

Football Prospects Cause Rockne Worry

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Notre Dame, Ind., Sept. 21.—Football prospects at the University of Notre Dame are, at this time only fair, according to word given out here. But two of last year's regulars—Capt. Fred Miller, left tackle, and George Leppig, right guard—are available this year, and the team is called upon to play a gruelling schedule.

Coach Knute K. Rockne, it is said, is somewhat concerned over the situation, since he is called upon to develop an entire new backfield and five linemen. The intensive spring practice gave the mentors a good estimate of their problem, as well as of the candidates, among whom were a number who already have won their monograms in football at Notre Dame.

What is said here that this year's regular team will probably be made up to a large extent of players who played on last year's second-year eleven, a survey of the roster shows a large number of prospects out for virtually every one of the positions. Among the names familiar to sport followers are John Niamiec, Jack Chevigny, Dew, Riley and Elder, both famous sprinters; Brady, Morrissey and Fred Collins, the leading candidate for the full-back position.

Notre Dame will play a nine-game schedule. Among the teams to be met are those representing the Military Academy, the Naval Academy, Penn State, Carnegie Tech and Georgia Tech.

Emigration Society Has Assigned 2,000 English Catholics

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, Sept. 16.—The building up of a new international Catholic organization for the welfare of migrants from this country is described by the Earl of Denbigh in a report on the work of the Catholic Emigration Society.

The Society was publicly inaugurated in London in April last year. Its patrons are His Eminence Cardinal Bourne and the Archbishops and Bishops of England. Its general committee is composed of priests with expert knowledge of emigration subjects and many prominent lay leaders. Lord Denbigh is chairman of the committee.

Within five months the society won the approval of the Overseas Settlement Department of the Dominions Office, and the Government now is paying half of its administration expenses.

Two thousand persons already have been dealt with and applications for the society's services are now coming in at the rate of between 10 and 50 each week. Each case involves the writing of nearly 30 letters and the granting of several interviews to insure the welfare of the migrant in his new home under Catholic guidance.

In England the society is working in the closest co-operation with the Catholic Women's League and the Catholic Emigration Association so as to cover the whole field of Catholic migration.

The 600 conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in England and Wales are co-operating. Correspondence has been carried on with members of the overseas Hierarchies and with other influential Catholic organizations. For Canada, a temporary agreement has been made with the Scottish Immigrant Society for the placement of new settlers in Alberta and other provinces. Catholic organizations at Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Kingston, Quebec, Halifax and St. Johns are assisting.

In Australia, the society has a committee working at Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

Chinese Nurses Being Trained At Belgian Mission

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Tientsin, China, Sept. 10.—The Belgian Foreign Mission Society, with headquarters at Schout near Brussels, is one of the most progressive at work in the China Missions and one of its most progressive activities is a training school here for Chinese Catholic nurses.

A hospital has been established under the direction of foreign Sisters and two Chinese doctors. The Chinese doctors were trained in Belgium after a course at the Jesuit College in Shanghai. They teach medical nursing to twenty Chinese young men and as many young women. The course lasts three years.

The plan is to have these nurses go out to the different missions and establish dispensaries. The Chinese medical terms for foreign medicine are new, technical and difficult. It requires a native teacher to handle and explain them.

Catholic missionaries in China have found medical work one of the best means of establishing contact with the masses and they are following with keen interest the development of the school training school at Tientsin.

From Receivers For Benefit of Bond Certificate Holders

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Almost two hundred thousand subscribers to the cause of Irish freedom, scattered in city and hamlet of the United States, cannot be reached by the receivers of a fund of approximately \$2,500,000 which is awaiting distribution.

The troubles of the receivers, Peter J. Brady, President of the Federation Bank & Trust Co., J. Edward Murphy, attorney and former Senator John L. Buckley, were related to State Supreme Court Justice Curtis Peters, and upon their representations the Jurist extended until December 31, next, the period for claimants to appear and share in the return of a portion of the millions they advanced for Ireland. Claims filed after this date will not be allowed. Counsel for the receivers, Shearman and Sterling, applied for additional time in the hope that the 300,000 odd bondholders who subscribed to two loans to the Irish Republic might submit their claims for liquidation.

Since their appointment in June, 1927, the receivers have conducted a country wide search for the bondholders and in a year's time they have received 120,319 claims, 25,838 letters and interviewed approximately 12,000 individuals. The receivers also mailed 36,188 letters giving directions as to the form of present day claim and distributed 104,530 blank forms. Notices were sent to the 303,678 names appearing on the subscription books.

Of the certificates filed by the claimants 91,344 with an aggregate value of \$2,077,965 were approved. There remains 36,440 certificates to be checked and these represent loans aggregating \$866,682. As the certificates issued represent a monetary value far in excess of the funds in the possession of the receivers the final distribution will have to be on a pro-rata basis.

Many of the certificates have been assigned by the original bondholders and the question of the validity of the assignments is being determined by Henry M. Goldfogel, Referee.

A large number of claims have been received by the Receivers without the accompanying certificates or receipts. This is in part due to the fact that many persons who subscribed to the fund in the hands of the Receivers also subscribed to other funds which were from time to time raised by sympathizers of the Irish Republic. As all these subscriptions were made more than six years ago, subscribers have in many cases become confused as to which fund they subscribed to and consequently their claims must be checked with the official records before being allowed.

In their petition to Justice Peters, the Receivers recommended that the distribution be made in a single operation because of the large number of claims and the small amount of each claim. Advising that no claims be recognized after December 31, the Receivers stated: "If claims are continually to be admitted after said calculations have once begun, the cost of determining the amount distributable on each claim will be increased out of all proportion to the amounts which delaying claimants will be entitled to receive."

"The bondholders will have received ample notice extending over a year and a quarter, and it is doubtful if claims not filed by December 31 next will ever be filed."

"It is possible," said the Receivers, "that the present or some future Government of Ireland may at some time redeem the bond certificates by issuing bonds therefor in amounts representing the amount unpaid thereon, and for this reason it may be necessary in making distribution to return the bond certificates to claimants with the amount distributed and endorsed thereon."

Your Receivers have received many requests from claimants for the return of their certificates at the time of distribution so endorsed and believe that these requests can properly be complied with, provided the fund can be distributed in one operation."

Portuguese Society Convention Closed

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 21.—More than 400 delegates attended the twenty-sixth annual convention of the Portuguese Protective Association which concluded a four-day session here yesterday.

The opening of business sessions was preceded by a parade of the officers and delegates from Native Sons hall to St. Elizabeth's church where a high Mass was celebrated.

Marguerite Picks Track Coach

Milwaukee, Sept. 21.—Melvin (Buster) Shimek, crack distance runner, has been named assistant coach of the track team, director of intramural athletics and assistant gymnasium instructor at Marquette University here. It has just been announced. Shimek was a star of Marquette's track teams in 1925, 1926 and 1927. Last year he competed under the colors of the Illinois Athletic Club.

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New York Knights Plan Columbus Day Dinner

New York Chapter Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Columbus Day Dinner Friday evening, October 12, in Myan Han of the E. of C. Club-Hotel. Rev. Francis P. Dunny, United States Army Chaplain and Rector of Holy Cross Church, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Father Dunny is a noted orator and an authority on the early history of this country. He is a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

In addition to the Army Chaplain there will be several other speakers of note. The dinner will be followed by a concert and dance.

Until last year the Columbus Day celebration of the local Knights was confined to a mass meeting at which prominent speakers addressed the organization. So successful was the dinner of the past season, a distinct departure over all previous occasions, that the officers of the Chapter have announced that it will become an annual institution.

Archbishop Keane Endorses Membership Extension

The following endorsement of the Selective Membership Program of the Knights of Columbus was sent to Supreme Director J. H. Devaney of Cascade by His Grace Most Rev. J. J. Keane of Dubuque, prior to the last State Convention of the Order in Iowa:

"I am highly pleased with the new features which the Knights of Columbus have added to the program of activities.

"They must enhance the interest and helpfulness of their work, and win to the Order the adherence of very many earnest, zealous Catholic men.

"The general aim and principles of the Knights have always been highly commendable and I bespeak for the Order a great future."

Texas Knights Obtain Valuable Letters

Discovery in the archives of the University of Notre Dame of 800 letters pertaining to the early history of the Catholic Church in Texas was made this summer by the Rev. Dr. Paul P. Folk, C.S.C., who returned to Austin recently to resume his duties as Librarian of St. Edward's University.

The documents were originally in the archives of the Diocese of New Orleans. They are mostly letters of Bishop Odier, first bishop of Texas. Included in the collection are thirty letters of Father Chambodut, who was the first priest ordained in Texas. Father Folk said he had catalogued the letters and that photostatic copies will be made later and sent to St. Edward's to be placed in the archives of the Texas Knights of Columbus Historical Commission.

Prominent Iowa Knight Dies

The death of Brother James C. Murtach, on September 13, at his home in Waterloo, Iowa, after a brief illness, came as a distinct shock to his many friends in Knights of Columbus circles. Brother Murtach was 48 years of age. A convert to the Faith, he was a devoted and loyal Catholic and gave much of his time and talent to the promotion and defense of Catholic causes. He was one of the old "standbys" of Waterloo Council, No. 700, and held many offices in connection with the Council's activities.

Louisiana Councils Will Celebrate Columbus Day

Celebration of Columbus Day will be marked in the third district of Louisiana by a monster rally of the five councils in this district, whose members will assemble with their families at Prairieville, to enjoy the celebration of the day in the form of a huge basket picnic. After attending a field Mass, at which Rev. E. D. Miller, Chaplain of Prairieville Council, No. 2557, will officiate, assisted by members of the clergy from neighboring parishes, the day will be given over to games, music, dancing and other amusements. St. John the Baptist No. 1574, Gramercy No. 1817, St. Charles No. 2409, St. Peter's No. 2436 and Prairieville No. 2557 are the councils composing the third district of Louisiana, which is presided over by District Deputy C. J. Tassin, Edgard, Louisiana.

Supreme Council Sends Aid to Porto Rico

The Supreme Council has placed \$5,000 at the disposal of a committee headed by State Deputy J. J. Ortiz Alibran to be used for the relief of victims of the disastrous cyclone which recently swept through Porto Rico.

New Fourth Degree Master Appointed in Rhode Island

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus in Rhode Island will be headed for the next two years by Brother James E. Lyons of Newport. This announcement, retroactive to September 1, has been made by Supreme Master John H. Reddin. Brother Lyons, who succeeds Brother Frank H. Murphy, retiring Master, has maintained an unceasing interest in the Order since he became a member more than fifteen years ago. He is a Past Faithful Navigator of General Rosecrans Assembly and is a Past Grand Knight of Newport Council. He has been especially active in the work of Rosecrans Assembly in establishing its \$15,000 scholarship fund for graduates of De La Salle Academy.

La Caravelle to Have Articles in English

La Caravelle, published by Lafontaine council, No. 1356, Montreal, has been having trouble in building up an exchange list with council papers published in the United States. Believing that this situation has existed because La Caravelle has been published in the French language, the editors have arranged to publish articles in English in each issue hereafter. These articles will be interesting and informative stories about Montreal, Quebec, the origin, the habits and customs of the inhabitants. The editors have gone to considerable trouble to make this feature appeal to readers outside of Canada. Other council publications can show their appreciation by making certain that copies of each issue are sent to Brother Charles Emard, editor of La Caravelle, 460 Sherbrooke Street East, Montreal, Canada.

NEW CIRCLE OF SQUIRES

The degree team of William P. Myan Circle of Columbian Squires, Junior branch of New York Chapter Knights of Columbus, has been invited to invest the members of Star of the Sea Circle of Bayonne, New Jersey.

The investiture will take place at 2 p. m., Sunday, September 30, in Memorial Building, Avenue C and 30th Street, Bayonne.

Myan Circle, organized last April, is one of the youngest in the Order. It has already developed one of the finest degree teams in the Junior order of the Catholic fraternity.

Note for Wise Men

Brother Joseph Bradette is a Past Grand Knight of Council No. 1917, Cochrane, Ontario. He is 46 years old, a member of Parliament and a successful merchant. He recently announced his intention to enter Ottawa College to prepare for a law course.

Brother Bradette does not think that, at forty-six, he is too old to acquire new and useful knowledge. He does not think that, having achieved rather notable success, there is nothing more for him to do in the many years of life that may remain to him.

His example should be of benefit to every Knight, be he twenty-six or forty-six. Not all are so situated that they can embark upon a college course. But all can take advantage of the Home Study Courses provided by the Order for its members and their families. A small amount of time and an even smaller amount of money invested in one of these courses during the fall and winter may pay you large dividends in the spring. Write, for full details, to Supreme Secretary William J. McGlinley, P. O. Drawer 1670, New Haven, Connecticut.

Marshalltown Council Initiation

The second class within four months was recently initiated by Marshall Council, No. 966, of Marshalltown, Iowa. Nineteen candidates most all insurance members, received the first, second and third degrees. The major degree was exemplified by Ray Conley, District Deputy, and staff of Des Moines.

A splendid dinner was served following the initiation in the dining hall of St. Mary's Church by members of St. Elizabeth's Society. Rev. H. A. Wilberding of Haverhill presided as toastmaster, brief talks being given by J. H. Devaney of Cascade, Supreme Director; C. C. Ries of Iowa City, State Deputy and Herbert Hoffmann of Dubuque, East District Deputy.

Boy Work Notes

The final courses of the 1928 Boy Life Bureau Summer Schools for volunteer boy's workers and Columbian Squires' counselors ended on August 26 at Jackson's Point, Lake Simcoe, Ontario, and brought to a close a very successful season in this division of the leadership training activities of the Order. Courses were held at Austin, Texas, Notre Dame, Indiana, Cliff Haven, New York, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Jackson's Point, Ontario. The students attending the schools this year were of the highest type and included many priests. The courses offered general training in boy leadership, but were built around the Columbian Squires' program and were given by Knights of Columbus trained men, assisted by representatives from the major organizations in Boy's Work field.

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