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Elmira Knights Outing

Elmira Knights of Columbus will hold their 68th annual outing at the Reformatory Club House Sunday, Sept. 18, from 1 to 7 p.m. Joseph McCluskey, Clement Knuth, Francis Sally, Daniel Burns and Raymond Dunlap are on the planning committee.

Looking Back

Baseball, Chest Ecumenical Pioneers

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

Going back through the years, it seems that in this area of the world, we were gradually being prepared for the coming together of various faiths, creeds and races.

This occurred to me when I attended the First Friday Luncheon Club, Friday and heard a talk by Father Richard Clay, curate of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Brighton. His commending of his hearers to total commitment to Christ and his urging of acceptance by his audience of all men made us realize that we all can think on lines of endeavor together.

Back in the days shortly after the turn of the century, it was common practice for "kids" going to the public school and those attending the parochial school to pass each other on the streets in winter and have snowballs as if they were deadly enemies.

Then came Brown Square, a playground bounded by the railroad, Jay St., Jones Ave. and Brown St. and these same youngsters or many of them joined in athletic meets, basketball games, tennis matches and softball games. Who cared what their background as long as they could play?

As basketball ability was developed some of these found themselves playing during the winter at old Trinity Episcopal Church gym. Friendships developed then that extended down through the years.

Growing into adulthood, the former boys of Cathedral parish and friends from other churches found themselves engaged in the work of the Community Chest. In all the United States, we doubt, that any group has worked together so well for the good of all.

When the call comes to solicit pledges to the organization that distributes the funds to the various institutions including the Catholic agencies, the response is gratifying to those concerned with the agencies needing the funds.

The Knights of Columbus of Rochester in the early thirties had friends among the Masonic groups. When John A. Doyle was grand knight, a delegation turned out to greet Esten Fletcher, newly elected imperial potentate of nobles of the Mystic Shrine at the Auditorium theater.

In 1939, first of a series of sponsored baseball games and pageants was held with the Shriners and K. of C. as promoters. While the Shrine organization was three times as large as Rochester Council, K. of C., the arrangement was to divide the proceeds from the game on a fifty-fifty basis.

Joseph P. Flynn, architect headed the K. of C. council and Martin W. Utz, the Shriners. The game on August 22 was between the Rochester Red Wings, and Buffalo Bisons. Prior to that the two fraternal organizations came together in a baseball game that provided great entertainment if not baseball perfection.

Another year rolled around and the committees of the two organizations were called together by Potentate Fred Evans of the Shrine and Joe "Stubby" Flynn of the knights. Because of the success of the first game even more elaborate plans were made.

The pageant and parade were repeated with the Shrine band and chanters in line, the knights had a sort of uniform, white coat, green tie and black tuxedo trousers.

Invited to participate were the Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary drill teams in command of Colonel Fred Wegman and these added to the colorful pageant.

Again in 1941, the program was repeated with Joe Flynn heading the K. of C. and Clyde T. Sutton, the Shriners. At one of these, "I've forgotten which, the great Babe Ruth and his wife attended and the Babe gave an exhibition of batting to the delight of the spectators.

Subsequently the Shriners invited Flynn to accompany them on boat cruises to Cobourg. The ball games had to be discontinued because of World War II.

Pope John XXIII now has called on all of us to practice the Love of neighbor in a manner never before known. Time Magazine recently carried an article reporting on the getting together of various groups of different faiths in the United States.

Here in this diocese the movement directed by Monsignor John E. McCafferty who was appointed by Bishop Kearney as chairman of the Ecumenical Commission has progressed well. The Monsignor started the Ecumenical series at the First Friday Luncheon Club at Hotel Sheraton in August.

Thirty-third degree Masonic officers of the Rochester Consistory were guests of the Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus at the club house, 513 Monroe Ave. in June. This was the first get-together of these groups.

In May of this year, on a state level, Herman P. Wolkenberg, state deputy of the Knights of Columbus presented a watch to state Masonic Grand Master Clarence Henry as a token of his friendship for work in the initiation breakthrough between the K. of C. and the Masonic Order. Grand Master Henry is a State Supreme Court Justice and a native of Rochester.

This is no full report on the many activities taking place in this area. However, the Knights of Columbus, Elks and Masonic lodges formed an Inter-fraternal organization this year in Auburn.

The sisters of St. Joseph from Nazareth College a short time ago inspected the new Jewish temple and commended its elevational appeal.

The Ecumenical Commission was named in July last year and in October Monsignor McCafferty reported directives of the movement liberalizing the traditional Catholic position toward assisting at Protestant services and aimed at better understanding were being well received.

Catholics Flop On Poverty

Notre Dame—(RNS)—Poverty in the world is the Church's concern but Catholics are failing to meet its challenge, delegates to the general convention of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade were told here.

Msgr. Joseph Gremlillon, director of socio-economic development of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, charged Catholics with being reluctant to make sacrifices for the materially deprived around the world.

The Catholic has "shown no more concern, and perhaps even quite less concern, for the poor peoples of the world than have other Christians, Jews and men of humanitarian motivation," he said.

Local Speakers At CSMC Meet

Sister Helen Marie Yockel, S. Sp.S., daughter of Mrs. Arthur Yockel of 244 Versailles Rd. was a panelist on Africa during the recent national convention of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade. It was held at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ind. from August 25 to 28.

Others on the Africa panel included the bishop of East Forth Portal, Uganda, Bishop Vincent J. McCauley, C.S.C., and Monsignor Joseph Szebaj, administrator of Rubaga Cathedral, Uganda.

Sister Helen Marie served 11 years in Ghana, West Africa. Presently stationed at St. Therese Hospital, Waukegan, Ill., she is doing graduate studies at De Paul University, Chicago, Ill.

Two faculty members from Rochester's Cardinal Mooney high school took part in a panel on Students-Press for Missions. They were Brother Hugh McCabe, C.S.C., and Sister Mary Gerard, R.S.M.

Students from Rochester high schools also served in the student choir and ushered for the convention.

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Scholarships At Nazareth

Nazareth College of Rochester has awarded honor scholarships to 15 per cent of the incoming freshman class, about one-half to area students, and one-half to out-of-town students. Another 10 per cent will receive Educational Opportunity grants under the Economic Opportunity Act. All of the Rochester Catholic high schools are represented among the winners of the honor scholarships, as well as students from public and private schools throughout the east.

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