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Golden Decade

A high tribute is paid by the Jesuit weekly "America" to the great achievements and accomplishments of the Knights of Columbus in the last decade.

Catholic Envoy

It is refreshing to chronicle the fact that Paul Claudel, lately appointed Ambassador from France to the United States, is a staunch Catholic.

By his appointment as French Ambassador to the United States, Paul Claudel has reached the apex of the diplomatic career.

By common consent, Paul Claudel is the finest of French diplomats. In addition, he is one of the leading poets of France and one of the most effective dramatists.

America First!

Grove Patterson's "lay sermons" are read extensively. In a recent one there appeared this paragraph which could well be framed and hung over every American business man's desk.

Farm Electricians

The latest specialty of electricity employment is likely to be that of farming by electricity.

Nobody knows what electricity is; nobody knows how much it may be made to do.

Levine is trying hard to stay in the limelight. But he should have called back with Chamberlain and Byrd.

George Washington could not qualify as a writer of fish or dog stories.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh is crowded to the inside pages in the press despatches.

Motor boating has become more popular hereabouts since it is possible to enter the Genesee river via the barge canal and vice versa.

Golden Anniversary Of Poor Clare Nuns, Cleveland, Oct. 4-6

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cleveland, Sept. 21.—The fiftieth anniversary of the arrival in the United States of the first group of Poor Clares will be observed here in the monastery of this community October 4, 5 and 6.

The five pioneers of the order arrived in Hoboken, N. J., from Harlewood, Holland, in December, 1877. They came to the United States upon the invitation of the Rt. Rev. Richard Gilmour, second bishop of Cleveland.

The present group here numbers 30 nuns and on the occasion of the forthcoming jubilee observance, Miss Mary King of Chicago will receive the habit of the sisterhood and enter the cloister.

The Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, will celebrate Mass for the living benefactors and will deliver an address at the Mass October 4 commemorating the golden jubilee of the order here and also the closing of the observance of the seventh centenary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi.

On Wednesday October 5 a Solemn Requiem Mass will be offered for all the deceased benefactors, and on Thursday October 6 a Requiem Mass will be offered for the five pioneer sisters of the community.

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings there will be Solemn Benediction services.

Creighton In Pact With Marquette U.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Milwaukee, Wis., September 23.—Marquette University and Creighton University have agreed not to "scoot" each other's team in advance of their annual football game to be played this year in Omaha, October 22.

A trophy—a large, mounted silver football—is offered to the winner of the game.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, October 2.—The Holy Guardian Angels. God has charged His angels with the ministry of watching and safeguarding every one of His creatures that behold not His face.

Monday, October 3.—St. Gerard, abbot, was of a noble family in the county of Namur, France. Having been impressed with the fervor of the monks of St. Denis at Paris he desired to consecrate himself to God with them.

Tuesday, October 4.—St. Francis of Assisi was born in 1182. He was early inspired with a love of poverty and humiliation. Many joined themselves to him and were constituted a religious order by Pope Innocent III.

Wednesday, October 5.—St. Placid, martyr, was born in Rome in the year 515 of a patrician family. At the age of seven his father took him to the monastery of Subiaco and at thirteen he followed St. Benedict to the new foundation at Monte Casino.

Thursday, October 6.—St. Bruno, was born at Cologne about the year 1030. He cultivated his rare natural gifts at Paris and was later made canon of Cologne and later of Rheims. Resolving to forsake the world, he and six others applied to Hugh, Bishop of Grenoble, who led them into a wild solitude called the Chartreuse.

Friday, October 7.—St. Mark, Pope, succeeded St. Sylvester in the Apostolic Chair on the 18th of January, 336. He reigned only eight months and twenty days. He was buried in a cemetery in the Ardeatine Way which has since borne his name.

Saturday, October 8.—St. Bridget of Sweden was a member of the Swedish royal family born in 1304. In obedience to her father's wishes she was married to Prince Ulpho of Sweden and became the mother of eight children. After a number of years she and her husband separated by mutual consent. He entered the Cistercian Order and Bridget founded the order of St. Saviour in the abbey of Wasteln. She died, A. D. 1373.

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Canal Breaks

We have grown so accustomed to the presence of a through state canal—first the Erie, then the \$9,000,000 enlargement and now the \$260,000,000 Barge Canal that we really forget its presence and utility until some stoppage of canal service, like the recent serious break at Eagle Harbor.

Yet canal breaks are nothing unusual as shown by this editorial in a secular contemporary: Hundreds of residents of Western New York no doubt had old memories of canal days stirred by the news of recent days regarding a break in the Barge canal near Albion.

From the very first period of its use, the Erie canal outraged its critics and dismayed its friends by refusing to remain in its banks. Like the present Barge canal, the Erie ran for many miles above the level of the surrounding land, or crawled along the side of a hill with only a wall of earth to prevent its waters from wandering at will across the fields below.

Washouts along the line of the Erie canal were so frequent that in some seasons commerce moved only spasmodically between breaks. Strings of boats were often stranded in the dry bed of the canal after a blowout at a culvert, while other boats were tied up for miles on either side of the breaks, awaiting repairs to the waterway.

Until the present, the Barge canal has been singularly free from washouts along its banks, or breaks in its culverts. But the disaster near Albion is evidence that even so well constructed a waterway as the present canal is not immune to troubles. The Erie canal suffered. It is to be hoped that such mishaps will be few for interruption of commerce in the present waterway is likely to be far more costly than any similar accident was in Erie canal days.

The autumn days so far compare more favorably with the summer days of July and August.

Sidewalks Needed

We fancy that every thinking citizen, motorist and pedestrian and horseback rider, will coincide with the views expressed in the following editorial in the Rochester "Times-Union":

The Times-Union has frequently called attention to the dangerous situation existing along many of the main highways leading out of the city, because of lack of sidewalks or other provision for pedestrians.

In the day of dirt roads footpaths of some sort were found beside the highway, if only such as were beaten down by the feet of those who wished to keep out of the mud or dust.

Meantime, traffic has increased rapidly. The roadway is not a safe place for pedestrians. Its entire surface is required for vehicles, as cars pass one another at frequent intervals. Safety, as well as unimpeded use of the paved road for vehicles, demands laying out of sidewalks.

In rapidly-growing suburban districts adjacent to the city regular sidewalks are required. This is true, for example, along the Ridge Road in Greece, west of the city line. A petition, said to be signed by a majority of the property owners, urged laying of such a sidewalk and the town board now has the matter under consideration.

Accidents have occurred in this vicinity due to lack of a sidewalk. Only a few months ago a child was run down and killed.

Delay is dangerous. This sidewalk should be laid as soon as possible. Sidewalks or paths are also needed along many other roads near Rochester.

It is an adverse compliment to praise Rochester because her per capita expenditures for municipal government are 12.14 per capita greater than Syracuse and \$2.92 less than Buffalo.

We have seen much talk of Secretary Hoover because he is a business man but nary a mention of Secretary Mellon which strikes us as queer but, perhaps, the Hoover men think Andrew W. Mellon is just a trifle too good a business man.

It was no friend of El Duce who remarked "It will be illegal now for Vesuvius to erupt without getting a permit from Mussolini."

And now they say a woman may be nominated for vice-president? But they do not specify on which ticket?