

MAKE PROGRESS IN PHILIPPINES

Woman Has Advanced in Professional and Industrial Life, Says One of Them.

IS HUSBAND'S REAL PARTNER

Shares With Him the Cares of Business, Especially in Its Financial Aspects—Many Take Up Legal Profession.

New York.—Mme. Jaime De Veyra, wife of one of the representatives of the Philippine Islands to the United States, has recently been visiting women's clubs in New York city, telling what she has already told the women of Washington. They have fine systems of education, she says, good schools and a high degree of economic usefulness. Mme. De Veyra wore, in giving her talks, one of the beautiful gowns of the Philippines, a delicate pineapple fabric hand-woven and hand-embroidered, shaped like a gauzy-winged butterfly.

"Things are made very easy for the Filipino woman in many ways," she said. "The professional opportunities are as good for her as for the men. Women are already members of the Philippine Bar association—something which is impossible for the women of Great Britain—they are in business for themselves, and they are successful practicing physicians. Laws made for our women combine the best of Spanish and American precedents.

Made Easy for Women.

"Everything has been made much more simple for us than for either the American or Spanish women. Married women hold their property in severalty, and they are guardians of their own children. Of the property which accrues to a married couple, the wife is half administratrix, and these are vested rights which cannot be taken from her. It is not unusual for the mother of a family to have not only a household leadership, but economic control. M. De Veyra, who is interested in history, tells me that before the Spanish came we had a matriarchal system, and this has made the Filipino women self-respecting and valiant.

"Of our 3,411 islands, only 400 are inhabited, the principal ones being Luzon, Mindanao and Visayas; yet even in rural little Barrios you will find some sort of a woman leader. One old woman who has had seventeen children, thirteen having lived to grow up, and who has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, still exercises full sway over the family, and has the last word to say in all financial affairs. The married children as well as others look up to her, not only as a mother, but as an adviser.

"Women, when they marry, go into partnerships with their husbands. While the men handle the workers, the women attend to the finances, act as cashiers, pay the workers, and oversee much of the business. They have equality with men in everything except in voting. While the governor general has recommended in his messages to the legislature, when it was first recommended the women had not made much of an effort to gain the vote, but this year appeals came from the provinces and women's clubs and associations. In 1907 there were only thirty women's clubs, but now there are 307. A petition signed by 15,000 women was sent to the law-makers, who granted a joint legislative hearing on woman suffrage. Three Filipino women spoke. Two of them were practicing lawyers, and the one who was said to have made the best speech was Mme. Concepcion Calderon, widow of the man who wrote the constitution of Malolos.

Adept With Needle.

"Mme. Calderon is a successful business woman, owning a fish farm and an embroidery enterprise. This industrial problem has not reached the Filipino women to any great extent except through the cigar factories and in embroidery. There are, I believe, five big American embroidery firms in the Philippines, and one of them in Manila employs 7,000 women. Everything in the underwear business, except the weaving of cloth, is done by hand; the hemstitching and even the seams are sewed by hand.

"Women who have children and cannot go to the factories take the work home and are paid by the piece. I have heard of one of these workers, from a woman who has an embroidery business, who can make six chemises a day at 30 cents a chemise, every stitch by hand. She has saved a great deal of money besides taking care of her children.

"All of the pineapple cloth is made by the women in their homes on hand-made looms made by an ordinary carpenter. Comparatively little of it is made nowadays, for it is slow work, and the women cannot afford to do it. Any one who wishes it must give a special order, and it is expensive.

"We are interested in the Philippines in progressive legislation, in public health measures and day nurseries, and the women have introduced a profit-sharing plan in Billid and other prisons. They have introduced police matrons and industrial teachers for the insane.

"The Women's Club of Manila is a member of the Federation of Women's Clubs U. S. A. and now the women are organizing their own clubs."

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wealth to indulge in the pleasure of wearing a different fur overcoat every day. Thus, Father Tyszkiewicz adds, "these people seek to ameliorate the lot they are forced to bear by a despotic state."

Society Created Curable.

These facts of recent occurrence were preceded by worse happenings only a few decades ago. Then, says Count Tyszkiewicz, not only wealth, but also the life, liberty and happiness of thousands and their families were sacrificed to the bolshevistic caprices of the very wealthy. Now the disease has spread further, until it affects, as we have stated, society as a whole. The Jesuit writer traces the disease through the field of literature also and of other intellectual effort, showing the correctness of his contention. It is this important fact which must be realized before a cure can be affected. And it is this fact also which must ever be borne in mind in all study of social ills and all efforts at relief and cure. Society is an organism, not a mere conglomeration of individual cells, unattached and independent of each other and the whole. And Society, says Pope Pius X., is ill, but God has created it so that it can be cured. Therefore efforts to overthrow Society are wrong,—just as wrong as indifference towards the welfare of Society.

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WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Septuagesima Sunday

Gospel: The Laborers in the Vineyard. (St. Matt.)

- S. Feb. 1, St. Ignatius, B. M.
- M. 2, Purification of B. Vir. Mary
- T. 3, St. Blaise, B. M.
- W. 4, St. Andrew Corsini, B. C.
- Th. 5, St. Agatha, V. M.
- F. 6, St. Dorothy.
- S. 7, St. Romuald, Ab.

No Pie for Dinner.

The other evening had a girl friend and her husband over for dinner. I had baked a nice peach pie and set it on the porch swing to cool. It was rather warm in the house and my friend's husband went out on the porch to get some fresh air. It was getting dark and I, busy preparing dinner, forgot all about the pie until I heard a loud exclamation. The young man had sat in the hot pie. I don't know why I was more embarrassed. We had no pie for dinner and I'm sure our guest was uncomfortable during the remainder of the evening.—Exchange.

RECORDS COVER A CENTURY



One of the interesting places in Lowell, Mass., is the old apothecary shop on Merrimack Street, established in 1827. This location is still a drug store. The old prescription books have been preserved and form an interesting record covering nearly a century.

Perhaps one of the most interesting books is that of the year 1855. On one of the pages of this book, that dated June 9th, 1855, is written the original prescription for Father John's Medicine. This prescription was compounded for the Reverend—Father John O'Brien at the old drug store on that date, and was so successful in treating Father John's ailment, which was a severe cold and cough, that he recommended the medicine to his friends and parishioners. In going to the drug store and calling for the medicine they always asked for "Father John's Medicine," and in this way the medicine got its name and was advertised.

Father John's Medicine is a safe family medicine for colds, coughs, and as a tonic and body-builder, because it does not contain opium, morphine, chloroform, or any other poisonous drugs, or alcohol, but is all pure, wholesome nourishment.

Mt. Carmel Church Club To Give Minstrel Show Next Week.

On February 2, 3, and 4, the Young Men's Club of Mt. Carmel Church will present their fourth annual blackface minstrel. The first part will consist of a chorus of 25 voices. Edward Moyer will be interlocutor and the ends will be taken care of by James Ciaglia, James Nast, Joseph and Louis Donabella, Anthony Niger and Anthony Campe. The soloists are Frank Marino, Joseph Patti and Angelo DiNieri. In the after part, Mary Ciaglia, Mary Divito, the Misses Mannino and Louise Parcel will be heard in folk songs of Italy. The program will conclude with a one-act skit, entitled "The Judge." In the cast of characters, the principle parts will be taken by Fred Wagner, James Nast, James Ciaglia, Angelo Incavo, Anthony Campe, Louis and Joseph Donabella.

Diocesan Federation Hold A Card Party.

The Diocesan Federation of Catholic Societies conducted a card party at St. Boniface Hall on Wednesday evening. Thirty prizes were given away and nearly all of them were of the edible variety. The collection included hams, baked goods and even several pounds of sugar.

About 600 persons attended the gathering, which was one of the largest ever conducted by the Federation. Following the card playing, there was dancing, and refreshments were served. Herbert J. Stellwagen was general chairman of the committee in charge of the affair. The proceeds of the party will be used to defray the expenses of the work of the local organization.

Knights of Columbus Will Hold a Minstrel Show February 12th.

Rochester Council 178, Knights of Columbus, will hold a minstrel show on the night of Lincoln's Birthday, Thursday, February 12, in Convention Hall. This will be the first public entertainment to be given since the United States entered the war.

In the cast will be many soldiers, sailors, marines and K. of C. secretaries and others, who participated in the World War. There were 600 members of Rochester Council who saw service, either in camps or abroad. The purpose of holding this entertainment is because of the patriotic appeal which it will have and because it will be the first production of the Knights since the war.

Salesmanship and English

In the Rochester Business Institute go very well together as evening courses of study. Salesmanship with Mr. Campbell on Monday evenings and English with Mr. Williams on Thursday evenings can be carried very well during the same term. These experienced instructors have started many students on the road to success. The salesmanship course starts Monday evening, February 2d, and the English Thursday evening, February 5th. Call up the R. B. I. office for particulars.—Adv.

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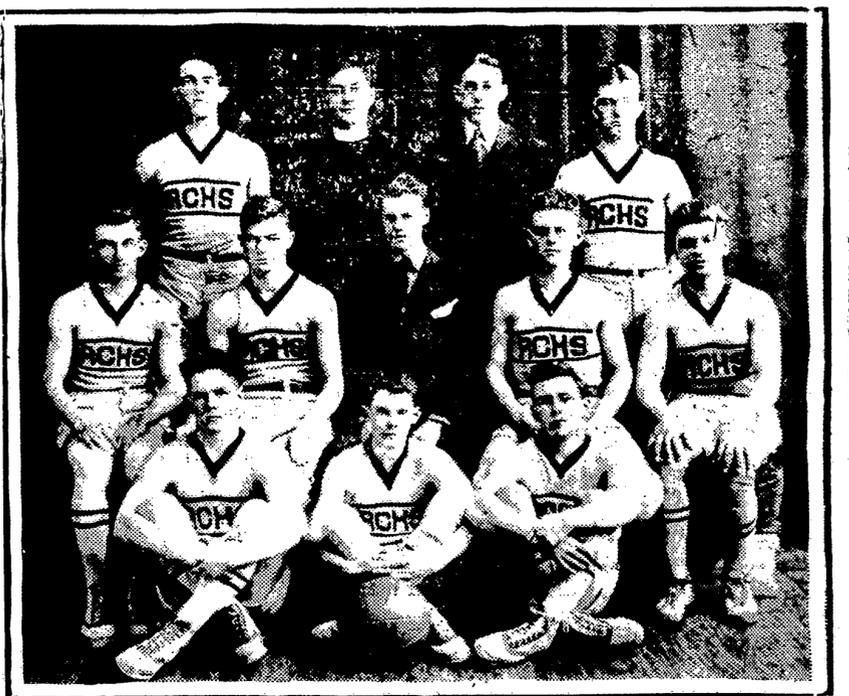
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Rochester Catholic High School five is making a strong bid for the local scholastic championship this season, and have not been tripped by a local team to date. They will play Ithaca High School team here to-morrow evening. Top row, left to right—Taylor, Rev. W. J. Brien, Earle Hartell, McAdams; second row, Wegman, Sheehan, Shanley, Kane, Provenzano; front row, O'Brien, Callaghan, Doyle.

PICKUPS

Truth lies at the bottom of the well, and anglers never go to fish there.

Affection is something a girl dishes out to her male friends just before Christmas.

Pulling down the front and back of a new house cap for women converts it into a subonnet.

Don't hide your light under a bushel. Use the bushel to cover your faults—if it is big enough.

Most of the splinters in the banisters of life are unnoticed until we begin to slide down.

Guatemala's first plant for the manufacture of cement has been started by American interests.

A partitioned metal tray has been

advanced that telescopes to fit a desk drawer of any size.

Paints that are said to be both fire and waterproof are made from the oil of a Manchurian bean.

Don't think that because a man is willing to lend you a helping hand he will stand for a touch.

Even if a woman doesn't get the right kind of husband she thinks it is better than being left.

A short-distance range finder invented in Sweden is useful to surveyors and to military men.

The bravery of some men is like that of bulldogs; they haven't sense enough to be afraid of anything.

An electric pen has been invented by a native of India that carbonizes paper over which it passes.

Horn Was O. K.
Possibly the apex of sarcasm or something was reached the other day when Jones took his fliwer to a repair shop and asked the man there what was the best thing to do with it. The repair man looked the car over in silence for several minutes, after which he grasped the horn and tooted it. "You've a good horn there," he remarked quietly. "Suppose you jack it up and run a new car under it?"—Boston Transcript.

A Whols Party.
"Who is that pompous individual passing along there on the other side of the street?" asked a guest. "I don't know as it is exactly correct to call him an individual," replied the landlord of the tavern at Wajoverbeyond. "That is the regular nootday parade of Roscoe G. Bond-waller, president of the Frist National bank, and his dignity."—Kansas City Star.