gerard McMahon.

Mrs. Connor of Ontario Center Road South died Monday, April 25, 1966.

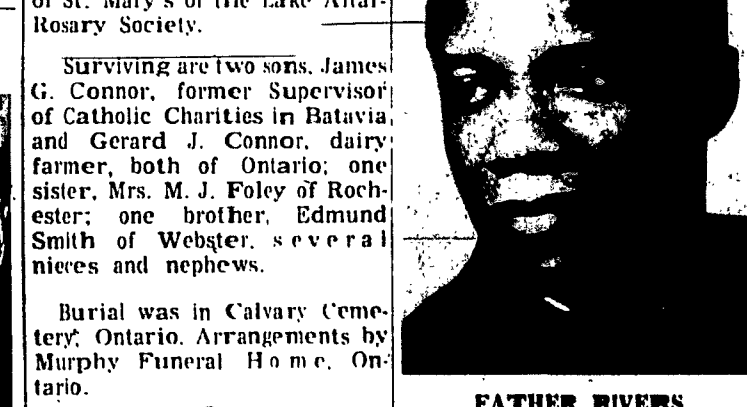
She was born in Webster, daughter of Peter and Catherine Smith and had resided in this area all her life. Her husband, the late Aden Connor, was a farmer.

Mrs. Connor was a member of St. Mary's of the Lake Altar-Rosary Society.

Surviving are two sons, James G. Connor, former Supervisor of Catholic Charities in Batavia, and Gerard J. Connor, dairy farmer, both of Ontario; one sister, Mrs. M. J. Foley of Rochester; one brother, Edmund Smith of Webster, several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Ontario. Arrangements by Murphy Funeral Home, Ontario.

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FATHER RIVERS To Lead Mass

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Speaker at the breakfast was Sister Mary Declan, principal of Notre Dame High School, Elmira.

Father Clarence Rivers, widely known Negro priest of the Cincinnati diocese, composer of music to be used at Mass, will come to Rochester in June.

He will lead the singing of a congregation at a Mass to be celebrated Wednesday, June 8, at 7 p.m. at St. Bridget's Church, Gorham St.

Father Rivers will also preach the sermon.

The Mass will mark the third birthday of the St. Martin de Porres Center, an inner-city social and educational center, launched by Mrs. Margaret Muchard in 1963 and recent target of vandals.

Jesus Father Joseph Gersitz, the Center's spiritual director, will be celebrant of the Mass. The public is invited.

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