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Postage Stamp Good For Education

New York, Dec. 1.—A postage stamp is now good for an opportunity to obtain a first-class business education. Beginning December 1st the Knights of Columbus opened their special correspondence school system for the benefit of former service men and women living in places remote from any of the 130 K. of C. vocational schools located in 125 cities and towns.

Ever since the Knights of Columbus commenced their vocational training work in 1918, which up to date has cost approximately $3,000,000, requests have been received from hundreds of veterans who have been unable, through being remotely placed, to take advantage of the evening courses offered by the Knights, which include a curriculum of no fewer than 37 different trades and professions.

Pittsburgh Priest Is Both Poet And Inventor

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Pittsburgh, Dec. 5.—Poet-priests and priest-inventors there have been not a few in the United States, but Pittsburgh has the proud claim to a priest who is both poet and inventor.

He is Father Tom Glynn, chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital on the South Side. As a young man he worked side by side with Charles M. Schwab in the Cambria Steel Works here. When Schwab secured a position with Andrew Carnegie, there was a job open for Tom Glynn. But he declined, leaving to study for the priesthood at St. Vincent's College.

A few years after his ordination, Father Glynn came into prominence as the author of some remarkably fine poetry that was being published anonymously by the Pittsburgh papers. When his identity was disclosed he was deluged with requests from magazines in every part of the country.

Meanwhile Father Glynn was busy in another field. As a result he has invented the steel-making process for the circular all-steel mail and express car and for the automatic brake. He is also credited with producing a torpedo-hunting device that attracted the attention of the U. S. naval consulting board. He is now working on a workable train-stop which he expects will eliminate many of the fatal catastrophes that occur at railway crossings.

Catholic Study Clubs Formed in Many Cities

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Establishment of Catholic social study clubs in more than a score of cities of the United States was announced here today by the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Council, which has been fostering the intensive study of the social question by Catholic societies.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 1.—Right Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Bishop of Trenton, has received from the King of Italy, the Cross of Italy, a decoration which was bestowed as an acknowledgment of the Bishop's work in behalf of the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Italian residents of his diocese.

Radio Sermons Convert Two Listeners In

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Pittsburg, Dec. 5.—Tangible results, including one reconciliation and a possible conversion, have already been achieved as a fruit of the sending broadcast by wireless telephone sermons preached here during the mission being conducted at old St. Patrick's Church by the Rev. Bertrand L. Conway and the Rev. David Kennedy, of the Paulist Order.

The sermons are received by all wireless instruments having a wave length of 330 meters, of which there are about 1,500 within the wireless area.

Within twenty-four hours after the first radio sermon was sent out, the missionaries received calls from two persons who had "listened in." One was a Catholic, who desired to be reconciled to the Church after some years' absence, and the other a non-Catholic anxious to be instructed in the doctrines of religion.

This effective use of the radio is perhaps one of the most striking and dramatic manifestations of the combination of ancient faith and modern inventive genius yet recorded. The lectures being conducted by the missionaries in one of the down-town theaters, at noon, are attended by several thousand people each day.

Catholic Baron To Engage In U. S. Industry

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Dublin, Nov. 28.—Sir Thomas Esmonde, Bart., one of the few Catholics in Ireland who can trace his title of nobility back through centuries, and a chamberlain of the Papal household, is about to transfer some of his activities to America.

He intends to take up the cultivation of sugar beets in Wyoming. Since ceasing to be a member of the British parliament in 1918, after having held a seat for 33 years, during a great part of which he was chief whip to the Irish parliamentary party, Sir Thomas has increased his industrial activities and now occupies a leading position in Irish railway and banking enterprises.

His Baronetcy dates back to the 17th century. His mother was a grand daughter to Henry Grattan, the Irish patriot and orator with whose name is associated the Irish parliament of 1782-1800. Sir Thomas has been a Papal chamberlain for twenty years, and has traveled extensively, written much and is especially interested in Irish folklore and antiquities.

Christians Win in Thueringen

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Cologne, Germany, Nov. 16.—Christian candidates overwhelmingly defeated their Socialist and Communist opponents in the recent school elections in Thueringen, where legal advisers to parents were to be chosen. Nearly everywhere in the district the Christian and confessional schools, in which religious instruction is given, were upheld, notwithstanding the Socialists had conducted a very energetic propaganda in behalf of their own school program.

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Fixed Date For Easter Debated In House of Lords

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

London, Nov. 24.—Shortly before the Parliament was adjourned until next January, an interesting discussion was raised in the House of Lords as to the fate of Lord Desborough's Bill for securing a fixed date for Easter.

It is known now that an unofficial committee, of which Cardinal Mercier will be chairman, will sit in Rome next year to consider this question, and there is the possibility that the Holy See will be approached to take some action in the matter.

Meanwhile, according to the Earl of Onslow, who addressed the House on the matter, the British Government has been acting up to its decision not to take any further steps in the matter of the Bill until the great ecclesiastical authorities have been consulted; it being obvious that the date of Easter cannot possibly be changed unless the Christian Churches agree to the change.

The British Envoy at the Vatican has evidently been instructed by his Government to seek the opinion of the Holy See in the matter, for Lord Onslow informed the House of Lords that the Pope had given the matter his careful attention, and that it was felt that, as far as the Catholic Church is concerned, there is insufficient ground for changing the present system by which the computation of Easter is fixed.

The Orthodox Church feels that it is not competent to deal with the matter. The project has been discussed by the Holy Synod at Constantinople, and the impression was that the Synod could not deal with the matter, which must be settled by an Ecumenical Council—of the Orthodox Church, of course.

As to the committee of astronomers, over which Cardinal Mercier is to preside, Lord Onslow stated that at the Vatican nothing was known, officially that is, of such a committee.

One of the strongest supporters of the proposed change in England is the Catholic Bishop of Salford, who has thrown the weight of his vast scholarship on the side of the change. Bishop Cassartelli says that as things are at present, there is no doctrinal objection to the project from the Catholic side, and the Bishop has pointed out how, by a mere stroke of the pen, the Pope could order the change immediately.

The machinery for the change, said the Bishop of Salford, already exists in the Missal and Breviary. According to his reckoning, all that the Pope would need to do would be to issue a decree ordering that the number of Sundays after Epiphany and after Pentecost should be constant. This would result that Easter Sunday would always fall on a certain Sunday in March or April, as the case might be.

Now the Anglican Book of Common Prayer uses the Roman computation for fixing Easter, and consequently has exactly the same number of Sundays after Epiphany. So that by two strokes of the pen both Rome and Canterbury could agree on this change.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 1.—Mother Pauline Gannon, provincial of the Dominican Sisters here is dead at the age of 57.

Protestant Minister Hears Benson Tell Purpose Of N.C.W.C.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Newark, N. J., Dec. 3.—More than two thousand auditors, including a Protestant minister and a Jewish rabbi heard Admiral William S. Benson, president of the National Council of Catholic Men, explain the aims and purposes of that organization at an enthusiastic meeting held here last Sunday night.

The meeting was preceded by a dinner at the Robert Trent Hotel, attended by the most prominent men of the community.

Martin Conboy of New York made the opening address at the meeting held after the dinner and was followed by Admiral Benson, who sketched the history of the National Catholic Welfare Council and stressed the necessity of Catholic mobilization and organization in order to stabilize moral conditions in the country and to improve citizenship in all phases of public and private life. Joseph A. Griffin, New York educator who followed Admiral Benson also emphasized the necessity of unity of effort.

The Right Rev. Monsignor John A. Sheppard followed the lay speakers and indicated his intention of furthering the establishment of the National Council of Catholic Men in every part of the diocese.

Bishop Ryan's Golden Jubilee

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Alton, Ill., December 1.—Right Rev. J. J. Ryan, Bishop of Alton, is to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on December 23, but at the earnest request of the venerable prelate there will be no formal commemoration of the event.

Bishop Ryan has been at the head of the Alton diocese since 1888. He is known as a gentleman, averse to public notice of any kind, preferring to go quietly about his priestly duties and spend his leisure time in study.

Archbishop Hayes Selects Secretary

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, Dec. 4.—The Rev. Stephen J. Donohue has been appointed secretary to Archbishop Hayes of New York to succeed the Very Rev. Monsignor Joseph P. Dineen, who now fills the position of chancellor of the archdiocese, formerly held by Monsignor Dunn. Father Donohue, who is twenty-eight years old, was born in New York and graduated from Holy Name School, Amsterdam avenue and 96th Street. He entered Cathedral College and won the Cardinal Farley medal for general excellence, after which he attended St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie. He later studied at the American College in Rome, being ordained in May, 1918.

GEORGETOWN'S NEW ARCHIVIST

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—The Rev. Joseph Himmel, former president of Georgetown University, has been named as archivist of that institution to succeed the Rev. Francis Barnum, famous Klondike missionary and world traveler, whose death last month ended a service of thirty years at Georgetown.

Love Of Notoriety Makes Criminals, Says Father Cashin

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, Dec.—"The love of being noticed—the same thing that makes many actors and many politicians", is responsible for the making of many young criminals, according to the Rev. William J. Cashin, Catholic chaplain at Sing Sing, who has lived among convicts for the past nine and a half years and who perhaps knows them as well as any other man living.

There are other reasons, in addition to this "fondness for having a reputation, no matter what that reputation may be," according to Father Cashin, and important among them are the desire for luxury, poor upbringing, lack of religious influence and bad surroundings.

"Lack of religious training in school", declares Father Cashin, "undoubtedly is contributory to the turning out of the youthful lawbreaker. I do not think of any one religion in particular when I say this. Out of the total number of prisoners in Sing Sing, of all shades of religious beliefs, there are not more than three out of every one hundred who ever had anything like proper moral training in their youth. Of the Catholic population up there, to cite an example, not more than five per cent have been students in parochial schools.

"I don't agree with those who write and talk on the theory that criminals are mentally deficient. The criminals may be deficient in the sense that they have not had the proper moral training. But they most certainly are not mentally deficient. They are, as a rule, well "brained" but their intelligence never was given an opportunity to expand, to move along right courses.

"We have found that the great bulk of the criminal population comes from the great cities". Greater New York contributes 60 per cent of all the inmates in the State's prison, according to Father Cashin.

HONOR FOR CATHOLIC WOMAN

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2.—Miss Lyda O'Shea, graduate of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, and of the training school of Mercy hospital, of which her sister, Sister Mary Rita is superintendent, has been selected by the Illinois director of state registration and education as a member of the state professional committee of nurses. Miss O'Shea is a product of the Chicago Catholic schools, both elementary and professional.

New A. A. U. President Prominent Catholic

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Boston, Dec. 5.—William C. Prout, who was elected last week national president of the Amateur Athletic Union is a Catholic. He began his athletic career as a member of the Knights of the Sacred Heart at St. Joseph's Church, in this city. He is Massachusetts State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus.

Norfolk's Former Chaplain Dead

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Dublin, Nov. 25.—Rev. J. Moriarty, P. P., who died at Waterville, County Kerry, was for seven years after his ordination chaplain to the late Duke of Norfolk. Father Moriarty was ordained half a century ago.

Minutes Of Silence Move English[illegible] Prayer For The D[illegible]

(By N. C. W. C. News [illegible])

London, Nov. 24.—If [illegible] asked to say what is the distinguishing feature [illegible] Armistice Day, or Remembrance Day as it is now beginning to be called, it would be that [illegible] Silence of two minutes observed throughout the country on the stroke of [illegible] the people really do pray that prayer, short though it be, their thoughts are turned towards a very old and [illegible] devotion—prayer for the [illegible]

It is the thought of [illegible] that brings the man in the street to a sudden halt as the [illegible] announce the great [illegible] as they stand with [illegible] head in the streets, in [illegible] shops, on the railways, [illegible] public places, this [illegible] whether consciously [illegible] laciously, with a prayer [illegible] for the dead.

What [illegible] infinite religious [illegible] have failed to [illegible] simple act of a [illegible] Remembrance Day [illegible] bringing the people of [illegible] try back to the old [illegible] tice of praying for the [illegible]

People [illegible] stores to pray, [illegible] biggest department [illegible] London, one of the [illegible] lishment of Mr. [illegible] cago, the [illegible] red in [illegible] the hall of [illegible] and for two minutes [illegible] silent prayer. It was [illegible] at the conclusion of the [illegible] religious service was [illegible] with hymns.

Hundreds of thousands [illegible] ed Whitehall next to the [illegible] taph, tens of thousands [illegible] packed in front of the [illegible] House in London, and in [illegible] great cities like [illegible] nessed, where [illegible] people [illegible] hymn "O God Our Help [illegible] Past", which is a [illegible] of the Psalm "Dominus [illegible] nostrum et refugium".

Noted Irish Doctor To Head Department At Toronto H[illegible]

(By N. C. W. C. News [illegible])

Dublin, Nov. 24.—[illegible] per, who has been [illegible] Director of the [illegible] partment of St. [illegible] pital, Toronto, belong[illegible] olic family prominently [illegible] with public life in [illegible] and City. He is [illegible] late Canon [illegible] just twelve months [illegible] member of the [illegible] Force.

Tornado Wrecks Cologne

(By N. C. W. C. News [illegible])

Cologne, Germany, [illegible] Storms which [illegible] land about [illegible] the ancient church [illegible] Duren. Injuries [illegible] women and [illegible] The hurricane [illegible] spire, which [illegible] roof and [illegible] ing. All the [illegible] young women [illegible] after [illegible]