

Church's Future In Rural Activity, Experts Declare

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).
Baltimore, Oct. 30.—Prominent speakers declared that "the future of the Church lies in the country districts," urged that more attention be devoted to rural Catholics and discussed ways of solving their problems, at the first diocesan Rural Life Conference in the United States, which took place here Wednesday.

Archbishop Curley welcomed the delegates and presided at the opening session, delivering a short, inspiring address. He also presided at the luncheon, and the Rev. Thomas E. McGuigan of Washington was toastmaster. Charles W. Heusler, former judge, presided at the afternoon session, and W. Gwynn Gardner at the night session. The Very Rev. Albert E. Smith, V.P., editor-in-chief of the Baltimore Catholic Review, was president of the conference.

It was Father Bishop, a director of the National Conference and general director of the League of the Little Flower, who suggested the archdiocesan conference, and he worked unceasingly for its success. Archbishop Curley paid him a warm tribute in his closing address.

Three sessions were held, besides a luncheon gathering, and Archbishop Curley, Senator Bruce of Maryland, and Father Edwin V. O'Hara, director of the Rural Life Bureau of the N.C.W.C., and Dr. Charles G. Galpin, chief of the Bureau of Farm Statistics of the Department of Agriculture, were among the speakers. Three hundred attended.

Archbishop Curley, who is fostering the League of the Little Flower for country parochial work, urged that interest in rural life problems be brought to as high a pitch as interest in foreign missions and pointed to these problems as an immediate field for endeavor, at the very door of American Catholics.

Fr. O'Hara Outlines Aims

Outlining the two primary aims of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, of which he is the founder, Fr. O'Hara declared that the widespread diffusion of private ownership of productive property—Father O'Hara declared these are two of the great needs of the country today.

"City living is not conducive to the keeping up of family life, but rural living is," he asserted. "On this score alone it is important that the Church look to rural life. The future of the Church lies in the country. The greatest opportunity for the widespread diffusion of property lies in agriculture. Therein lies the opportunity for the future stability of America."

Father O'Hara outlined the National Conference's program to "anchor to the land the largest number possible of the most capable, intelligent and imaginative members of the younger generation."

This, he said, is to be done through the country pastor interested in the economic situation of the farmer, including the cooperative movement; in social and intellectual life on the farm; in the country home, and in the health of his parishioners. Electrification of farm industries and homes, he said, is bringing all the conveniences of city life to the farm. There remains the task of interpreting in the schools the rural profession, and the upbuilding of parochial schools or the establishment in their place of vocational religious schools. In 20 dioceses in the United States vacation schools already are being conducted and are meeting with success, he said.

"Farm children are the only children in the United States who are apprentices in a great profession which, more than perhaps any other profession, says that of medicine, inculcates and depends upon a knowledge of the laws of science," Father O'Hara declared.

"The efforts of the Catholic Church in caring for country people will be more fruitful of results than any efforts spent elsewhere," said Dr. Galpin. "I say this because of the strong family life already existing among farmers, because the cities depend for their new residents on the farms, and because the farmer is naturally religious. His natural religion comes from the fact that he works so closely with God in the planting and the growth of seeds, and is so closely dependent on climate and weather—the natural gifts of God."

Senator Bruce's tribute to the Church, who is a member of the Episcopal Church, nevertheless declared: "The Catholic Church, more than any other church, can move the chief question of the Southland. The Catholic Church, more than any other, promotes amity and better feeling in the community—a sort of religious democracy. Again, it lays an unending emphasis on the authority of the Church, and its authority is expounded in a way that is not only logical but also beautiful."

Restore Family Discipline, Plea Of U. S. Official

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).
Washington, Oct. 30.—Restoration of family discipline as a check to the tendency toward centralization of all authority in the central government was advocated by Col. William J. Donovan, Assistant to the Attorney General, in an address at the quarterly meeting of the local section of the Holy Name Society here.

Colonel Donovan asserted that since the family is the basis of all society the discipline there in vogue is reflected in the local community, in the state and in the national government.

"When the family doesn't settle its difficulties within itself and at home," he said, "it turns control of its affairs, of its government, of its education, and even of its religion ultimately, over to some outside authority. The remedy for this tendency is obvious. It is the application of the principle of individual responsibility which has always been a doctrine of the Catholic Church."

It is the breakdown of family discipline and lack of sense of individual responsibility, the speaker declared which leads to the current agitation for centralization of all kinds of power in the government at Washington. This centralizing tendency he deplored as both undesirable and useless.

"You can't drag on people into being virtuous by the enactment of laws," he declared. "They must be animated by a sense of their own individual responsibility."

San Antonio Starts Work On Fine School For Poorer Mexicans

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).
San Antonio, Tex., 30.—Two centuries after the Spanish Franciscans founded a common school for the education of the children of the original pueblo here, their successors—men of the same religion and blood—last Sunday launched the building of a model school for the poor Mexicans of San Antonio, direct descendants of the early aborigines.

Claretian Missionaries are fostering the project. The Rt. Rev. Arthur J. Drossaerts, Bishop of San Antonio and champion of religious education, turned the first spadeful of earth at the ceremony Sunday. The school itself will cost \$100,000 and will accommodate 800 children. In addition to class rooms, there will be an auditorium seating 1,000. Two rooms will be given over to the clinic conducted among the poor Mexicans by the San Antonio Council of Catholic Women. Beside the school will be erected a \$25,000 teachers' residence. Both structures will be in the picturesque Spanish-Mediterranean architecture.

The model school will stand, not in the best residential section of San Antonio, but in the heart of what is known as "Little Mexico," the ancient Mexican quarter of the city, where it will be able to bring its modern equipment to bear for the betterment of the poorest residents. A spacious playground with many recreational and athletic devices will be devoted to improving the children's health.

Verboort, Ore. Parish Hold Silver Jubilee

Portland, Ore., Oct. 27.—The Parish of the Visitation, Verboort, Oregon, observed yesterday the 50th anniversary of its foundation when Right Rev. A. Hillebrand, administrator of the archdiocese of Oregon City, celebrated Pontifical Mass in the parish church.

The village of Verboort takes its name from the Rev. William A. Verboort, who with his parents and other colonists from Holland came by way of Wisconsin to this state in 1875. The colony then founded has expanded until it now comprises the principal membership of five neighboring parishes. This pioneer community has given four priests to the Church and a fifth young man is now making his theological studies. Twenty-six young women from the parish have entered the religious life. The Rev. H. J. McDevitt, D. D., is the pastor.

For entry in wishing the Catholic Church goodspeed. Recalling that John Randolph of Roanoke 100 years ago said that the Catholic negroes of Maryland were the best negroes in America, Senator Bruce paid the highest tribute to the Catholic negro, praising his "honesty, industry, self-respect, refinement and good feeling." His Church has strengthened the morals and softened the manners of the Catholic negro, he said.

Among the other speakers at the conference were the Rev. Joseph Johnson, S. J., of Holywood, Md.; the Rev. Felix Kirsch, O.M. Cap., of Washington; the Very Rev. Patrick J. Conroy, of Bryantown, Md.; the Rev. John LaFarge, S. J., of Ridge, Md.; the Rev. John I. Barrett, Archbishop Superintendent of Schools; William J. Grove, of Lime Kiln, Md.; E. P. Cahill, president of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation; John P. Kelley, editor of a farm magazine of Washington; the Rev. Edward R. Moore, of New York; the Rev. Edwin F. Reilly, of Emmitsburg, Md.; Miss Mary Mattingly, of Washington; and Rev. W. Howard Bishop, of Clarksville, Md.

N.C.W.C. Delegate's Plea Impresses Rome Congress

(N. C. W. C. News Service).
Rome, Oct. 30.—A mark of special consideration was given the National Council of Catholic Women of the United States at the congress of the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues, which has just closed here. The American Council's delegation was allowed an hour's extra time on the program, even though it was already overcrowded, and an enthusiastic reception was accorded the speaker by the assembled women representing 22 countries.

Mrs. Harry M. Benzinger, of Baltimore, member of the National Board of the Council of Women, headed the American delegation. She told the congress of the Council's plan of organization, objects and activities, especially emphasizing its National Catholic School of Social Service at Washington.

Miss Sarah Weadick, who, in addition to being a delegate of the Council, is a staff expert of the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Immigration, read a paper giving a complete account of the N.C.W.C. immigration work, in which the Council is intensely interested. The N.C.W.C. is developing an extensive immigration follow-up program of its own. In order to read the paper, she replaced Princess Christina Giustolanti Bandini, of Italy, member of the Executive Board of the International Union. Cardinal Merry del Val presided at the session at which she spoke.

Miss Weadick's Plea Gains Results

Miss Weadick made a plea that Catholic women of other nations work with the N.C.W.C. for the welfare of immigrants to the United States. At the conclusion of her address there was widespread interest and several national groups of Catholic women pledged their cooperation. Later an arrangement of mutual helpfulness was worked out with Monsignor Beltrami, the Italian Bishop for Immigration.

Speaking in French, Miss Weadick declared that forces not necessarily anti-Catholic but certainly not pro-Catholic menace the faith of the Catholic immigrant coming to the United States today. He arrives, in the first place, with the idea that he is coming to a Protestant country; he is in a strange land with the old ties broken, and is surrounded by many influences which consciously or unconsciously prompt him to forget his religion.

Pointing out that problems concerning marriage, family ties and the upbringing of children, and all questions of the home are religious as well as social, Miss Weadick contended strongly that religion enters into social service and that "a non-sectarian agency cannot, with the best intentions in the world, assist in regulating questions which, especially in the case of Catholics, are so largely a matter of religion."

Recounting the problems faced by the immigrant and by his family, often left overseas for the time being, Miss Weadick detailed the assistance in many fields rendered by the N.C.W.C. in cases of separated families and immigrant marriages, forming of new religious ties, guidance of young girls and of the younger generation, direction of the children of immigrants, etc.

Importance of Cooperation

"I wish to emphasize the importance of the cooperation of the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues with the N.C.W.C. Bureau of Immigration in the United States," she said, "and the necessity of forming a chain of bureaus under Catholic auspices... in the different countries to handle Catholic emigration and immigrant cases." She visualized "a chain of Catholic migrant aid societies which would encircle the globe," and declared: "The faith of these Catholic migrants, from whichever land they come, must be safeguarded. To that extent we are surely our 'brother's keeper.'"

Miss Weadick also attended the first congress of the International Catholic Social Service Union, held at Milan immediately before the Women's Leagues congress in Rome. At that gathering she also represented the N.C.W.C. and delivered a report to the delegates on the N. C. W. C. Social Service School. Before returning to the United States she expects to visit Yugoslavia to make a study of immigration conditions there.

Liverpool Catholics Present An Address To Lord Jellicoe

London, Oct. 26.—Lord Jellicoe, who was in command of the grand fleet during the World War, received an address signed on behalf of all the Catholic parishes in Liverpool when he opened the new Catholic Seamen's Club at Liverpool today. Lord Jellicoe was largely responsible for the increased facilities for practicing their religion which Catholic sailors have received in recent years.

When the war started here was only one Catholic chaplain to each base. When hostilities ceased there was a chaplain to each division of a squadron. The chaplains accompanied the men in action. There were six Catholic chaplains in the battle of Jutland. These appointments of chaplains have been confirmed in peace time.

Georgia Laymen's Annual Assembly Held In Savannah

Bishop Keyes' Address To Convention—Reports on Year's Work—Officers Elected

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 30.—Three hundred delegates and members from all parts of Georgia, one for every sixty Catholics in the Diocese of Savannah, attended the tenth annual convention of the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia here this week, a convention honored by the Apostolic Blessing and graced by the presence of Rt. Rev. Michael J. Keyes, D. D., Bishop of Savannah. Capt. P. H. Rice, K.C.S.G., was elected president for the seventh consecutive time and Admiral Wm. S. Benson, U.S.N., a native Georgian and a member of the Laymen's Association, was elected honorary vice-president. A letter from Admiral Benson to the convention was one of its features.

The convention opened at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist with a Pontifical High Mass which also marked the diamond jubilee of the Diocese of Savannah. Bishop Keyes, who pontificated delivered the sermon and emphasized the lesson of charity toward one's neighbor which he pointed out as characteristic of the work of the Laymen's Association, the activities and history of which he outlined.

Reports on Year's Work

The convention sessions were held at Benedictine Armory and were attended not only by the visiting delegates and members but by hundreds of Savannahians as well. The morning session was devoted to reports of President Rice, Richard Reid, chairman of the Publicity Committee, T. S. Gray, state treasurer, and T. F. Walsh, Jr., chairman of the committee appointed to draw up a plan of endowment. A luncheon was served the visitors between the morning and afternoon sessions, and after the last session the visitors were guests of the Savannah branch of the Association at a fish fry at the Savannah Sugar Refinery Corporation's plant at Port Wentworth on the Savannah River, and on an automobile drive through Savannah and its suburbs.

Jack J. Spalding of Atlanta, a former president of the Association, one of Georgia's most prominent members of the bar and President Wilson's appointee during the war as Red Cross Commissioner to Palestine, was the lay speaker of the afternoon. J. J. Haverty of Atlanta, first vice-president, presided. He referred to the educational work being done by the Laymen's Association, and said that the greatest work before the Laymen now is the support of the Catholic schools. When a Catholic school gives a boy or girl a religious education it does not only the Church but the state a service, he said, since the very existence of the state depends upon the religion and morality of its citizens.

Bishop Keyes in his afternoon address to the convention pointed out the service the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia is rendering the state as well as the Church. A house divided against itself cannot stand, he said, and the Laymen's Association, by mitigating and eradicating the most harmful kind of division, that which has its source in religious prejudice, is uniting the people of the state and preparing them for the great opportunities which lie before it. Bishop Keyes further said: "If we support our churches and our schools, if we support the Catholic Laymen's Association and our other organizations, we need have no fear of movements against us."

Resolutions were adopted commending the press of the state for its fairness toward Catholics during the past year and pointing out the value to Georgia of such a reputation for fairness, commending the movement to honor Father Abram Ryan, the post-priest of the Confederacy, with a memorial on Stone Mountain, and urging that the matter of preserving the ruins of sixteenth century missions in Georgia be discussed so that some action in that direction may be arranged.

The report of the officers of the Association submitted to the convention reveals the past year as one of the most important and successful in its history. During the year 126,472 pieces of literature went out from the office of the Association. Inquiries about Catholic teaching and practices were received from thirty-seven states; the live inquiry list of Georgia contains 5,571 names. Newspapers in every Georgia city have carried during the past year advertisements giving a statement of things that Catholics do not believe, compiled from anti-Catholic accusations, and offerings to answer questions about the actual beliefs of Catholics.

Officers Elected

Officers elected for the coming year were: Capt. P. H. Rice, K.C.S.G., president; Col. P. H. Callahan, K.C.S.G., Louisville, Ky., and Admiral Wm. S. Benson, U.S.N., K.C.S.G., honorary vice-presidents; J. J. Haverty, Atlanta, first vice-president; John B. McCallum, Atlanta, secretary;

Norman Town En Fete When Card. Dougherty Unveiled New Statue

Paris, Oct. 26.—During his stay in Normandy, Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, went to the little town of Bonneboq to unveil a statue of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus.

The whole town was en fete to receive its eminent visitor, the Municipal Council, the two bishops of Bayeux and Evreux, Senator Henry Cheron, former Minister in the Poincaré Cabinet and vice-president of the district assembled to receive him. A luncheon of 150 covers was arranged for Cardinal Dougherty. The menu was drawn by an artist who had won the famous Prix de Rome. Several addresses were made in honor of the Cardinal by the Cure of Bonneboq, the mayor and the deputy. Former Minister Henry Cheron also spoke, declaring that one of the ways of establishing an entente among citizens and people is the strengthening of moral ties. He pointed out that the feast of the day was precisely such an exaltation of moral forces. Recalling the fact that he had known Sister Teresa of the Child Jesus during her lifetime, he said:

"I knew the future Saint when she was just a delightful young girl with blue eyes and lovely blonde hair, a young girl whose marvelous intelligence had struck me. If I had been told, when I had the honor of speaking to her, that the whole world would one day come to celebrate her glory, I should no doubt have been surprised. But it is true and now eminent prelates have come to Bonneboq from the most distant points. It seems that saints are asked to perform miracles. It is perhaps a miracle to have brought together here so many different men in the incomparable beauty of a feast of fraternity, hope and faith."

Cardinal Dougherty thanked the speakers in a response which was full of humor.

Katherine Gaughran, L.C.B.A. Trustee For 35 Years, Dead

Cleveland, Oct. 28.—Funeral services for Miss Katherine Gaughran, a supreme trustee of the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association for 35 years, were held in St. Agnes church on Saturday. Magr. Gilbert P. Jennings was celebrant of the solemn requiem Mass.

Miss Gaughran, whose death resulted from pernicious anaemia, was one of the best known of the supreme officers of the L. C. B. A. and had attended its national gatherings every year since her election as a trustee. Because of the activity of the Cleveland members of the L. C. B. A. in cooperating with Bishop Joseph Schrembs in caring for the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, who came from Austria because of post war hardships, the Bishop was one of the last callers upon Miss Gaughran before she died, and gave her his blessing.

Shortly before the first two members of this community came to Cleveland Bishop Schrembs told a meeting of the Cleveland members of the L. C. B. A. of his desire to bring them to this city and appealed to the organization to provide a home for them. Miss Gaughran, spokesman for the members pledged them to that task. Annual assessments paid by the 10,000 northern Ohio members of the L. C. B. A. have since provided the home and paid for its upkeep. The community now numbers fifteen members.

Long—George M. Long died Sunday, November 1, 1926, aged 66 years.

Funeral Wednesday morning November 4, 1926. Corpus Christi Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Krenzer—Bertha Krenzer died November 3rd, at the family home, No. 939 Jay street, aged 49 years. Funeral from Holy Family Church, November 6.

Shelp—Harley A. Shelp, of No. 9 Regent Place, aged 52 years, died November 4, at the Highland Hospital. Funeral from Blessed Sacrament Church, November 7.

Thomas S. Gray, Augusta, treasurer; publicity committee, Richard Reid, Augusta, chairman; R. A. Magill and Evelyn Harris, Atlanta; Miss Amelia Horne and E. A. Sheridan, Macon; T. F. Walsh, Jr., and Mrs. E. H. Howkins, Savannah.

DEATHS OF THE WEEK

Funeral services were held from the respective churches on dates given. May their souls rest in peace.

Byrnes—James W. Byrnes, Jr., died October 28, at the United States Veteran Hospital, New York City, aged 30 years. Funeral November 2, from 1148-Lewiston avenue this city and from Sacred Heart Church. Interment in the Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Hutchinson—Mrs. Susie K. Hutchinson died October 30. Funeral November 2, from No. 22 Chili Terrace, and from St. Augustine's Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Schneider—Margaret J. Schmitt Schneider, died October 29, at No. 19 Watkins terrace, aged 31 years. Funeral November 2, from Holy Redeemer Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Speler—Anastasia Carew Speler, died October 29, at No. 18 Carleton street, aged 67 years. Funeral November 2, from Corpus Christi Church. Interment in the Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

O'Brien—Mary O'Brien, died November 1 at St. Ann's Home, aged 93 years. Funeral November 3, from St. Ann's Chapel. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Redden—Michael Redden, died November 1. Funeral November 3, from No. 268 Collingwood drive and from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Interment in the Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Warren—Entered into rest, October 30, 1925. James S. Warren. Funeral November 3, from Lady Chapel, Cathedral. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Hennessey—Alonso Hennessey, of 397 Smith street, died Sunday morning at St. Mary's Hospital.

Funeral Thursday morning, November 5, 1925, from Lady Chapel, Cathedral. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Hill—Died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry W. Mees, Sr., No. 307 Frost avenue, William Hill, aged 88 years.

Funeral Thursday, November 5, 1925, from Immaculate Conception Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Fiedler—Mrs. Julia Fiedler, Monday morning, November 2, 1925.

Funeral Wednesday morning, November 4, 1925, from Sacred Heart Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre.

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