

Solemn Ceremonies To Mark Charities Conference Opening

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Los Angeles, July 21.—Plans for the National Conference of Catholic Charities, to be held in Los Angeles September 4 to 8, took a new and even more impressive turn during the past week...

As now outlined, this event on the evening of Sunday, September 4 is expected to be the greatest assemblage of Catholics ever witnessed in the West. There will be accommodations for 5,000 persons...

The religious procession will start from the corridors of the college buildings, the whole colorful scene being illuminated by hundreds of Klieg lights, which have been offered by Hollywood motion picture firms...

Besides an address by the Rt. Rev. Bishop John J. Cantwell, host to the Conference, who will speak on the social service work in his diocese...

Special plans are being made to render the acoustics of the great outdoor meeting place as nearly perfect as possible, so that every person in the vast throng may hear every word spoken...

Efforts will be made for a meeting to be held in Hollywood Bowl later during the Conference, so that visiting delegates may visit the unique natural amphitheater.

Notre Dame Gives Twenty Diplomas In Boy Leadership

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Notre Dame, Ind., July 22.—The first session of the 10-day summer school in Boy Leadership conducted at the University of Notre Dame here has closed with the awarding of diplomas to 21 of the 38 students enrolled...

Nuns Help Rescue Patients As Fire Menaces Hospital

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Milwaukee, Wis., July 23.—With but a semblance of disorder, the Sisters and nurses, assisted by the firemen, policemen and other helpers, rescued 132 patients, men, women, children and young babies, from St. Joseph's Hospital here a few days ago when a fire caused \$10,000 damage...

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Mexican Prosperity Is Obregon Myth

The Wall Street Journal, issue of June 29th, in an editorial captioned "A Mexican Windbag," comments on the forthcoming presidential election which finds Obregon prepared to hoist himself back into power...

"The senior member (Obregon) felicitates himself on the past services of himself and his partner. If the Mexican people who are not in office cannot join in this they are indeed stiff-necked. The evidence of Mexican prosperity is all around them...

Four Hearty Laughs

It may be argued that any time spent on the subjects of Senator J. Thomas Heflin of Alabama is time wasted. Our only defense for such waste of time is that one must have recreation. This noted statesman provides large gobs of recreation...

"Those who heard the masterly address of J. Thomas Heflin, the distinguished senator from Alabama, who spoke in the school auditorium here last Monday evening, could but return to their homes with a feeling of pride that the south was their home and birthplace..."

Noted Tenor Will Sing For Convention Guests

Howard McManey, famed "Singing Fireman," will be one of the many entertainers who will lighten the hearts of delegates and visitors to the Supreme Convention at Portland, Oregon. Mr. McManey's voice, which grew up in a locomotive cab, was discovered accidentally...

Boys' Work

The first session of the 1927 Summer Schools for Boy Leadership at Notre Dame University closed on Friday evening with the awarding of Boy Life Bureau diplomas. President Walsh, Joseph Becker, field secretary of the Bureau, Fathers Schumacher and Cunningham and Director of the School, Professor Pierce, spoke briefly on the duties of Catholic laymen to supply proper adult leadership for our boys...

Buffalo Knight Writes Book of Poetry

"A Horn from Caerleon" is the title of a book of poems written by J. Corson Miller and issued from the press of Harold Vinal, New York City. Mr. Miller is a member of Buffalo Council, No. 184. His excellent verse has made him well known to American readers and has brought him praise from high places...

Jesuit Weekly Praises Order's War Work

"America," a Catholic weekly review published in New York City by Jesuits, gives high praise to the manner in which the Knights of Columbus conducted their war work. In the issue of July 16th, "America" says: "When the Knights of Columbus met on August 2 for their Supreme Convention in Portland, Oregon, they will look back at the conclusion of a Golden Decade in their history..."

"Into which channel will the vast manifest and the equally vast latent powers of this great Catholic organization be turned during the next Golden Decade? Our Holy Father Pope Pius XI has clearly designated. In a recent address, the three great objectives of the Catholic laymen's organized efforts: education, to form those who are the hope of society, the defense and practical spread of Christian principles in social life, and the efficacious promotion of religion, good morals, and public welfare..."

Attention, War Vets!

The following letter from Frank T. Hines, director of the United States Veterans Bureau, Washington, D. C., has been received at the office of the Supreme Secretary: "The Campaign of Education as to Government Insurance rights so well conducted by the Knights of Columbus and others interested in the welfare of the veterans, which terminated on July 2, 1927, has been successful..."

Mme. Adam, Convert, To Church, Honored By French Academy

Paris, July 18.—Mme. Juliette Adam, who recently published a novel "Chretienne," in which she makes her conversion and which she presents as a corrective for the sensational novel of her youth, "Paganisme" ("Paganism"), has received the prize of the French Academy for her works as a whole. Mme. Adam's writings include social studies, novels, tales and memoirs, these last important for the history of her times.

Bathing of Sexes In Common Banned

Munich, July 18.—By order of the ecclesiastical authorities of Munich, the Catholics of Ingelstadt are forbidden to patronize the community bath there. No other reason for the prohibition is given than the statement that it is sinful for persons of both sexes to bathe in the same waters. No mention is made of students, making a total of 38 hearty bathing attire.

Eleven states were represented in the class. The second school at Notre Dame opened on Monday, July 18, with a fine registration. This school is exclusively for Columbian Squires, counsellors and members of advisory Boards.

PATIENTS HONOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WORKERS

Col. Gail D. Allee, commanding officer of the government hospital at Whipple, Arizona, stated that he had never seen such a demonstration on the part of the patients as that which occurred when he presented Fred W. Gegg, Knights of Columbus secretary, with a check for \$200 and a Knights of Columbus ring with a diamond setting, and Thomas Phillips, assistant Knights of Columbus secretary for the last eight months, with a ring similar to Mr. Gegg's as a gift from the patients. The gifts were designed to the appreciation the patients felt for the work of Mr. Gegg and Mr. Phillips.

Priests in Germany Using Motor Cars In Care of Souls

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Caplaine, (Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service) Cologne, July 18. Germany is taking a page from America's book and beginning the use of automobiles in its care of souls. The motor vehicles are to be used in both the missions and the diaspora.

The first priest to have an automobile under this new arrangement is Vicar Morsbach at Dussan-Alten, in whose district there are more than 40 villages and towns. The priest, who is called upon to deliver more than 20 religious lectures and instructions a week in these different colonies, frequently employed a bicycle in this work in the past. To him the automobile is expected to be a distinct assistance.

During the war it was impossible for the army chaplains to have contact with all of their troops, and Cologne Catholics hit upon the idea of furnishing two automobile chaplains. The Count Frederic von Spee, at one time an officer at Potsdam, but now canon of Cologne Cathedral, used one of these vehicles. The roads were too bad at that time, however, and the automobiles, having been found impractical under prevailing conditions, were sent back.

In America, where some parishes are larger than German dioceses, automobiles have long been used in the spread of religion. The use of automobiles in religious work has again come up for discussion and adoption. The plan was first worked out in what was at one time German territory in Southwest Africa. There Bishop Joseph Gottardt, Apostolic Vicar of Windhoek, contributed 10,000 marks, 4,000 of which went for the construction of a steamer called Plus XI, and 6,000 for an automobile, to insure the sacraments for the inhabitants of the woods and desert country.

Buenos Aires Daily Retracts Insulting Article On B. Virgin

Buenos Aires, July 18. How the editor of Nacion, a leading secular daily here made amends to Catholics for "gross insults" to the Blessed Virgin contained in an article which the paper published under the heading "La Madre de Jesus," is related in the information Bulletin of the Argentine League of Catholic Women. The Archbishop of Buenos Aires protested to the editor of the paper, who expressed his regret, his previous ignorance of the contents of the article and his intention of taking the necessary means to avoid, in the future, any such outrage to the faith of so many of its readers. The correspondence was continued through a series of letters in which it becomes apparent that reparation was made in the columns of the offending paper, and in addition several very beautiful articles were published concerning the Mother of God, written from the Catholic point of view.

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Boys' Summer Camp Largely Attended Provo, Utah, July 19.—Camp Glass, summer camp for Catholic boys, the Rev. J. S. Keefe director, opened the season with the largest enrollment in its history. The camp is situated in one of the most beautiful spots in Provo canyon. It is sponsored by the Catholic Men's Club of Salt Lake City and is opened for a period of six weeks each summer.

Mother of Fr. Finn, Writer of Stories, Dead At Age of 92 (By N. C. W. C. News Service) St. Louis, Mo., July 19.—An announcement was made here today of the death here last Monday of Mrs. Mary J. Finn, widow of the late John Finn and mother of the Rev. Francis J. Finn, S. J., author of widely known juvenile stories. She was 92 years old.

Two new sleeping tents, each accommodating twelve boys, have been added this year, giving the camp ten tents. New kitchen equipment has been furnished and a large truck has been donated by Thomas F. and Edmund J. Kearns of Salt Lake to haul supplies and equipment to and from camp.

The funeral services will be conducted at St. Rose's church. Father Finn will celebrate the Requiem Mass. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery. Besides her sons, Father Finn and Louis Finn, Mrs. Finn is survived by a daughter, Miss Teresa Finn of St. Louis.