

Warn Intellectual Class Against Birth Control Propaganda

Take Professor And Engineer Society's Secretary Write Book Suggesting Fecundity Among Higher Classes And Legalized Limitation Among Lower

New York, Sept. 19.—Birth control must be stopped among the elite, and its use legalized among the so-called lower classes of America, else the most valuable portion of the population of the United States will die out and the country flooded with inferior groups, is the astounding prediction made by Prof. Elsworth Huntington, research associate of geography at Yale and Lewis F. Whitney, secretary of the American Engineers Society, in a book entitled "The Builders of America" published last week by William Morrow & Co.

Not only do the authors paint a sorry picture of the death of the "built-up type"—the "upper classes"—defined as "those who have well-balanced, well-developed brains and fine temperament, intelligence and health," but they make the broad assertion that "it seems almost certain that social workers will soon deem it one of their most urgent and sacred duties to prevent large families among the people who ought not to have large families."

They show that among those of sufficient distinction to appear in "Who's Who" the present birth rate is 2.9 per family, which is "far below the 4.5 per family required if this class is to hold its own and increase very slightly."

"If the present tendencies to small families in this class continues," they add, "this is likely to be a sad world two or three centuries hence, when both brains and beauty have been fully weeded out among our women."

Various causes are assigned by the authors for the decline of the intellectually elite. The fashionable belief that large families are not "good form," the rising cost of living, "elite" apartments and feminism are the most discussed.

"We must completely abandon the modern idea that it is 'the thing' to have small families," they assert, "and the means must be found of removing the economic handicap of children among people of the kind whose children are the most likely to turn out well."

The authors scout the belief that the upper classes constantly gain recruits from the lower classes. The exact opposite is their conclusion. In order to save the upper classes from bringing about their own extinction not only must they multiply, according to the authors, but the "fecundity of the lower classes must be controlled."

The authors profess to find a close connection between religion and the birth rate. The more religious types have larger families than the non-religious. Although clergy men have been reducing the size of their families in recent decades, they point out.

The development through eugenics of superior classes possessed of emotional control will reduce, they predict, the number of criminals. Criminals are emotionally unbalanced, they assert, and tend to reproduce their kind.

Festus J. Wade Prominent Catholic Of St. Louis Is Dead

St. Louis, Sept. 29.—Festus J. Wade, President of the Mercantile Trust Company, internationally known financier and one of the most prominent Catholics in this section of the country, died at his home here last night. He was 67 years old.

Mr. Wade had been ill for some time, having recently been operated on for cancer of the throat. Apparently he was on the road to recovery, but several days ago developed pneumonia. Two daughters, Mrs. L. P. Warren, of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Sewell Thomas of Denver, were summoned.

Monday night his condition became so grave that the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Tannath, chancellor of the St. Louis Cathedral, was called and the last rites of the church were administered.

Mr. Wade is survived by his widow, three daughters and a son. His third daughter is Miss Florence Wade of St. Louis, and the son is Festus J. Wade, Jr. a vice-president of the Mercantile Trust Company.

Festus J. Wade was born in Limerick, Ireland, Oct. 14, 1859, the son of Thomas and Catherine Wade. The following year his parents brought him to America and settled in St. Louis.

From the position of an obscure Irish immigrant, he rose to heights in the financial world by force of his own character. He was purely a self-made man.

At the conclusion of a brief period of schooling in the public schools of St. Louis, and a short course at a business college, young Wade began his struggle up the ladder of success. He tried many things in some of which he found himself an almost complete failure. In fact he was 29 years old before he finally launched on the career that was to bring him success.

He was cash boy in a dry goods store at the age of 10, shortly after leaving school. His next job was as helper in a photograph gallery, and his next as water boy for a gang of engaged in converting the railroad tunnel under the approach to Eads Bridge.

At the age of 14 he became an apprentice to a carpenter. Three months later he was driving a spring killing wagon, then he worked for a safe manufacturer, and still later delivered ice and hauled coal.

In a short while after, the future financier found himself driving one of St. Louis' horse-drawn street cars. It seems the route of the line on which Wade worked was by the very corner on which the great financial institution of which he was the founder and the head, now stands.

His rise from then on was meteoric. On November 4, 1899, the Mercantile Trust Company was organized with Mr. Wade as president. The first office of the company branched 2,500 square feet. The present quarters, which stands on the northeast corner of Eighth and Locust Streets, occupies 93,000 square feet.

As president of the trust company Mr. Wade soon became one of the leaders of the financial world. The bank's ventures have been varied and many, the institution having financed some of the greatest projects throughout the southwest.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Praised by Petain, Knights End Work

The Knights of Columbus concluded their activities in connection with the American Legion Convention in Paris when their hut in the Cours de la Reine was closed on the night of September 24. A notable record was established by European Commissioner Edward L. Heara and the forty Knights of Columbus secretaries who went to France to help make the Convention a success with the old wartime slogan, "Everybody Welcome Everything Free."

Cigarettes to the number of 1,200,000 were distributed and with these 500,000 boxes of matches.

Nearly 400,000 francs' worth of French stamps were also distributed free along with half a million postcard views of Paris and the American cemeteries. Thirty-two thousand bars of soap were handed out.

The Knights of Columbus "dry bar" had unusual success, especially in view of the penitence in Paris of spots where a thirst may be properly quenched. Thirty thousands bottles of soft beverages were consumed. In addition the Knights of Columbus performed considerable service in supplying information, arranging trips and sailings and rounding up scores of lost hats, coats, umbrellas, trunks, passports, railway tickets and other articles.

In his address to one of the Legion functions, Marshal Petain, Commander of the French at the Battle of Verdun and author of that immortal phrase, "They shall not pass," gave full credit to the Knights of Columbus for their generous assistance in making the impressive memorial to the war dead.

Serves His Council As Treasurer 35 Years

Here are more records of long service in Council offices. Three come from Russell Council, No. 65, New Haven, Conn. John J. Berrigan has been Treasurer of this Council since its institution, August 3rd, 1892—35 years of active service in the interest of his Council. Brother Berrigan is also treasurer of the San Salvador-Russell Bulletin and Comptroller of John Barry Assembly, Fourth Degree. Recorder William J. Flynn has held his office for twenty years and a year ago, Warden Thomas J. King refused to be a candidate for re-election after twenty-two years of faithful service. There is a record for a single Council that is hard to beat.

Belmont Council No. 332, of Belmont, Mass., boasts two officers who have served, respectively, for thirty and twenty-seven years. The Council will observe its thirtieth anniversary this year, and Brother Edward J. Kearns, the present Treasurer, has been an officer of the Council all of that time. He has not served thirty years as Treasurer, but has held one office or another, including that of Grand Knight, during the entire period. Brother John P. Hennessey, the present Financial Secretary, has been an officer of the Council for twenty-seven years. Like Brother Kearns, he has held various offices including that of Grand Knight, during the period. We shall be glad to hear of other records of long and faithful service by Council officers.

It is such men as these, who year in and year out have generously given their time to the work of the Order that we may thank for our progress. They work without material recompense and, in these days, that is quite enough to merit very special mention.

Knights Research Show Texas Priests Martyrs

The Texas Knights of Columbus Historical Commission is unearthing facts indicating that upwards of 100 missionaries suffered martyrdom more than three hundred years ago in the work that eventually led to Christianizing nearly the entire native population of Mexico.

These figures taken from the report of Rev. Dr. Paul J. Folk, C.S.C., chairman of the historical commission, include only missionaries who were killed in what is now the state of Texas and which was then part of Mexico. The commission is engaged in writing a history of the Catholic Church in Texas.

Father Folk believes, and says in his report, "many old letters and papers which would be of great help to the commission. He urges persons having such documents to communicate with him at St. Edward University, Austin."

In its work of gathering materials for the history it contemplates, the historical commission is assisted by the Rev. Dr. Peter Guldady of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C. Documents in the Archivo General de Indias at Seville, Spain, and if possible, the Archivo General de Mexico, will be examined. The Texas archives in the University of Texas and those of Santa Fe, New Mexico, are expected to yield much new information. Archives in Washington, Paris and Rome also will be searched.

Cleveland Knights take 700 Boys To Camp

The committee in charge of Boy Welfare work for Cleveland Council No. 733 reports that, during the past summer, their camp cared for almost 700 youngsters. Of this number, some 200 were admitted to the camp without charge. Many others were cared for at less than the regular fee. The cost per boy was lower than during previous years, but since the average fee was considerably less, there remained a deficit to be made up by subscriptions. The committee was highly complimented by the Welfare Federation for its efficient work and those in charge expect to carry on the camp next year with even greater energy.

"This Council Looks After Its Sick"

A Special Agent, reporting to the Supreme Office, writes: "The Council is very active in civic and Catholic work. It also looks after its sick and that is a matter that might well be called to the attention of all. I have found neglect in this respect a cause of lapsations and, worse, resentment against the Order. Relatives feel deeply a lack of brotherly kindness at a time of sickness or death. They deeply appreciate attention at such times. I know of a number of cases where men have been brought back into the Church and have later become Knights of Columbus because of aid and sympathy given by the Order, a good attendance at the recital of the rosary and at the funeral."

Pope Sends \$100,000 To Flood Sufferers

At the annual meeting of Bishops and Archbishops in the Catholic University of America, it was announced that Pope Pius XI, has contributed \$100,000 to the relief of flood sufferers in the Mississippi Valley. The gift was brought from Rome by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Edmund A. Walsh, S.J., President of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Dr. Walsh was Director-General of Papal Relief during the post-war famine in Europe. The Holy Father desired to do something personal in addition to the help privately sent to the stricken areas by the various dioceses in the United States. His only regret was that he could not do more.

French Victory Bell In Knights' Tower

France's victory bell, christened "Louise-Anne-Charlotte," now hangs in the tower of the Ossuary of Douaumont, where 400,000 French soldiers, who died in defense of their country, are interred. This tower was built by the Knights of Columbus. The bell, which is the gift of an American woman, Miss Thoburn van Buren, was rung for the first time during the American Legion convention in Paris at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier under the Arc de Triomphe. It was kept, since the time of its casting, in the Church of St. Nicholas des Champs, in Paris.

Not Our "Hollow Shell"

Certain Catholic publications have recently warned against claiming people of note as Catholics without careful investigation as to their character. An example of the often unhappy consequences was brought forward in the sentence, "When Jack Dempsey was given the third degree by the Knights of Columbus, many of us spread the news." This unquestionably was a fine illustration of the point the writer of the article intended so fine, indeed, that it seems almost a shame to pass on the information that Jack Dempsey is not, and never was, a member of the Knights of Columbus.

The editor publishing the item was under the impression that Dempsey received the Third Degree at Toledo, Ohio, July 1, 1919. This was during his training for his fight with Jess Willard. The rumor probably had its origin in the fact that the Entertainment Committee of Toledo Council invited Dempsey to appear before the Council on the date. He did not receive the Third Degree.

Oregon Columbus Day

A new church will be dedicated, on October 12th, at Eugene, Oregon, and the ceremonies, which will be under the auspices of the State Council of the Knights of Columbus, will be the leading feature of Oregon's Columbus Day observance.

Knights on Foreign Missions

Of sixteen young mission priests who left Maryknoll, New York, in September to go to Eastern Asia, thirteen were Knights of Columbus. They represented Councils in New York, Massachusetts, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and in Montreal and Windsor, Canada.

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New Council Publication St. Teresa Relics Arrive In Chicago (By N. C. W. C. News Service) Chicago, Sept. 30.—Relics which have been exhibited recently at Toronto, Ont., have arrived here in time for the opening of the solemn public novena in honor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, known as "the Little Flower."

Among the relics which will be shown is a painting of the Little Flower by her sister, Celine. It was given to the American national shrine in Chicago by the sisters of the Normandy Carmelite convent, in which three of the blood sisters of St. Teresa still are living.

Two large and elaborate reliquaries have just been constructed at the shrine. A special altar has been erected for the exposition of the relics, which form the largest collection of the kind except that at the Little Flower's tomb in Lisieux.

New Biblical Play In Oberammergau

Oberammergau, Sept. 27.—A new biblical play, "The Master of Life," is now being rehearsed in the "School of the Cross" here. Christ appears in it only in a non-speaking role, and His life and work are communicated through visions of "Plate's" wife and the daughter of King Balthezar. The bulk of the action is concentrated around Judas and Mary Magdalene. The stage management is in the hands of George Lanz, and the roles of Judas and Mary Magdalene are played by the well-known Passion Play actors, Alois Lanz and Pauline Fritschner.

Since the Passion Play is presented only every tenth year, it becomes necessary to train up new players, and it is to this end that the "School of the Cross" is conducted.

De Paul Suffers By Freshman Rule

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Eddie Anderson, All-American end at Notre Dame, where football players are legion, this fall is confronted with an unusual situation as head coach at De Paul University of Chicago. De Paul faces the hardest schedule in its history with only 15 eligible players. This is due in part to the installation of the freshman rule, which bars first-year students from varsity athletic competition.

Catholic Teachers Seeking To Enter Mexico Hindered

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Nuevo Laredo, Sept. 28.—Quite a number of Protestant school teachers of American nationality have gone through this part of Mexico late. They have been given every facility by the Mexican immigration authorities. Among the teachers applying for entry to Mexico there have been a few Catholics. Every obstacle has been placed in their way, and the immigration laws strictly enforced. Their case by the border patrol.

Colombia's Faith Lauded by Nuncio

London, Sept. 26.—After paying a brief visit to London, Archbishop Paul Glombe, Apostolic Nuncio to Colombia, has left Avonmouth for Bogota, following two months' leave in Italy.

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