

Rites Accent Waterloo's Memorial Day June 8-9

Waterloo—St. Mary's Church in Waterloo was a focal point for religious rites marking Memorial Day in the little town recognized by Congress as "the Birthplace of Memorial Day."

A special Memorial Day service last Sunday was organized by St. Mary's pastor, Father James F. O'Connell, and conducted before an overflow crowd which packed the stone Gothic church.

Visiting clergy and laymen from neighboring Protestant churches, veterans and civic groups, all joined with parishioners in the Sunday evening service.

Father Elmer Heindl, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Cato, and a chaplain with the 98th Army division active reserve, preached for the occasion.

The crosses which mark battlefield cemeteries throughout the world are "an especially apt symbol for those who have died for their fellowmen," he pointed out, because they recall the example of Christ, who gave His life on the cross to save mankind.

Using the design of the American flag as a source for his theme, the priest-chaplain referred to the colors of the flag as "the red of sacrifice, the blue of fidelity, and the white of love."

He visualized the stars on the flag as our ideals, and urged his hearers to live up to those high standards.

Our national heroes can inspire us to be faithful to our civic duties, he stressed, adding that "our religious heroes"



FATHER HEINDL

Christ and His Blessed Mother" can help us to strive for both earthly and eternal peace.

An honored guest at the occasion was the Episcopal bishop of Missouri, the Rt. Rev. Edward R. Welles, who is the closest living relative of one of the Waterloo men who conceived the original Memorial Day idea in 1868. This man was Henry C. Welles, who with Gen. John A. Murray, the n. county clerk, suggested the idea of decorating the graves of the Union veterans of the Civil War.

Bishop Welles read a proclamation from President Lyndon B. Johnson, recognizing the

Congressional statement which accepted Waterloo's claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day.

In his opening remarks, Father O'Connell stated that Waterloo, "small besides the large cities in our land, has earned greatness" by becoming the birthplace of Memorial Day.

A historical pageant at Waterloo High School on Saturday night, a special veterans' ceremony at the Maple Grove cemetery on Monday morning and a centennial parade on Monday afternoon were highlights of Waterloo's 100th anniversary celebration of Memorial Day.

Reid Couple Marks 25 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Reid of Northfield Rd. were entertained by their children at a dinner party on May 21 on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Dinner was held at the Apple Grove Inn.

DCCW Leadership Courses Listed

Two Leadership Training sessions, one for the Rochester area and one for the Southern Tier, will be offered to Catholic women by the Diocesan Council Women next week. (June 8-9)

The first session will take place on Wednesday, at Victoria, at the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine center on High Street. The Southern Tier program will be held on Thursday in the Student Center of Corning Community College in Corning. Both programs will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Miss Alma Herger, Field Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women, Washington, D.C. office, will speak to participants on both days.

From 1944 to 1961, Miss Herger served in the National Catholic Community Service, supervising Catholic participation in the United Service Organizations (USO). She helped develop the Military Council of



MISS ALMA HERGER

Catholic Women in Europe during 1957-58.

Miss Herger was awarded the Pro Ecclesia Pontifice medal in 1960 for her outstanding work in national Catholic women's groups.

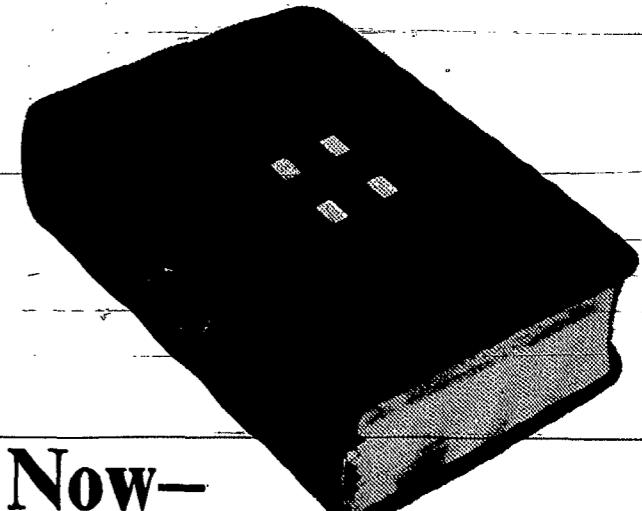
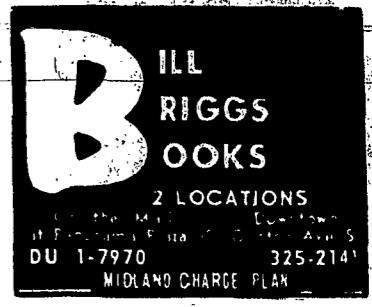
Morning sessions in the Leadership Training programs will clarify the structure of the Council of Catholic Women, according to Mrs. Ronald Gledhill, Diocesan president of the DCCW. The afternoon sessions will be devoted to programming for the major committees of DCCW action.

Ecumenism will be the focus of the Personal Formation committee presentation. Women's Job Corps will be highlighted in the Community Action workshop. World Responsibility and Family Life programs will also be featured.

Fee for the Training sessions is \$1.75 per person, luncheon included.

Women planning on attending are asked to mail their reservations by Saturday, June 4, with check, to:

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GOD LOVE YOU Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen

A cartoon in a New York newspaper pictured an ultra-modern mother in black leotards with untutored hair falling like jungle-moss over her shoulder, holding a child while teaching him to read. The words are slowly pronounced: "Dick protests. Protest! Protest, Dick."

The word "rebellion" is in the air we breathe. In the parabolic language of Our Lord, our times are like those when the landowner sent servants to collect fruit from his farm. The tenants took the servants, beat one, killed another and stoned another. So the landowner sent other servants, more than before, and they did the same to them. God's earth is one in which His rebels hold the field. "God is Dead." Men have emancipated themselves from his sovereignty. The small-of protest drowns out the voice of worship. Many love to peer into the abyss, but they will not, and soon the abyss stars back at them. Like a bird charmed by a snake, evil enchants and conquers it for no other reason than the failure of the good to do anything. What is seen is the placard, what is heard is the protest, what rules is the shriek — the yackety-yack of derision.

Two aspects of the rebellion may be noticed. The first is that, unlike the old revolutionists, the protestors are without a program. They dig holes, but they put nothing in them. But more important still is the second aspect: the lack of positive movement toward repentance, holiness, Christ-likeness, to counteract this rebellion. Are not many of us like a flywheel which continues to run after the motor has been shut off? What positive action is being taken by the faithful, the shepherds and the sheep to stop this descent from Divinity to humanity to bestiality? Because "God is dead," as the placards say, is the Devil dead?

Are there enough priests in every diocese and enough faithful in every parish, to be rebels of another kind? To stand by Christ in His hour of grieving, to protest against our indifference and to see Him as sharing in every human grief? To be rebels against our affluence by looking in the mirror and seeing the Cross that was marked on our foreheads at Confirmation, to be rebels against comfortable pews by becoming friends of the famished brethren below the 30th parallel? Let not those who boast they are Catholics point their fingers at the Church in the United States, saying: "See what you are doing; see how you sin against freedom!" Whose Church is this anyway? It is OURS—yours and mine! Any guilt of a fellow Catholic is my guilt! Any bit of torn flesh in the Mystical Body of Christ is my own lacerated skin. We have too many stonemasons and not enough breast-beaters! This is our Church! Our Church! These are our priests! Our sisters! Our brethren! We all fall if any one of them fails. Enough-hawking up phlegm to spit in the face of Christ! Every neglect of the fatherless, the hungry, every refusal to aid in spreading the Gospel in disinherited lands is putting the purpose robe on Christ again. Oh Lord! Help us put down the scourge and apply it to our Cross-less shoulders and our unscourged back. Be the right kind of rebel. "The kingdom of heaven is gained by violence and only the violent shall take it" but the violence must be against our ego. If you share these views send me a dime for the poor of the world; if you do not share them, send the poor of the world a dollar; if you love sharing with the poor send something worthy

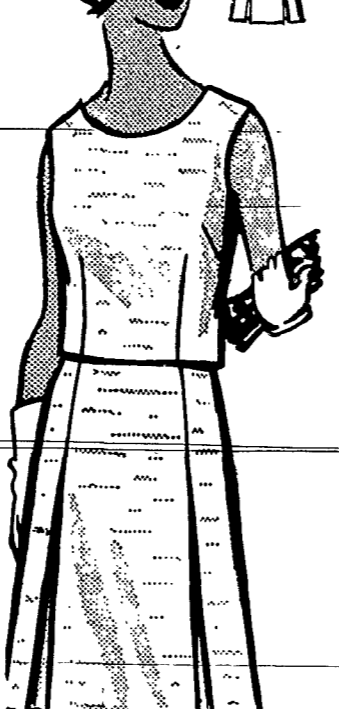
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Auburn Girl 'Att'y-General For A Day'

Auburn—A 15-year old sophomore from Auburn's Mt. Carmel High School will be "Attorney General for a Day" in Albany June 6.

She is Anne Reynolds daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Reynolds of 54 Jarvis Street. She wrote a prize winning essay on "Does Parents' Over-Emphasis on High Marks Lead to Cheating?" which won her the attorney general post for a day, and a \$25 savings bond.

Anne is a graduate of St. Mary's School, and entered Mount Carmel as an honor freshman with a full scholarship.

She will be "sworn in" as chief legal officer of the state by Attorney General Lefkowitz at the State Capitol in Albany at 11 a.m. Monday, June 6.

Attorney General Lefkowitz said that Miss Reynolds and four other high school students have been selected as the winners of the contest from entries representing more than 40 high schools in the state.



ANNE REYNOLDS

Miss Reynolds has had poems published in the National Anthology of Poetry and an essay published in the Anthology of New York High School Essays.

Judges of this year's contest were Dr. Albert K. Chapman, chairman of the board, Eastman Kodak Company; Stephen Rogers, publisher of the Syracuse Herald-Journal; Mrs. Louis J. Robbins, president of the National Council of Women of the United States, Inc., and Kenneth Drew, editor, The Queens' Voice.

The "Attorney General For-A-Day" contest has been hailed by teachers and high school principals as providing an excellent medium for students to express their views on topics of current interest.

Miss Reynolds will be assisted by four other essay finalists. They are: Nancy Haley of Vincentian Institute, Albany; Gregory Conderack of Bishop Kearney High School, Rochester; Robert Stegmann of Rhodes School, New York, and Barbara J. Hanna of Holland Patent Central High School.

Area Grads Reported

Graduations of area students from colleges or universities outside the Diocese of Rochester as reported by the schools or students' parents follow:

Russell Sage Miss Virginia Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen, 385 Rawlinson Rd., was graduated May 27 from Russell Sage College, Troy. A major

in sociology, she was a member of the Newman Club.

Marywood Miss Ann McKee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McKee, 220 Warren Place, Ithaca received a bachelor of arts degree in English at commencement of Marywood College, Scranton, Pa.

Dunbarton Miss Mary Jane Katherine Sullivan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James H. Sullivan, 17 Main St., Hornell was one of 95 members of the 1965 class of Dunbarton College of Holy Cross, to receive degrees May 26 at exercises in Washington, D.C.

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