

Omaha Home For Homeless Boys Founded By Young Priest, Grows Into Great Institution Quickly

Father Flanagan Had Ninety Dollars When He Started— Assets Now Are \$750,000—New Building Dedicated

Omaha, Nov. 30. The story of a young priest who started a boys' home with a borrowed \$90.00 and who is now offering one of the most important boys' homes in the country, was told at the dedication ceremony held recently at Father Flanagan's Boys' Home.

The young priest was Father E. J. Flanagan, now 31 years old, who has cared for 2,000 boys in the 12 years of the existence of his home. He started his home as a non-sectarian institution, and today it cares for homeless boys without regard to race, color or religion. Its help comes only from the general public, and through its wills and bequests.


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GUARDIANS OF THE KING

By FATHER DAN
(Chapter Six)

The great gray drawbridge came clanging down across the moat. A double file of soldiers marched out, cheering as only soldiers can. They crossed their blades and the young Earl of Neeson walked beneath a shining arch of steel.

The massive carved doors of the castle swung back, a figure in gown and gold called out "Sir George of Neeson" and bowed profoundly as the sturdy lad passed. George looked about him—he was never wrong. Never had he dreamed of such a place. Candles there must have been a thousand of them, he thought—made the rooms as bright as day. Statues, massive furniture, rich tapestry, ladies in ermine and ladies in gold, gentlemen dressed like peacocks! O it was all grand, but so cold. The hearty greetings given him by the peasants along the road and by the soldiers without the castle found no counterpart within.

The simple, generous hearted people were not inside the castle. The beautiful ladies and gay gentlemen were as strangers to the boy. He would have been fairly happy if allowed to don a pair of jumpers, and roam off through the fields and play with the children of the Irish farmers. There were no children in the castle. Just solemn-faced grown-ups.

Among them all the puzzled child saw one kind face. It was a little woman with snow-white hair, a face worn and thin as iron much suffering, two dark blue eyes that looked straight into his own. No one offered to introduce her to George, but the boy instinctively turned to her as a friend.

"I am your mother Miss George and you are welcome home," said the lady in response to the question in the boy's eyes. "The scenes of affection that followed angered Roger. The child who flew into his mother's arms was timid and stammering when responding to the greetings of the visitors at the castle. Not one of those graceful, polished, but one of those neatly turned speeches! Oh, how carefully the uncle had trained him just what to do and to say. The red flush brought out the tan and freckles and made him look so comical. Roger was quick to recognize for the little weathered face attributing it to the voyage. His effort was met with a reprimand from Lady Elizabeth, who reminded him that there had never been any "carpet-riders" among the sons of Neeson.

The lad saw that his mother had had anticipated his uncle. He saw too with the quick insight common to children that among all the so-called great folk present his mother had no friend—none but the servants and soldiers about the castle, who were powerless to protect her. He put an arm about her and looked straight at them all. The uncle was quick to recognize for the lad's words to display nervousness. There was in the boy's face a certain quality that merited him the title of many, a walking lord. George insisted to make a pretty speech to relieve the tension but his effort amounted to a boyish stammer. He looked at the ladies and gentlemen and felt his blood cap in his position.

During the banquet that followed, George amazed everyone by his quick bearing. He was in the center of the table had not been taken by Roger. Even the Irish maid went to the shores of America and taught their children to read and mingle with the world as it is, and Mary Kelly had not even looked this important form of training. Lady Elizabeth watched the boy with a mother's pride and with a blessing in her heart for the lovely souls who had guarded him so tenderly up to the present.

None in the great room of the castle that evening, Lady Elizabeth excepted, had kept her trust that her boy had been trained carefully by people of deepest faith. Oh, how her mother's heart went out that moment to that other Mother in Heaven.

Above the carved mantel-piece high up near the ceiling was a beautiful picture of that Other Mother. What a wonderful masterpiece it was thought the boy as he gazed at the great wooden soldiers' hand wrought and beautiful that supported the canopy above the shelf. Gently and softly Lady Elizabeth told her boy the story of that first place. She had been raised an orphan in that castle—a penniless orphan taken in by George's sainted godfather. Standing before that fireplace she had been married to his father. It was the church for the surroundings everywhere in those days. Though Roger had not permitted Mass to be offered there or a priest to enter the castle since he

Altars and Statues In Corning Church Nicely Refinished

Corning, Oct. 31. — During the past week the altars and statues in St. Patrick's Church have been repaired and redecorated, the work being done by John Hoff, an artist from Bloomfield, N. J. An assistant aided him in the work. These altars have been in place since the church was opened about 27 years ago and they have begun to show signs of deterioration. Most of them were imported from France and are beautiful works of art. The congregation is well pleased with the results. The Stations of the cross were ready for last Sunday and many, when they entered the church, thought that new stations had been given. The delicate coloring and beautiful tints employed in the work have made them works of art and they attract all who see them and provoke a spirit of devotion. The high altar has been finished in marble effects and has become the center of attraction as one enters the church. The ailing angels in cream and gold on pedestals at each side of the altar moderate the whiteness of the altar and set off its beautiful lines.

Most Precious Blood Church to Present Show Nov. 15-16

"Making Daddy Bohave", a three-act comedy, will be presented by the Holy Trinity Dramatic Club of Webster, for the benefit of Most Precious Blood Church, of Stenson Street and Lexington Avenue, on November 15 and 16, 1930, at 8:15 o'clock. The tickets are 50 cents each.

Holy Apostles Hall has been secured for the presentation of the show, which will be under the able direction of Joseph Durbin, a veteran show producer, and it promises to be successful in all ways. The play has been given before to Rochester audiences at different times, and it has always been well received. All lovers of good shows, know the gains for the benefit of the church, which Mr. Durbin uses in producing his shows, and this one promises to be no exception.

The pastor of Most Precious Blood Church sincerely urges all who can do so, to make provision for attending the play, and in this way helping to benefit the church, which at this time is in need of funds.

Tickets are now in circulation and may be obtained from any member of the dramatic club, from members of the church or at the rectory.

Musa Caravan, Order of Alhambra, Elects Officers

At its meeting, Wednesday evening in Powers Hotel, Musa Caravan, Order of Alhambra, elected Herman G. Heiler, Grand Commander. He was also named delegate to the Supreme Convention to be held in Montreal, in 1931, with Daniel Fitzgerald.

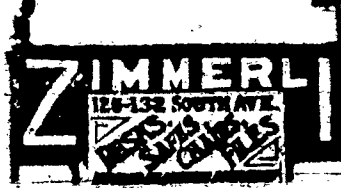
Other officers were elected as follows: Vice Grand Commander, Daniel J. O'Mara; Grand Scribe, William H. O'Connell; Scribe of the Exchequer, Carl Schoenherr; Grand Chamberlain, Andrew J. Kavanagh; Historiographer, A. V. Cotroneo; Master of the Order, Charles J. McMahon; Master of the Wardrobe, Norbert Streb; Captain of the Body Guard, William Bauer; Sentinel of the Tower, Nicholas J. O'Neill; Sentinel of the Desert, William J. Caulfield.

Past Grand William J. Crockett and Dr. Sigmund S. Selma were elected as new trustees.

Requiem High Mass To Be Celebrated

A requiem high Mass will be celebrated by Frederick Punch, on Wednesday morning, November 5th, at 8 o'clock, at the Blessed Sacrament Church, at the request of his family.

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