

What's Happening In the Diocese

Columbus Day begins tonight for local knights and their ladies. Mass at 6:30 p.m. in Blessed Sacrament Church will be followed by a dinner dance in the K. of C. club, Monroe Ave. Judge Alphonse L. Cassetti will speak.

Also tonight, The Scene (musicians) will be at St. Philip Neri school hall, under the sponsorship of the parish youth club. Dress rule: ties and jackets or sweaters for boys; for girls, dresses.

And to all single college graduates, the Catholic Alumni Club says *Willkommen zum Oktoberfest* at the Country House, Linden Avenue, tonight, from 9 until 1. The Royal Bavarians, in costume, will play for dancing.

At Blessed Sacrament Church hall tonight, at 8, the Mothers' Club of St. Rose parish will sponsor a country fair, plus a wig demonstration, to raise money for the Monsignor Connor Memorial Scholarship Fund.

A garage and rummage sale at 80 Thompson Road, Henrietta, goes on from 9 to 5 today and tomorrow, under the auspices of the Guardian Angels Rosary Society.

This Saturday afternoon, from 1 until 5, the St. Anne's Mothers' Club of St. Rose parish will sponsor a country fair, art festival and auction on Lake Avenue, Lima.

St. Theodore's and its recent offshoot, St. Jude's parish, will join forces in a fund-raiser this weekend. The three-day festival at St. Theodore's social center on Spencerport Road, Gates, will feature dinner each night, from 5 to 8 Friday and Saturday, and 4-8 Sunday.

A Lebanese play and a fashion show will be presented by the St. Nicholas Youth Club at 3 this Sunday afternoon in the church hall.

"Surf and turf" will be served on the Catholic Adult Club picnic at 3 p.m. Sunday at Wadham's Lodge, Powder Mill Park.

Corpus Christi Mothers' Club has scheduled a toy demonstration for this Monday night; a next-to-new sale Oct. 20-21, and a bake sale Oct. 29.

There will be two fashion shows Monday night, at Cardinal Mooney High School, at 8:15, and at Sacred Heart Cathedral rectory hall, the latter to follow reception of new members at a church service at 7:45.

The St. Rita Society will have a fashion show Tuesday night at 8 at Sweet's Farm, Holt Road, Webster.

Father Louis J. Hohman, rector of Becket Hall, will speak at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mark's, Greece, at a meeting of the Women's Club.

Mothers of first-year students at Our Lady of Mercy High School are invited to tea in the gymnasium at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The organizations of St. Patrick's, Elmira, will sponsor a card party at 8 Wednesday night.

A walk-through for parents is scheduled for Mother of Sorrows school Thursday, 10-11 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Next Saturday at 6:30, the two-day fall festival at St. Patrick's, Elmira, will open with a children's costume parade in the auditorium.

JOHN A. Teitimerman, director of the county laboratory, will address the School Association of Our Lady Queen of Peace at 8:30 Thursday night. His talk on drug addiction will follow a film, "The Seekers," scheduled for 8 p.m.

At St. Cecilia's, Elmira, a meeting of the Rosary and Sacred Heart Society Monday will follow Rosary and Benediction, in church at 7:30 p.m.

The Rosary and Altar Society of St. Mary's, Elmira, will give a card party and bazaar at 8 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium.

The Catholic Mission Guild card party will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Knights of Columbus club, Monroe Ave.

The Ladies Auxiliary of K. of C. Council 178 will meet at the clubrooms Thursday.

A box lunch and book review at noon will open the season for the Nazareth College Alumnae Wednesday noon at Medaille Hall, on campus. Mrs. Robert Morrison, a member of the White House Conference on Equality for Women, will review Stephen Birmingham's "The Right People." Guests are welcome. Reservations: Mrs. Richard Soule, 381-1274, or Mrs. John Conidine, 244-5378.

Next Friday, Oct. 18, will be Gay Nineties Night at Burgundy Basin Inn, for the people of Assumption parish, Fairport. Buffet-dance from 9 until 1.

Mrs. William Cluffo of 38 Willehen Drive will entertain the members of the 80th Seton Branch at a luncheon at 12:30 Wednesday.

RABBI AT SEMINARY
Loretto, Pa. — (NC) — Rabbi Leonard Winograd of Beth Zion Temple, Johnstown, Pa., appointed to a resident lectureship on the St. Francis Seminary faculty here, will teach two courses on "The American Jewish Community" and "An Introduction to Rabbinic Literature."

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Know the Enemy

With the acute problem rats are causing in the inner city and the accompanying danger they present to all parts of the area, Joseph DeSantis, associate public health sanitarian for the county, has prepared a series for the Courier-Journal providing insight on the problem.

By JOSEPH DESANTIS/
Monroe County Department of Health

There are few if any places in the world that are free of rats.

These pests have followed man to almost all inhabited parts of the world, usually traveling to new countries by hitchhiking on ships.

There are several species of rats, but the one we are concerned with in our community is *Rattus norvegicus*, or more commonly, the Norway rat.

This species is also sometimes called the "domestic" rat, the "sewer" rat and the "brown" rat.

Because the Norway rat occurs in a variety of color combinations — from reddish brown to dusky gray — the

designation "brown" rat is really a misnomer.

No matter what his color, the Norway rat is a stubborn adversary. If we are to defeat him, we must understand him, we must know his habits and how he lives. In essence, we must learn to think like a rat.

In size, the average adult Norway rat is 12 to 16 inches long from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail. Distinctive features are his blunt nose and his ears which are covered with short, fine hair. The tail is usually shorter than the length of the body.

The life span is a maximum of three years, but the average life expectancy is shorter under competitive conditions.

The Norway rat is a prolific breeder throughout the year with a peak in the spring. Breeding begins at 3 to 5 months of age and the average female will have from five to seven litters a year. The gestation period is 20 to 25 days, and there are between 6 and 14 rats per litter. Young rats can swim when they are only eight days old.

As anyone knows who has set out cheese-baited traps,



the Norway rat has a "good sense of smell. His vision is fair. He is able to discriminate between simple patterns. He has good depth perception, but is color blind.

By means of hair feelers, he relies on a constant touch of objects along his path for a feeling of security. That is why he likes to travel along the base of walls.

The Norway rat is largely a nighttime feeder. All the food of men and animals is acceptable to him, and given a choice of foods, he will seek out a well-balanced diet very similar to his own. To him, an uncovered garbage can is a banquet. He consumes about one ounce of food per feeding.

He finds an ideal home in the city's combined storm and sanitary sewer system where he has water and harborage and where daily he is served great quantities of ground up food from home automatic disposals.

The Norway rat also finds

an ideal home in areas of the community—in the inner city particularly—where there is deteriorating property and poor sanitation. Here, rats nest in burrows, coming out at night to feed on exposed garbage and litter. They are able to gain entrance to many homes because of cracks in foundations and broken basement windows.

We find similar rat burrows in out-of-the-way places in the county, such as a lonely road where suburbanites may come only to dump garbage and trash in a ditch, not realizing that they too are setting a dinner table for the rodents.

A few more things about the Norway rat. He can do a standing high jump of two feet, and a running high jump of three feet. He has been observed to fall two stories without harm. He can reach 18 inches in any direction along a wall.

Gnawing is essential to his health. His upper incisors grow 4 1/2 inches, and his lower incisors 5 1/2 inches per year. So he gnaws—be it on wood or concrete—as a necessary control of tooth growth.

Next week—the public health importance and economic impact of rodents.

Inner-City Groups In Week's Training

The County Health Department is conducting a week-long course at its annex on Westfall Road to train inner city residents to control the rat population.

Joseph DeSantis, associate public health sanitarian for the county, gave the opening talk. Films and addresses by city and state officials also were on the agenda.

Meanwhile, the city and county last week announced they will undertake on an experimental basis a second refuse collection in the target area, part of the Model Cities site. It also will concentrate on enforcement of city property and sanitation ordinances.

The county will conduct a survey to note the effectiveness of the increased refuse pickups as well as cleanup projects involving neighborhood groups and an extermination program.

A \$321,920 federal aid program for the county to be used to expand its demonstration program has passed the House and is awaiting Senate action.

In another development, the Rev. Bennie Brass, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference here, told county legislators he wanted blacks of the inner city actively involved in the program and offered the SCLC's efforts.

The SCLC will provide the county with specific complaints

to help pinpoint the nuisance. Also the county will hire 12 part-time aides from the inner city not only to work in rat-abatement but also to go door-to-door to inform residents of their role in the program.

Among groups represented at the week-long county training program were the SCLC, Action for a Better Community, the Monroe County Human Relations Commission and various neighborhood centers.

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India Puts Pressure On Missionaries

By MARGARET CONNOLLY

Christians are scarce in India. Foreign missionaries are being eased out or expelled, banned from one state after another.

In some places conversions are subject to police investigation, lest they be accomplished "through force, undue persecution, allurements or other fraudulent means."

Discussing these circumstances, a newspaper man from India told the Courier-Journal: "We sometimes spread the Christian message in an odd way — without mention of Jesus."

Jesuit Father John Barrett, who runs a Catholic news service now, was talking about a secular paper he was involved in, a weekly that he described as one of two pro-Western papers in all of India's thriving secular press.

This weekly, he said, would run a Bishop Sheen article such as Rochester readers see in the morning paper. "The writer would not be identified, however, and references to Christ would be deleted.

Father Barrett, from Tipperary Hill in Syracuse, has lived in India 31 years. He went as a missionary for the Society of Jesus in 1937, and was ordained there in 1942. His legal standing is solid, though: he became a citizen before that privilege was withdrawn. At about the same time, in 1950, he began his newspaper career, founding twin papers in English and Hindi.

"I wish I had started earlier," he said.

He has gone back to New

Delhi, uncertain whether his summer's work in the states will bear fruit. He had been trying to tap foundations for funds to improve journalism education.

"Good help," he said, "is hard to find."

More newspapers are published in India than here, Father Barrett said, producing random statistics: nine dailies in New Delhi; four in Kerala; 16 papers in the Catholic Press of India; 18 owned outright by the Communist party.

One of the latter, a weekly tabloid with a circulation of 300,000, distributes 65,000 copies in the Middle East, "and they are paid for by Russia," the priest reported.

Catholics comprise 1.2 percent of the population, he went on. Yet Pope Paul's encyclical, "Of Human Life," aroused wide interest, particularly because of ongoing controversies over birth control and abortion.

In India, Father Barrett observed, man's relation to the Creator is generally understood, deeply felt.

"The faith of the people, Hindu or Christian, is very deep,"

Catholic Paper Ups Czech Circulation
Bonn, Germany — (NC) — A relaxation in the availability of newsprint has enabled the Czechoslovakian Catholic weekly *Katolicke Noviny* nearly to double its circulation.

At the close of 1967 the paper's circulation was 75,000. It is now 140,000 and its editors claim that it has not reached its market potential by any means.

NMSC Names Semi-Finalists

Twelve students from diocesan Catholic high schools have been named semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Another 117 students have received the program's letter of commendation.

Among the semi-finalists are: Carol L. Hee and Jean M. Marchinock from Notre Dame High School in Elmira. Laurence D. Behr and Paul F. Wendelglass from Aquinas and Michael J. Ciardi and Carol M. Dole from Bishop Kearney High School were also named. McQuaid Jesuit High School's scholars James E. Keenan and Roger R. Schaeffer, and students from Nazareth Academy, Joyce A. Desmarais and Elizabeth A. Zimmer were given the award, as well as Lea M. Mutschler, from Our Lady of Mercy High School, and Linda M. Grady, from Sacred Heart Academy.

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By Fr. R. A. Graham, S.J. Service Special Correspondent

Vatican City — (RNS) — Prof. Hans Kueng, Swiss-born Catholic scholar, writes in his latest book that if theologians find their scientific conclusions do not square with creeds or definitions they should not for that reason leave the Church.

In these days of depressing and progressive divisions, it makes no sense to create a new church for every newly discovered truth, he holds.

Father Kueng, a professor at the Catholic theological faculty of Tübingen University in Germany, presented these views in a book titled "Truthfulness—the Future of the Church."

He charges that the Church suppresses freedom of scientific research by penalizing thinkers who dare to dissent. He addresses himself therefore to the problem of how a Christian and a theologian, normally bound by the tenets of the faith, can avoid this "untruthfulness."

According to the prevailing rule, writes Father Kueng, "Science must serve the system; one speaks one way in public and another way in private; the scholar speaks otherwise than he writes; he