

The Date Book

Family Fashions

McQuaid Parents Club will sponsor a Family Fashion Show Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. in the school. Fashions by Pro-jansky's and McFarlins. Commentator, Mrs. Alfred G. Boylan. Chairmen: Mesdames John C. Hadley, Robert Rhodes, Robert Howe, Richard Sanderl, Thomas Presutti, Robert J. McMahon, Albert Caschett, George S. Robertson.

Plan Dinner

Members of the Rochester Catholic Adult Club will hold a dinner on Friday, Feb. 24 at Eddie's Chop House. Guest speaker, Father Henry Atwell. Reservations: Carmie Petoe, 458-5236.

Dance Listed

Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary and the Penfield Rotary Band plan a dance at Veterans Hospital, Canandaigua, on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.

'Hawaii' Premiere

Rochester Chapter of Trinity College Alumnae and National Women's Federation for the Brandeis-University Library presented the premiere performance of the motion picture, "Hawaii," on Feb. 15 at the Towne Theatre. Cochairmen

were Mrs. Anthony Palermo and Mrs. Myron Lewis. Benefit aided: Trinity Scholarship fund and provided books for the Brandeis Library.

Seton Branches

Breakdown of the \$25,910 check presented to St. Mary's Hospital by the Seton Branches is as follows: Seton Sale, \$8650; Mrs. Thomas R. McCarthy, chairman; Seton Shop, \$3500; Mrs. Francis McConville, chairman; Charity Ball, \$10,900; Mrs. Bernard Soehner, chairman; Designated Needs List, \$1560; Scholarship Fund, \$1600.

New chairmen announced: Mrs. Frank Toolan, Seton Ball; Mrs. Thomas Meagher, Mrs. George Maid, Seton Shop; Mrs. Joseph W. McHugh, Seton Sale.

Dinner-Meeting

Rochester General Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus dinner-meeting will be held Feb. 23 at the K. of C. Home, 513 Monroe Ave. Guest speaker, Irwin S. Schulman, C.P.A., will talk on "Your Tax Return Problems." Host will be Webster Council 4618, Holy Trinity Council. Short history will be given by Robert Hauner, grand knight. Dinner is set for 7 p.m., business meeting at 8:30 p.m. Dinner reservations: Robert Hauner, 671-3833; Thomas J. Grossdonia, 342-3514.



Check for St. Mary's Hospital

SISTER MARGARET, administrator of St. Mary's Hospital, receives a check for \$25,910 from Mrs. Theodore J. MacDonald, chairman of the Seton Branches. Amount represents efforts of the Seton Branches on behalf of the hospital during the past year. Also shown is Mrs. Charles F. Mulligan, chairman of the 12th Seton Branch.

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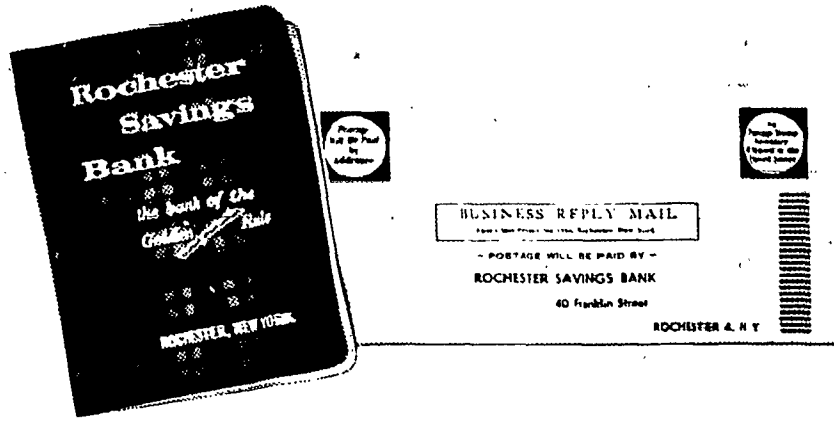
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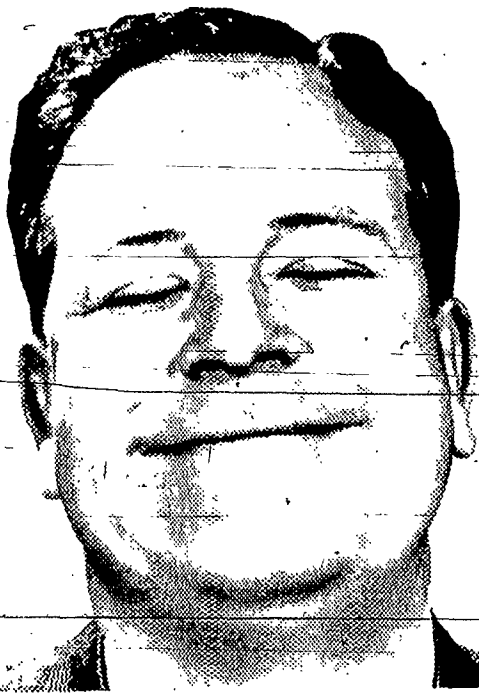
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Church Membership Lags

New York — (RNS) — Although church and synagogue membership in the U.S. in 1965 gained by 1,374,973 to a grand total of 124,882,422, it failed to keep up with population growth for the first time since 1961.

The 1.3 million increase represented a 1.1 per cent gain from 1964 church membership, contrasted to the population rise estimated at 1.3 per cent between April 1964-April 1965. Catholics, however, did match the population increase by a 1.3 per cent gain themselves.

Present church membership constitutes 64.3 per cent of the total U.S. population, compared with 64.4 per cent in 1964, 64 per cent in 1963, 63.4 per cent in 1961 and 1962, and 63.6 per cent in 1960.

The statistics, released by the National Council of Churches are based on its 1967 Yearbook of American Churches to be published Jan. 9. They were compiled by the NCC's research department and are mainly for the 1965 calendar year or fiscal year ending in 1965.

Concerning church membership, it was pointed out that such designation differs from group to group. Eastern Orthodox include persons in the cultural and nationality groups served. Roman Catholics and a few Protestant bodies count all baptized persons, including children. Most Protestant denominations include only those

who have attained full membership, usually persons over 13.

The 1965 figures are based on reports received from 251 religious bodies, one more than the previous year. The newly added group is an evangelistic association with six small churches in New Jersey, four pastors and a membership of 200.

A breakdown of total church membership shows 69,088,183 Protestants in 222 denominations — a gain of 778,705 over 1964, or 1.1 per cent.

The figure for Roman Catholics is given as 46,246,175 an increase of 605,446 or 1.3 per cent. Statistics for other major religious bodies in 1965 are: Eastern Orthodox, 3,174,153; Jews, 5,600,000; Old Catholics, 10,000; National Catholics, and Armenian Church of America, 483,901; and Buddhists, 82,000.

It was reported by 233 bodies that they operated 294,618 Sunday or Sabbath schools in 1965, with 3,799,785 teachers and officers and a total enrollment of 48,858,391.

Protestant churches traditionally emphasizing Sunday school, account for 90 per cent of this total number of students, or 41,539,495, about the same as in previous years.

According to the Yearbook, there were 4,856,653 Catholic children. Most Protestant denominations include only those

leased time basis in 1965, compared with 4,590,227 the previous year.

A separate table prepared by the American Institute of Public Opinion shows that church attendance has been slowly, but steadily, declining since 1958. These annual figures, based on a national sample of adults, remained at 47 per cent from 1958-61, dropped to 45 per cent in 1962-63, then to 45 per cent in 1964 and 44 per cent in 1965. All-time highs were in 1955 and 1958 with 49 per cent.

William Kiener

Rites Offered

Funeral Mass for William I. Kiener was offered by Father Donald Murphy in St. Pius X Church, Feb. 4. Mr. Kiener, 7 Starlite Drive, CHII, died Jan. 31, 1967.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Agnes M. Kiener; two daughters and one son, Mrs. Robert (Jacqueline) Stefl, Bergen; Douglas P. Kiener and Miss Karen L. Kiener; five grandchildren; two sisters, Miss Margaret Kelly, Mrs. Howard McPartlin, both of Buffalo; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements by Alvah-Halloran and Son Funeral Home.

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To Tell

New York — Bud Collyer, a popular moderator of television's "To Tell the Truth" probably would not draw major "correct votes" if he were to go on the show and tell the panel and TV audience what he does. For, his affidavit would read:

"I, Bud Collyer, am a preacher in the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, Connecticut. What's more, I give my sermons in verse."

Collyer, who is also superintendent of his church's Sunday School, has been giving the sermons in verse for more than four years and many of them have been published in books. "Thou Shalt Not Fear" and "With the Whole Heart" in addition, he was invited to demonstrate his unusual preaching method before the Second International Bible Communication Congress, which was held in Washington last fall and attended by Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen.

"I think the congregation apt to pay closer attention when you're speaking to them in verse," Collyer explained, shortly after taping another of his "To Tell the Truth" programs which are seen on CBS-TV weekday afternoons and Monday evenings. "It's always easier, too, for the congregant to remember a quote from poetry."

"I preach every three months or so," he added, "and I tell you: the people do like

God

St. Paul — (RNS) — Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the martyred German theologian, was a revolutionary Protestant thinker he was not responsible for "death of God" theology—so times attributed to him, biographer said here.

Dr. Eberhard Bethge, most of the "death of God" theologians realize they are heirs of Bonhoeffer, also some admit they make "active misuse" of his thought.

The biographer, here for a series of lectures, is currently teaching at Chicago Theological Seminary and during the coming term will be Fostick Irving professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

It was to Dr. Bethge that Bonhoeffer wrote from prison the famed letters which continue to influence Protestant theology more than 20 years after he was executed in 1945 by the Nazis for his part in a plot on Hitler.

The Bonhoeffer letters, "hidden" in Dr. Bethge's and unknown to the world, he located them and they were published in the early 1950s.

Since then, there has been a "wave after wave" of interest in Bonhoeffer's writings, featured by other books, such as "Honest to God" by Bill James Robinson of England.

Dr. Bethge, who married a niece of Dr. Bonhoeffer, completed a biography of Bonhoeffer which will be published early in 1967 in Germany. Later in England and the United States, Dr. Bethge

Brooklyn Clergy Invite Alinsky

Brooklyn — (NC) — A community organization here originated by a group of clergymen has enlisted the aid of Saul D. Alinsky, controversial slum organizer, to help obtain a voice for residents of the Fort Greene section in the future of the area.

The Fort Greene Organization, headed by Father Vincent D. Foley of the church of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Edward, was formed through the alliance of the Clergy Concerned for a Better Fort Greene and several other area organizations.

The committee of clergy, whose members represent 17 of the 31 churches in the area, sought Alinsky's aid in obtaining for the residents, mostly poor Negroes and Puerto Ricans, some say in determining the future of the area.

According to Father Foley, some of the clergymen had doubts about Alinsky because of controversial organizing methods he has used in other places, but became convinced he could help after hearing him.

Alinsky met with the clergymen for three hours in November and according to Father Foley was "very pragmatic."

"He told us," the priest chairman said, "not to get involved in theory but to organize around issues."

Father Foley said he hopes Alinsky will continue to work with the group on a consultant basis in an effort to obtain more consideration for the residents of the area in planning the Atlantic Avenue Urban Renewal Project, the disposition of the abandoned Brooklyn Navy Yard, and the expansion of the Brooklyn-Cumberland Medical Center.

To date, he said, the city has failed to consult residents of Fort Greene on these programs although all will greatly affect them.

New President

Montevideo — (NC) — Uruguay's president-elect Gen. Oscar D. Gestido paid a visit here to Antonio Cardinal Maribari of Montevideo.

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