

St. Rose Club Has Social Event At The Barn, LeRoy

The Rochester Notre Dame Club held its final summer dance this evening at the Barn, LeRoy. The following committee, appointed by President William Jones, had charge of the event: Chairman, Frank Nor...

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Conditions in Spain

(By Rev. Owen J. McKeown, formerly a Professor at St. Bernard's Seminary; now on sick leave, and living in Spain)

I have no desire to paint Spain worse than she is. But it is better to face the truth. It grieves me more than I can tell to have to say that Spain has been de-Christianized. But that is the truth as I see it. It grieves me to say that the industrial working class has been alienated from the Church. But that is also the truth. I have shown what Socialism is in relation to Christianity. But of Socialism, as represented in the Government, is not near so radical as the Syndicalists, the Communists and Anarchists. If any person who reads Spanish wants the testimony of some good, representative, Spanish Catholics as to the conditions in the country generally (among the electors), let him get the Catholic daily of Madrid for July and August. This paper, as the organ of the new party, Accion Nacional, organized after the elections a course of lectures to be given in Madrid by the most eminent of the candidates of the party who had been through the campaign. The lectures so far published are illuminating. Don Jose de Medina, a candidate in Cordoba, spoke for that province and for Andalusia generally. There were three parties, he said

—pure Socialists, Republican Coalition and the Accion. There was no coercion, violence. We simply did not have the votes. The people (the proletariat) would not listen to us. They have delivered themselves to the Socialist Party (and he is speaking here particularly of the country districts). The Bourgeois was Monarchical, but it feared the people on the one hand, and on the other it is in panic fear of what the new governing class may do against their landed interests, by way of reprisals. And let me say here something that may scandalize you. I merely state a fact and its logical consequence. The working class have acted logically in following Socialists. Of all the improvements made in the conditions of the working class in Spain, 99 per cent. have been due to Socialist propaganda. That these material advantages are outweighed by moral and spiritual evils is certain. But the facts are as I have stated. The Bourgeois neglected its duty. It failed to follow the advice of Leo XIII. . . . Children are not baptised; civil burials are common. I fear it will be so also with marriages, etc. Any person who says the Catholics of the Basque district believe Republicans to preserve their language and liberties either lied or didn't understand. In fact only in the Basque country and in Navarra the Catholics hold Monarchical meetings since the change of regime. What the Basques want is restoration of their furors which they enjoyed under the Monarchy in olden times. Hence they are called furorists. The Basque-Navarre alliance at a meeting last month in Pamplona declared openly its adherence to Monarchy and Don Jaime (which I personally believe to be a grave mistake). But now that there is a Republic which has committed itself to autonomy for Catalonia, and for any other "Region" which can show by a two-thirds vote that it wants autonomy, the Basques naturally wish to take advantage of the situation.

People Give Priest Purse On His Jubilee

Rev. C. A. VanderMeulen, Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, is Honored By His Parishioners.

The people of Our Lady of Victory Church, rejoicing over the silver jubilee of their pastor, the Rev. C. A. VanderMeulen, held a reception in his honor Sunday evening and paid tribute to him and to his work in a way that warmed his heart. All of them united in congratulating him sincerely and heartily on his 25th anniversary as a priest of God, and they gave a program that helped make the evening a happy one for everybody.

Professor Leo Achen opened the meeting with a composition. Selected numbers were sung by Mr. Mitchell Furko accompanied by Mr. Margaret Castellano-Taggart. Trios by Mr. Urban Van Ostrive, Joseph DeVoldre and Emiel Blakman. Duos and solos by Miss Yvonne Verstring and Mrs. Louis B. Busch, accompanied by Mr. Robert Kockanoper. Mr. Charles Guerin gave an address in French. Mr. Edmond DeMaester in Flemish and Mr. Louis A. Langie in English.

A magnificent flower piece of roses was presented to Father Van der Meulen by Miss Adeline DeWitter and James Murphy containing pearls of gold in the donation of \$10. The event was planned and directed by Rev. Leopold Jaurieson, assistant pastor to Father C. A. Van der Meulen.

The jubilarian responded in thanksgiving to the honor given him in this manner. "I can assure you that a surprise to me. Little did I think twenty-five years ago when I was ordained Priest at Louisville that such a large Ministry would be entrusted to my care, as a Missionary, a Priest and a Confessor." Father Van der Meulen said. Appointed pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, a noble mission, he said. He was called to Alphonse A. Notre-Dame, a congregation of about 400 families of various nationalities, and he was the first to be called to the city of St. Louis, centrally located in a city of 350,000 people. I visualize the field of activity of great importance and labor. But, with the aid of my fellow workers, as I have, I expect much good to be done in the future as well as in the past. "Then the American audience was sung, followed by a successful social.

Catholic Men's National Body To Meet Here

Plans Are Being Made for Big Convention of National Council of Catholic Men, October 11, 12 and 13

The eleventh annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Men, to be held in Rochester on October 11th, 12th and 13th, will bring to this city a large delegation of representative Catholic men, lay and clerical, from all parts of America. Plans for the convention are beginning to take shape under the direction of the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, Bishop of Rochester, and host to the convention.

Arrangements are in charge of Frederick J. Mix, general chairman of the convention committee, who will have associated with him some of the leading laymen of the Rochester diocese. Mr. Mix announces that the Columbus Day banquet of the Fifth District Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, originally planned for Syracuse, the home of the Mayor of the District, John J. Barrett, will be cancelled and attention of the Fourth Degree Knights of the District called to a Columbus Day banquet to be held in connection with the N. C. M. convention in Rochester.

Tentative arrangements call for the opening of the convention program with solemn Pontifical High Mass to be celebrated by Bishop O'Hern in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, October 11th. The Bishop will be assisted by visiting prelates, representative clergy of the diocese and clergy attending the convention from other dioceses. The sermon will be preached by one of the visiting Bishops.

On Monday the convention will open and in the morning the reports of the national officers will be presented and the proceedings outlined. Business sessions will occupy the afternoon and the program on that day will be party made up of prepared addresses dealing with some of the important problems with which the Catholics of this country are now confronted.

Mass Meeting Planned. At a public mass meeting to be held either on Sunday night or Monday speakers of national renown will be made up of prepared addresses and the program dedicated in part to the great achievement and perpetuation of the memory of the Catholic savior.

Tuesday will be devoted to business sessions and the program will be made up partly of prepared addresses and partly of contributions from delegates themselves. These discussions, according to the N. C. W. C. Review, will seek to make more clear the ways in which Catholic organizations and their members can better develop their own activities and help to promote the welfare of the Church and of the country.

Pennsylvania Hibernians. Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 23.—The annual convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Pennsylvania is in its closing session at the Knights of Columbus home here on Thursday last week. Edward J. Minnick, Jr., of Philadelphia president; James Kelly of Pittsburgh, vice president; M. L. McAnulty of Pottsville, secretary, and John J. McCarthy of Le...

Nazareth Girls Write From Catholic Action Summer School Now in Session in St. Louis, Mo.

Three Young Ladies From Nazareth College Are Attending Sessions of School With Students From All Parts of the United States.

The Summer School of Catholic Action, conducted at St. Louis University for the purpose of training students along lines of lay apostolate work, has scholars from all parts of the United States, including three from Nazareth College—the Misses, Elizabeth Gurney, Mary I. T. and Estelle Meulan. An interesting description of the work of the school, and of the impressions it has made upon the students, is contained in the following letters to the Sisters at Nazareth College by Miss Leary and Miss Gurney:

"Fontbonne College, August 17, 1931. "Dear Sister: We arrived with mishap at Cleveland and the train stopped for an hour during which time we walked forth to see a bit of the city. The day was a most beautiful one. About 5 o'clock in the morning Estelle became so homesick she perched above that she slept down an 80 ft and immediately fell off with her picture. Your imagination can well picture the rest.

"We arrived in St. Louis at 8:30, their time, 7:30 ours. We had breakfast yet for us. Delegates were at the station to welcome us. We went to Mass at St. John's, back to the station for breakfast, and then went to get our baggage, which we had checked through from Rochester. The baggage hadn't arrived. On the promise to have it brought out for us we continued our journey to Fontbonne. The hospitality shown us and the welcome we received were heart warming. You know we were rather tired and it was not so very long before we weren't burning up with enthusiasm just at that moment, but our spirits revived when we met such friendly people.

"Then we set out in search of a room we would like. Before we left, we had the pick of the place. I have a darling single room with three huge windows and Helen and Estelle have a double right next door. I am in their room most of the time. The meals are delicious; one could ask for anything more. Continued in our next; it lights out and so do I.

"August 18, 1931. "I am up at the ungodly hour of 3 A. M. and half asleep. We aren't usually stirring until 7, because the student Mass is at 8 o'clock.

"To go on with the story: Sunday we thought nothing, never and there was really nothing to do. The swimming pool was open, and some of the girls took advantage of that. We met another girl over there who is a resident of the city. She had her car with her and invited us for a little ride to see part of St. Louis. It was great fun and refreshing. We returned, it was time for us to go to bed. For a first night at a place, we slept like a top. I happened to wake up first, due, I suppose, to the fact that a shrill, piercing bell had already made me jump almost out of the window at the interval of five the car was driving as it did from sound sleep. You see they have not shut off the bell which rings for the change of class, etc., during the year. The five o'clock bell, I think, is for the masses.

A Leaderless World. "Well, Monday morning dawned bright and rather rainy. We went to Mass in the College Chapel. The altar there makes one think of our own at College. The first class was conducted by Father Lord in his own familiar manner. I know you can't hear him when you read the statement he made regarding the lack of personal holiness in "Outside of Christ Jesus, we live in a leaderless world." He exemplified and amplified his statement, then turned to the definition of and the need for Catholic leaders. They have to be and have everything other leaders do; plus that plus that plus that plus means personal holiness, religious conviction and integrity. He showed us also how we must take Christ for our leader. We must first learn to follow before we can lead.

"The College class followed this. There the purpose of the Sodality was explained and Catholic action defined, compared, given probable outlines in life, how it is carried out in college life, etc. "After lunch there is a rest period of about an hour and a half. I'm copying my notes in ink when I walked some visitors. You can imagine we did not do much but talk for the rest of the time. By the way, in the course of the first college lecture which Father Lord gave, he showed which Catholic action, in the principle that religion dominates life, may be brought out by an author or a student in his writings. He said it does not have to be the type of story in which the main character receives the Last Sacraments and so dies, but it can have a fundamental truth at the core of it. He also said if he gets any more stories from students in which a tramp is chosen as a main character or else someone commits suicide he doesn't know what he'll do. I was just wishing he could read our Isabelle Rovas' short story "Red Salt." I think that would make him sit up and take notice and feel that all stories students wrote were not just goody-goody or bloodthirsty ones.

About the Liturgy. "The afternoon general class was on the liturgy which was conducted by Father Pueller, S.J. He is a scholar to the fingertips. He can show you the beauty and the inner meaning of the liturgy which would never occur to the uninitiated. "Round table discussion was the last exercise in the afternoon. In that the students and faculty present are supposed to throw out their problems and disagreements. One of the problems suggested in the earlier sessions was the lack of Catholic leaders in business and politics. A probable, or is it possible, solution was offered, that in the modern game of business one had to be crooked to succeed. Other opinions were offered: You know, really, I think they were too much blown-in-the-wood and inexperienced to talk of such things. I don't know. Perhaps that applied to me, but not to all. Father LeBurge, who really has had experience and knows about it, claimed that a brainsy crook may out meet and beat a crooked one. I agreed with that. "Another point raised was that there is a path on the part of the student toward religion. Some stated there was and others not. Some said the religion classes are not conducted properly or interestingly in schools. Others claimed that the students just waited for the next religion class. It certainly is a funny world and everyone can be right. "One would think we had enough of school for the day, but just as we met Father Lyons with a good-bye and we entered into a discussion of study clubs and such things.

Obstacles in the Way. "I forgot to tell you also that Father Lord gave out the straight-from-the-shoulder statement that the success of the Sodality are two-fold: First, the growing dishonesty among students and secondly, the attitude between boys and girls. It certainly was not complimentary, that was discussed to some extent and will be continued today. "Now that I know about all the news I can think of. Next time when I write such a huge letter I shall publish it in book form, or else send it on the installment plan. And so, Sister, would you spread the news along that we arrived safely and are having a lot of interesting things to do. We will write soon. I believe Helen and Estelle will sign this or perhaps they are writing their own letter. "Years, "MARY LEARY. "P. S.—After the length of this letter, I can't find a single thing to tell you. However, I'll try to make up for it later. "MARGARET M. FROM MISS GURNEY: "Dear Sister: "The summer school of Catholic Action is most believe of all that I do love to anything like letter-writing. But we did want you to have a note to know we're all much all right and having the time of our lives. Everything is far beyond our expectations and all feel the undertaking a great success. "We are just brimming over with new ideas, and if exams and papers don't drown them all out, Nazareth should leap high next year from the ground.

Two Picketbooks Are Stolen From Churches Sunday

Picketbooks were stolen from churches Sunday by a woman who visited the churches apparently for that purpose. In St. Augustine's Church in LeRoy a book of names of the LeRoy branch of the Picket Club was stolen. In St. Ignace's Church in LeRoy a book of names of the LeRoy branch of the Picket Club was stolen. The books were found in the possession of a woman who visited the churches Sunday.

16 Postulants Take White Vows At Allegany, N. Y.

Allegany, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Sixteen postulants received the white veil and vows at the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Family at Allegany on Saturday. On the following day 11 of them received the permanent profession of the same order.

Very Rev. Michael J. O'Connell, M. S., pastor of St. Ignace's, presided at the ceremony. The postulants were: Sister Mary Ann, Sister Mary Elizabeth, Sister Mary Joseph, Sister Mary Ann, Sister Mary Elizabeth, Sister Mary Joseph, Sister Mary Ann, Sister Mary Elizabeth, Sister Mary Joseph, Sister Mary Ann, Sister Mary Elizabeth, Sister Mary Joseph.

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