

Bishop Shahan Lays Stone Of Backward Children's School

Washington, D. C., May 8.—Declaratory that establishment of the institution to be a new charitable duty made necessary by the complexities of present-day living, the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, retiring rector of the Catholic University of America yesterday laid the cornerstone of St. Gertrude's School of Arts and Crafts for Backward Children, and blessed the institution...

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Verne Moore, O. S. B., professor of psychology at the Catholic University, and supervisor of the school, Mother Superior Olivia and the other Benedictine Sisters of the faculty, the pupils of the present institution, and officers of St. Gertrude's Guild, which is sponsoring the undertaking, were at the ceremonies.

In a metal box placed inside the stone were lists of the pioneer and present members of St. Gertrude's Guild, minutes of the meeting which founded the school, photographs of the original humble building in which it was founded, a program of the corner-stone laying ceremonies and several lectures on psychology by Dr. Moore.

The aim of the school is to educate and stabilize the emotional life of girls between the ages of 7 and 12 years who present difficult emotional problems. This it is hoped to accomplish through the soothing influence of the school's religious regime, the intellectual appeal of its special methods of instruction and invigorating activities in healthful country surroundings.

Dr. Moore has had a wide experience in psychology and medicine, having studied at the Catholic University, and at Leipzig, Munich, Georgetown and Johns Hopkins universities. He received his degree in medicine at the latter in 1916. For some time he has been in charge of the clinic for backward children at Providence hospital, this city, and for more than a year has been conducting the St. Gertrude's school in a little borrowed cottage in Brookland.

The new school is designed to accommodate 40 students, as compared with the 14 now enrolled, and applications for admission have been received from all over the United States.

Officers of the St. Gertrude's Guild who attended the ceremonies yesterday were Mrs. Howard P. Norton, president; Dr. Mary O'Malley, Mrs. W. E. Montgomery, Mrs. Franklin Sands, Mrs. Joseph Tunnally, Mrs. George F. Scriven, and Mrs. B. E. Saul, vice-president; Mrs. Milton E. Ailes, treasurer; Mrs. W. E. Buisse, secretary, and Mrs. J. D. Callahan, corresponding secretary.

Students' Mothers Seton Hill College Week End Guests

Greensburg, Pa., May 18.—Seton Hill College here has invited the mothers of its more than 300 students to be its guests at the Third Annual Mothers' Week-End to be held at the college next Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The program arranged for the first day of the mothers' stay includes visits to lecture and laboratory classes, a formal dinner at the Home Management House for the mothers of Home Economics students, and the presentation of one-act plays by the dramatic club. On Saturday the day will begin with Mass and will have as its program volleyball and tennis matches, a tour of the grounds and buildings, a fashion show, a faculty tea for mothers and daughters and a girls' club concert. After Mass on Sunday morning there will be a dramatic exhibit, followed by the president's address. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held after dinner and the guests will depart.

Manchuria Overrun By Famine Refugees

Manchuria, N. Y., May 10.—The population of Manchuria, has been greatly increased in the course of the last few months by famine refugees from China, proper, especially from the provinces of Shantung and Chekiang, according to information received here from Mukden by the Manchurian Railway.

Sister M. Madeline, Nurse In Civil War, Dies In Pittsburgh

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Sister Mary Madeline O'Donnell, octogenarian nun, and last surviving member of the Sisters of Mercy nurses during the Civil War, who died at Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, two weeks ago, will be especially remembered at the annual ceremonies to be held at the Nuns of the Battlefield statue here on May 30.

In September, 1925, when the monument erected by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to the "Nuns of the Battlefield," was unveiled, Sister Madeline, then eighty-four years old, attended the ceremonies, and was the only nun present who had seen service in the war of the States.

Eleven communities were represented at the unveiling, and when the aged religious was led to the platform to be introduced to the throng by Dr. Ellen Ryan Jolly, prelates of the Church, including His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell of Boston, rose to pay her tribute, while more than 5,000 participants in the exercises broke into rounds of applause. The eyes of Sister Madeline were not the only ones in the vast assemblage that glistened with tears.

Although Sister Madeline held many offices of responsibility during the sixty-eight years she was a member of the order, her work was done so quietly that only the great Day of Accounting will reveal all the good accomplished by her. Besides her numerous teaching assignments, she had at various other times acted as housekeeper at Mercy hospital, and was at one time head of St. Paul's Orphan Asylum, Idlewild.

Born in Tipperary county, Ireland, the beloved nun went with her parents to Pittsburgh when a child. She became a member of the Sisters of Mercy before she had reached her twentieth birthday, and at the time of her death was one of the oldest members of the order, both in point of years and in time spent in religion.

During the great struggle between the North and the South, Sister Madeline, then a young nun, was assigned to nursing duty at the old West Penn hospital, Pittsburgh, when the sick and wounded began arriving in that city. She served throughout the war at the hospital, and with the conclusion of hostilities took up teaching and nursing, and taught in virtually every school in the diocese of Pittsburgh attended by the Mercy Order.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. J. M. Reilly of Philadelphia, and a niece, Mother S. Catherine, of the Order of St. Joseph, now stationed at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

30,000 Visit Shrine Near Cleveland, O.; Many Are Invalids

Cleveland, O., May 7.—Thirty thousand men, women and children from Cleveland and the parishes of nearby towns made up the third pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Euclid village, a Cleveland eastern suburb, yesterday afternoon.

An open air service at which the Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, officiated, continued from 5 until 5 o'clock.

Among yesterday's pilgrims were 150 men, women and children in various stages of invalidism, brought to the shrine in automobiles. They were given reserved seats in front of the shrine and were the objects of special petitions and a special benediction with the Blessed Sacrament by Bishop Schrembs, as he moved the group, pausing momentarily before each person to give the individual blessing.

The invalids included some who were crippled, some who were paralytic and some who were blind.

Cardinal O'Connell, Ill For Few Days, Reported Better

Boston, May 9.—His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell, who has been confined to his home for the past several days, was reported last night to be improving. It is not thought that his illness is serious.

The annual ordination ceremonies set for May 18, have been postponed until May 25 so that the Cardinal may officiate. The annual conference with the clergy of the archdiocese, which was set for this week also has been postponed.

Knights Award Scholarships

Scholarships worth \$200 each, to be awarded by the district deputies of the Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic Daughters of America, and the States Verband, in Texas, have been announced for the third successive year by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Burke, C.S.C., president of St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas.

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Peterborough Prepares For Jubilee Celebration

Knights of Columbus in Ontario, on May 23 and 24, will hold one of the greatest demonstrations of Columbianism that has ever taken place in Canada. The occasion will be the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution of Peterborough Council, No. 798. The Councils of the entire Province will participate in the observance.

The Order will be honored by the presence of His Excellency, the Papal Delegate to Canada, who will celebrate the Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving, Supreme Knight Carmody, Supreme Director Brown, and many other officers of the Order and dignitaries of Church and State will attend. On the evening of May 23, after the reception to the Papal Delegate, there will be an address and presentation to the charter members. The next day, the Knights will assemble at Columbus Hall and will march to St. Peter's Cathedral. After the Mass, on the return march, the Supreme Knight will place a wreath on the Cenotaph and a civic reception will be held on the lawn of Columbus Hall. In the afternoon, the second and third degrees will be exemplified. A banquet and ball in the evening will close the program.

Peterborough Council is one of the oldest in Canada and is the mother of many others throughout Ontario. As a result hundreds of Knights from other cities and Councils are making special plans to be in Peterborough during the "birthday" festivities.

California Knights Active In Retreat Movement

Speaking of the Knights of Columbus and the retreat movement, the May bulletin of the Catholic Laymen's Retreat Association, Los Angeles, California, says:

"A pledge was made and it is concoling to note that it is being kept at Yosemite, last May, during the State Convention, California Knights went on record as endorsing the lay retreat movement. They saw to it that their approval was not a mere gesture or a matter of words. The State Deputy continued the policy of his immediate predecessor by talking up attendance at retreats during his visits to the various Councils and made the subject the leading article in his 'program of action.' Beginning with January of this year, practically every week has brought a group of Knights to Los Altos. The seven Councils of San Francisco have all been represented. Many other Councils have had members at the retreat house. We are unable to accommodate all that apply."

Supreme Chaplain Dies In Paris Hospital

Right Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. McGivney, Supreme Chaplain, died on May 8, at 3:15 in the morning, at the American Hospital, Paris. He had gone to Europe for a period of rest after his recent illness at his home in Bridgeport, Conn., and was again stricken, on April 28, in Paris.

Monsignor McGivney was the brother of Father Michael McGivney, who encouraged a group of Catholic young men of New Haven, Conn., to found the society which became the Knights of Columbus. He himself was a tireless worker for the good of the Order and has been Supreme Chaplain since 1903.

Monsignor McGivney was born in Waterbury, Conn., on September 25, 1867, and attended the schools of that city. He was graduated from Niagara University in 1887 and immediately entered the Seminary at the same institution. He completed his theological studies at the Grand Seminary, Montreal, and at St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Mass. He was ordained a priest on May 10, 1892, in Boston, in the presence of his two brothers, Father Michael McGivney and Father John McGivney.

During the war, Monsignor McGivney was closely identified with the Knights of Columbus welfare work and was the first K. of C. w. active director to sail for Europe. He represented the Order at the Vatican on many occasions and it was in recognition of his services to Church and State that he was elevated to the rank of Domestic Prelate, with the title of Monsignor, by the late Pope Pius XI.

By the death of Monsignor McGivney, the Order loses a kindly and beloved spiritual director. Under his wise guidance given so freely through the best years of a full life, the Order has held closely to the ideals set forth by its founder, his brother, Knights of Columbus are saddened by his death, but that sadness is lightened by the knowledge that he enjoys the reward of a lifetime spent in the service of God. Mourning his passing from us, we rejoice with him in his attainment of the goal.

Independence Day Programs

In response to a demand from many quarters the Playground and Recreation Society of America has prepared a pamphlet on Fourth of July celebrations. It contains much information useful to anyone planning such a celebration and includes sample programs suitable for communities of various sizes. The price of the pamphlet is ten cents and any Council, or member, wishing one may obtain it by writing the Playground and Recreation Society of America, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

London Paper Condemns Mexican Persecution

The London Daily Express is an important English newspaper. It recently sent Mr. J. W. T. Mason, its New York representative, into Mexico to report on conditions there. He was instructed to cable nothing until he was out of the country. His reports were published by the Daily Express and by some newspapers in the United States. The Daily Express, on May 1, said editorially:

"What is the attitude of the Daily Express towards the question which has been illuminated in its columns? That attitude is clear and unequivocal. It has been arrived at by an honest study of the facts and is unimpaired by threat or cajolery. President Calles and his Administration have incurred the censure of the civilized world for indulging in cruelties and persecution unjustified by the requirements of government."

"The internal government of a country is no concern of any other nation. But persecution is the concern of humanity. No one will pretend that there have not been Catholics in Mexico whose obstructionist tactics merited the death sentence, but that does not hide the truth that President Calles has exceeded the bounds of legitimate punishment, and has developed a brutal crusade of persecution."

"In all fairness, let it be admitted that his provocation may have been great, but it is the duty of national leaders to keep their heads. That President Calles has failed to do instead of striking at malefactors has struck at a faith."

The enterprising American presages the life story of Dolly LaDurne (and her personal recipe for bran muffins) on the front page fourteen minutes after she has sailed over Niagara Falls in a dress cooker. But it reveals no knowledge of the bloody religious persecution in Mexico. News of that persecution comes from Mexico by way of London. Did some "Catholic rebel" cut the direct wires? Or doesn't anyone care to use them?"

Another Insurance Gain

In April, 1927, 2902 candidates applied for Insurance Membership in the Order to the extent of \$3,417,000.

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Third New Council in South Dakota. Bishop O'Gorman Council No. 2682 was instituted with fifty members at Geddes, South Dakota, on April 29. This is the third Council to be instituted in the State during April.

C. D. of A. Silver Jubilee

Plans for the transmission of a Silver Jubilee spiritual bouquet of one million Holy Communions, Rosaries and Masses, to His Holiness Pope Pius XI, in June, 1928, in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Catholic Daughters of America, and as an evidence of the fealty of its members to the Holy See, have been announced by Miss Mary C. Duffy, Supreme Regent of the Order, at its national headquarters, New York City.

With a modest beginning, the progress of the organization has been remarkable. Formed in 1903 by Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters have grown from a membership of 60 to their present strength of 200,000, established in every state of the United States, and in Panama, Porto Rico, Cuba and Canada.

Council Larger Than Town

Waverly, Minnesota, is a town with a population of about five hundred. But that doesn't prevent Waverly Council No. 1556 from having a membership of 550, a heap of enthusiasm and a beautiful new Council home and business building practically paid for. More than 200 members drove through miles of early spring slush to be present at the dedication of the building. Grand Knight James L. Ruddy and the members of the Council are to be congratulated on their spirit.

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Msgr. Peter Cheng, New Vicar in China, Priest Since 1904

Peking, May 1.—Msgr. Peter Cheng, who has been nominated bishop and Vicar Apostolic of the Mission age of 80, after 20 years service as a Vicar of Swan-Fwa-Fu in Chihli Province, has just taken possession of the place at Lestelle, near the Shrine of Our Lady of Betharram.

Col. Marmier Long Lourdes Sacristan, Dies At Age of 80 Paris, May 7.—The funeral of Colonel Marmier, who died at the age of 80, after 20 years service as a vicar in the territory of Swan-Hwa-Fu. He was born in the territory of Swan-Hwa-Fu. He was ordained a priest on an same day—February 27, 1904—as his friend the late Bishop Chao. After his ordination, he labored in the Vicariate Apostolic of Pekingfu. Like Bishop Chao, he was also for a time the Secretary of His Excellency Archbishop Costantini, Apostolic Delegate to China.

Only 5,935 Native Catholics In Peng Yang Prefecture

Peng Yang, May 1.—The Maryknoll Prefecture Apostolic of Peng Yang, in Northwestern Korea, of which the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. McGivney, D. C., is Prelate, one year of government here has a Catholic population of 5,935, as compared with 41,473 native Protestants. Among the native Protestants, the Presbyterians are the most numerous, embracing about half of the total.

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New York, May 11.—Reverend Mother Marie Majoux, Superior General of the Religious of Our Lady of the Cenacle, sailed from Havre on the S. S. Ile de France, to visit the five American Cenacles, which the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. McGivney, D. C., is Prelate, one year of government here has been represented by delegates. This is Mother Majoux's first visit to the United States since her election in September, 1926, to the office of Superior General of the Society. Prior to this, the Mother General has been represented by delegates. This is Mother Majoux's first visit to the United States since her election in September, 1926, to the office of Superior General of the Society. Prior to this, the Mother General has been represented by delegates. One of the most important achievements of the present Mother General American administration was the building of the new Ronkonoma Cenacle. Her foresight realized the hopes of winning any large number of native Protestants to Catholicism.

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A mission group of Redemptorists are about to set out for the Vicariate Apostolic of Swan-Hwa-Fu, where they will aid in the religious training of a native Chinese congregation of men with simple vows, the "Disciples of the Lord." This native congregation was founded on April 25, 1927, in accordance with the desire for the establishment of such congregations expressed by Pope Pius XI in the Encyclical Rerum Ecclesiae.

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