

With the Guild Members

By G.H. (From the Catholic Motion Picture Guild News)

C. C. Burr, who has just finished a series of successful comedies about "Torchy," is producing a newspaper feature entitled "The Midnight Patrol." He has borrowed Regis Toomey from Paramount for the leading role.

Stella Adams has been added to the cast of the new Educational comedy "Wedding Night."

Count Pierre de Raney is in the supporting cast of Chester Morris and Carole Lombard's new Paramount picture "Sinners in the Sun."

Jackie Cooper, MGM child star, soon to be seen in "Limpy" worked for weeks to draw a complicated series of designs on a bright yellow sifto to be used during the recent rainfall in Hollywood. His masterpiece in raincoat design was finally ready and the first day he had a chance to wear the coat the rain stopped. But according to "Gin Chows Almanac" he'll wear it plenty.

Joan Crawford has started a "Flamingo" act among the youthful stenographers on the M-G-M lot where she is enacting the role of the little stenographer in the picture "Grand Hotel." In her trim little black dress set off by crisp white collar and cuffs and with her hair arranged in a neat fashion she has started a new fashion in working clothes.

A flock of guilders are over at the Universal studios these days working in their race track story "The Informant Kid." President Jimmy Gleason, is playing one of the leading roles and Tom Brown and Maureen O'Sullivan are playing the romantic leads. Incidentally Tom Brown, when a youngster of 12 played in Gleason's "Is Zat So" company. He

always has been a hero worshipper of the star and was overjoyed when cast in the same picture with him.

Pat O'Malley and Wallace MacDonald are appearing in the Columbia Buck Jones Special "High Speed."

Described as a new department in court room drama a phase of human emotion under stress never before presented on the screen, William K. Howard's new picture for the Fox Film corporation "The Trial of Vivienne" starring Joan Bennett, has gone into production at the Hollywood studios. Street Gallagher and Zasu Pitts supply comedy relief.

The belief that "gentlemen prefer blondes" doesn't mean a solitary blonde star, now making her American film debut in Fox's "Montana in Flame." Tala obtained permission from Carl Laemmle Jr. to restore her hair to its natural color—a deep brown—before beginning her second feature play.

Pat (Front Page) O'Brien is busy over at Paramount playing the masculine lead opposite Wynne Gibson in "Damaged," adapted from the novel "Clara Dean."

And here's some more news about our president, Jimmy Gleason. Charles R. Rogers is going to produce a story concerning the sporting world entitled "Million Square Garden" and when he proposed to Jimmy to play the leading role, the latter signed immediately. Jimmy played a prize fight manager in his own play "Is Zat So" which was such a big hit and has always had a preference for that atmosphere in his story. Rogers is also trying to get Edmund Lowe and Bob Armstrong.

The Congressional Library Had Humble Beginning 131 Years Ago, With 740 Books; Has 4,300,000 Now

Washington, March 18.—One hundred and thirty-one years ago next Spring, says R. L. Duffus in an article in The New York Sunday Times, 11 hair trunks containing 740 books which had just arrived from London were being unpacked in a room in the then uncompleted Washington. They were for "the public library" which had been authorized by Congress two years before. At the other end of the avenue, President Jefferson, a year in office, was finding diversion from official duties in running through catalogues of foreign bookstores and adding to the collection at Monticello, to which, a dozen years later, after the British had burned the contents of the silver trunk following their capture of Washington, he was to sell to the National Government.

Such were the modest beginnings of the Library of Congress, which, as Dr. Herbert Putnam, the present librarian, was able to announce this year, now surpasses in the size of its collections every library in the world except the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris. In 1815 Jefferson's library, purchased to replace the one lost in the destruction of the Capitol in the preceding year, numbered 7,000 volumes. The present book collections alone amount to 4,300,000 volumes, besides 1,250,000 maps and views, more than 1,000,000 music items, 500,000 prints and 500,000 definite number of manuscripts, some of them worth fabulous sums of money. Last year the book additions alone reached a total of more than 188,000 volumes.

Its Unique Items In the number of its rare or unique items, the Library of Congress still has to play second fiddle

not only to the Bibliotheque Nationale but to the British Museum. But even in this respect it is rapidly reaching a point which is making it one of the great research centres of the world. Many a Latin-American or European scholar now comes to the library for source material which he cannot find at home, and many an American research worker who in former years would have had to go to London or Paris now finds all he requires for his studies in the state Italian Renaissance building across the square from the Capitol.

If one wishes to gain an idea of the resources of a library he cannot do better than begin with its rare books, for next to the totals of its collections these are what make it distinctive. This casual visitor sees on display in one of the main halls one of the most valuable books in the world—the 435,000 Gutenberg Bible, part of a collection of rarities purchased by order of Congress in 1830 for a total price of \$1,500,000. But the rare book collection includes about 65,000 other volumes and 25,000 pamphlets. Some of them would not bring 50 cents if offered at auction, yet are valuable to students. Others have mounted in dizzy heights since their publication. The first edition of Poe's "Murders in the Rue Morgue" could have been had for 12 1/2 cents in the 1840s; its probable market value today is estimated at \$45,000.

K. C. Degrees Conferred Upon 50 Candidates

On Thursday evening last week, in the quarters of the Council in the Columbus Civic Center, 50 candidates were received into Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, in the first of a series of degree ceremonies celebrating the golden anniversary of the Knights of Columbus as an order.

First and second degrees were conferred by District Deputy Timothy V. O'Donnell of Albion, assisted by Grand Knight Herman Neutembock, Deputy Grand Knight Daniel E. Coffey and Warden Thomas Coffey of Albion, and Chancellor James E. Cuff of Rochester. Charles A. Tucker of Rochester was in charge of the second degree ritual.

February Was A Record Month For the Library

Breaking records is getting to be a habit at the Rochester Public Library, according to John A. Lowe, director. Circulation reports for February show that the Central Library, and every branch library except two, lent more books last month than during any February in their existence. Five branches—Goodman, Charlotte, Fortlack, Lake and Park—broke all previous marks, including those established in months of 31 days.

The February circulation for the whole library was 270,772 volumes, which is another record for the year's shortest month. This report of the library's performance at Central Library tells the same story. More than 2,000 persons were served by this department, either in the library or over the telephone, as compared with 1,432 during the same month in 1931 and 1,115 in the February, 1930.

Priest Issues Convention Call For Unemployed Army in August

Pittsburgh, Mar. 18.—The Rev. Father James H. Cox announced last week that the convention of the jobless party will be held in St. Louis August 12.

The militant priest expressed regret, however, that the unemployed were going into politics. "I don't want to go on with this thing, because it's going to cause trouble," he said. "But I won't turn back as long as the demands of the unemployed go unheeded."

Father Cox, leader of a jobless march to Washington in January, plans to call the convention for appointment of a presidential candidate to represent the unemployed of the United States.

Syracuse postponed a trip to New York and remained here a week for a personal interview to the press.

If the ways of God seem strange to you, remember that the ways of men are straight as an arrow.



Nurse Will Speak At a Meeting of N.C.C.W. To-Night

At 8:15 o'clock this evening the regular monthly meeting of the Rochester Deaneary Council of the N. C. C. W. will take place at the Catholic Women's Club, 215 Alexander Street.

Miss Cora Warrant, director of the Public Health Nursing Association, will give a short talk on the history and objects of the Public Health Nursing Association, and also the Supply and Lending Bureau which it maintains. The Seton Workers will have an exhibition samples of the Jayettes which are being made by two of their groups.

Corpus Christi Mission for Men Closes on Sunday

A mission for men, conducted all week at Corpus Christi Church, will be brought to a close Sunday. A mission for the women of the parish was held the previous week, and it was largely attended. The men's mission services have been attended by unusually large congregations.

Two Dominican Fathers are in charge of the mission, the Rev. Patrick A. Maher, O.P., and the Rev. John E. O'Brien, O.P. Their sermons and instructions have been most practical and helpful, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., is greatly pleased with the splendid spiritual results obtained.

Dr. Butler Resents Charge That Free Love Is Being Taught in Columbia University

New York, Mar. 18.—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, resents the charge that free love is being taught in one of the classes in the university.

The "free love" purported to be taught in a course on family relations and included in a course for undergraduates on contemporary civilization was first attacked Thursday, when the women's auxiliary of the Episcopal Church in Chicago voted a letter of protest which was written by Mrs. Charles Spencer

Williamson and addressed to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia.

Dr. Butler in his answer declared that the charge was "an absolute invention," adding that "it would be more Christian" if more facts were gleaned about the course before starting an attack against it.

Criticism of the university was further voiced on Sunday, when Bernard M. Patton, Commissioner of Taxes, speaking at a K. of C. Communion Breakfast at the Hotel Astor, declared that Columbia is spreading a false philosophy, and that before long it will be attacking marriage itself.

SS. Peter and Paul Pivot Card Party On April Fifth

Miss Lillian Kramer of Campbell Street is general chairman of the pivot card party to be given by the Young Ladies' Sodality of SS. Peter and Paul's Church on Tuesday evening, April 5. Assisting Miss Kramer are the Misses Audrey, Margaret, Anne, Brynna, Phyllis, Lenora, Vivian, Elsie, Rita, Madeline, Mary Agnes, Mollinger, Ann Overhaus, Bernadine Zenkel and Rosemary Zenkel.

The public, men and women, is cordially invited to attend this party, and a good time is assured to all.

Canada Militia Former Chaplain Dies in Buffalo

Buffalo, Mar. 18.—The Rev. George I. Nolan died in Buffalo on Tuesday last week. He was born in Odensburg, N. Y., in 1879. Going to Ottawa University in 1900 as a student, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1907 and after two years as Professor of English and History was named superior at the Immaculate Conception Church, Lowell, Mass. He served as honorary captain and chaplain in the Canadian militia from June, 1916, till June, 1921.

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