

Commencement Exercises Held In Elmira Schools Over Week-End

Elmira—The largest class in the history of St. Peter and Paul's Parochial School was graduated at exercises Sunday evening in St. Peter and Paul's Church. The graduates numbered 28.

The Rev. Michael P. Grady, of Honesdale, delivered the commencement address.

A prize of \$5 for the highest average in the class was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hubbs, who was awarded Robert Louty. The prize of \$5 for Christian Doctrine was awarded to Robert M. Gannon, Mary Richard, and Robert M. Gannon.

With this as the keynote of his address, the Rev. William J. Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, in Elmira, N. Y., presided at the exercises of St. Patrick's School Sunday evening at exercises in St. Patrick's Church.

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Auriesville Shrine Episodes Told By Edmund Maloney

Elmira.—Designated as "the holiest spot in America" by the Rev. Francis X. Talbot, literary editor of "America," Auriesville, in Central New York, was made a vivid realization in the minds of over a hundred women who met Tuesday of last week in the assembly room of St. Patrick's School to hear a lecture on this famous Jesuit shrine by Edmund B. Maloney, president of the Elmira Deacons of the National Council of Catholic Men.

The occasion was the organization meeting of two Guilds of the Sodality of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Evidence Guild, of which the Rev. Daniel Hoiland, spiritual director of the Sodality is general chairman, and Our Lady of Lourdes Travel Guild, which for the summer will act jointly with the Catholic Evidence Guild. Both Guilds are still open to membership for those who wish to join. Registration may be made at the next meeting.

The speaker narrated his own experience in visiting the famous spot where Father Isaac Jogues and his companion priests gave their lives, 300 years ago in missionary work among the Iroquois Indians, adding instructive data on the work of the Jesuit Fathers of that period, who with indescribable hardship and suffering labored to bring the light of Christian faith to Indian tribes in this country. Mr. Maloney left many an unforgettable picture of the difficulties confronting those who would practice and propagate the faith in time which is in such sharp contrast to the ease of religious practice in modern times.

The extraordinary fidelity and persistence of the Indian Maiden Tegan, with the cause of whose canonization, the speaker said, has been presented to authorities of the Roman Catholic Church with unprecedented annotated data of proof of apparent miracles wrought in her name and by her intercession, was also depicted by Mr. Maloney. The speaker recalled her purity of life in the midst of gross conduct of her companions and some members of her tribe and the incalculable extent of labor accomplished by the French Jesuit Fathers of the time. Father Jogues especially, who returned by seven voyages a saving time to the scene of his labors willingly to face a certain torture and eventual death, which crowned his apostolic labors.

Knights of St. John Baseball League

The close of the 5th week of the season finds St. Michael's Commandery, No. 40, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and St. Eustace Commandery, No. 33, of St. Joseph's Church still tied for first place. Some outstanding pitching featured last week's competition. Otto Remmel held Holy Family Commandery to one hit and his teammates helped him turn in an easy victory for St. Boniface, 10 to 2. A rejuvenated St. Louis team appeared upon the field, however, St. Michael's Commandery, No. 40, found little difficulty in defeating them due to the fine pitching of Charles Gutberlet who struck out 14 batters.

Cathedral Commandery, No. 106, played a hard-fought game with St. Eustace the final score being 14 to 10 with the "Fighting Irish" on the short end. St. George Commandery, No. 43, broke the tie for third place with St. Peter and Paul Commandery, No. 28, when they defeated the latter team last Friday. Although St. Louis Commandery No. 17 has not broken into the column as yet, they are looking forward to do so this week at the expense of St. Eustace Commandery.

Team Standings Won Lost St. Michael No. 40 5 0 St. Eustace No. 39 5 0 St. George No. 43 4 1 SS. Peter and Paul No. 28 3 2 St. Boniface No. 25 2 3 Cathedral, No. 106 2 3 Holy Family No. 197 1 4 St. Louis No. 17 0 5

Schedule for June 30 St. George No. 43 vs. Holy Family No. 197. St. Michael No. 40 vs. Cathedral No. 106. St. Louis No. 17 vs. St. Eustace No. 39. St. Boniface No. 25 vs. SS. Peter and Paul No. 28. All games played at Edgerton Park.

Mrs. Wm. P. Luke Now Operates Hotel Cedarmere

Mrs. Florence Luke, widow of the late W. P. Luke, prominent in K. C. circles in Cobourg and Toronto is continuing the operation of Hotel Cedarmere, at Cobourg, Ontario. This popular resort is well known to members of the K. C. fraternity of Rochester and surrounding cities. Mrs. Luke will be pleased to extend Cedarmere hospitably to members of the order and their friends as formerly.

NEWS COVERAGE EXPANDED BY N. C. SERVICE

(Continued from Page 1) News requirements, arose from important developments to deep Catholic interest in many parts of the world. Catholic press month activities were doubled, in view of the economic situation.

News Demand Grows "The burden and responsibility placed upon the News Service by the increasing value and demand for international news is constantly growing," Mr. Hall said.

Despite the problems Catholic papers themselves faced, Mr. Hall said, there was no record of a single Catholic newspaper in this country suspending publication last year. Even more striking, he said, is the fact that two new Catholic papers were established in the year and another was rehabilitated.

In the foreign field, the News Service gained six subscribers in Ireland, Poland, Australia, New Zealand, the Panama Canal zone and India. It now serves Catholic papers in Australia, British West Indies, Canada, Columbia, England, Hawaii, India, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Panama Canal Zone, Philippine Islands, Poland, Puerto Rico and the United States.

Numerous economies were effected in the operation of the News Service, Mr. Hall said, so that despite additional expenditures demanded by extra news requirements, none of the regular schedules of material provided by the News Service, has been dropped and no such curtailment is anticipated. The entire feature service, Mr. Hall added, has just been "overhauled" to make it more timely and more attractive.

Major News Events

Among the major Catholic news events requiring special coverage by the News Service last year, Mr. Hall cited the following:

Vatican City.—Proclamation and inauguration of the Extraordinary Holy Year of Jubilee; one canonization and five beatifications; the creation of six new Cardinals; numerous pilgrimages.

Spain.—Intensified anti-clerical legislation; pronouncements by the Holy Father and Spanish Catholic leaders; changes in government.

Germany.—Status of Catholic groups under new regime; pronouncements by German Bishops; efforts for the conclusion of a Concordat with the Holy See.

Mexico.—Continued anti-religious incidents; maneuvers anticipating the presidential election.

Puerto Rico.—Birth control bill. Among outstanding news events in the United States, Mr. Hall cited:

The appointment, consecration and arrival in this country of the new Apostolic Delegate to the United States to the Cardinalate; the statement by the Bishops of the National Catholic Welfare Conference Administrative Committee on the present crisis, and Catholic activities for the promotion of social justice and relief.

Corrective Articles Mr. Hall noted that the News Service has continued to supply corrective articles where these seemed to be called for, and cited five specific instances where the Service, obtaining the facts, was able to present the truth concerning news articles of Catholic interest erroneously reported in the secular press. He also cited the News Service's experiment with the issuance of "Editorial Information," data which while not of a news character is of value and interest to Catholic editors. He reported the issuance, at the beginning of 1933, for the first time in the Service's history, of summaries dealing with outstanding Catholic news during the preceding year. Both in the United States and throughout the world, there were introduced last year also topical articles dealing with individuals, anniversaries of events and historical incidents.

Church Graduation Exercises Held For Schools of Auburn

Auburn—One hundred and seventy-five pupils have been graduated in the classes of 1932 at the various parochial schools in Auburn. St. Hyacinth's, the largest class, numbered 51 graduates; St. Mary's 39; Holy Family 39; St. Alphonsus 27; and St. Aloysius 19. The pastors of each church, Rev. Father Jerome of St. Hyacinth's, Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen of St. Mary's, Very Rev. Dean John A. Cahway of Holy Family, Rev. Frederick G. Straub of St. Alphonsus and Rev. John B. Crowley of St. Aloysius, presented the diplomas to the graduates.

With the exception of St. Alphonsus, all of the commencement exercises were held in the various churches last Sunday. The graduation exercises took place this year earlier than usual because Sister Alberta, principal of the school, in company with Sister Cortona of St. Alphonsus convent, have left for a summer trip to Europe. They will visit in France, Italy and Southern Germany, where they will be guests at the home of Sister Cortona's parents. This will be the first visit-home for Sister Cortona in 30 years. She has been at St. Alphonsus for the past 21 years. Two years ago Rev. Frederick G. Straub visited the parents of Sister Cortona.

Camp Stella Maris

(Don't forget to register, boys, because the encampments are starting to fill up. By all signs we are going to have full camps this summer. That \$1 a day looks good to everybody.)

We have just received bad news. Graña Hezlie has broken his leg. You see, it was this way. His native town out West went bone dry. Only doctors had the real "stuff." Good old Graña decided to get some snags. He pretended that he had strained a ligament in the back of his leg; the "doc" rubbed it with alcohol. In trying to jek it off Graña got his leg caught behind his neck and couldn't get it down. After ruing three sledge hammers, the town blacksmith finally broke his leg and saved his life. Poor Graña will never seem to learn!

Now for some good news. We are going to have a new pier this year in the shape of an "L." It will be wider and longer. The "Homes" camp, with the Ford truck and the "Homes" motor (the ambulance we received last year from St. Mary's Hospital) are in good shape for over night hikes, etc., and are going to be used plenty. We are planning some trips to Honoyoy, Canadian lakes, and some wild spots around the Genesee River. Injunct!

Our counselors last summer built a large shrine out of field stone to the Blessed Mother under the title of "Stella Maris." It is down on the beach, partly facing the lake and overlooking the spot where we hold our campfires in the evening. We have a most beautiful statue donated by a prominent pastor for this purpose. We intend to dedicate this shrine on July 23 in memory of Bishop O'Hern on behalf of the campers of Stella Maris and the Parochial Baseball League. It will be a tribute from the boys to one who loved them and who in spite of his worries and cares found time to enter into their games. Remember that it was Bishop O'Hern who took the Camp under diocesan protection, and started the Parochial Baseball League.

Camp Mothers and Friends, attention: Would you like to transfer your favorite home or Club for playing bridge during the summer to a nice cool grove, close to the water and the refreshing breezes of Lake Ontario? The Camp is giving this opportunity to visitors and friends on one afternoon a week during the summer. The first afternoon will be on Thursday, July the sixth, from two o'clock until you care to leave. The charge will be only twenty-five cents, and a little lunch will be served. Why not combine a little charity and pleasure?

When heating up leftover vegetables add salt, pepper, a little sugar and a lump of butter and you will hardly know they are reheated.

MISS ELIZABETH McNAMARA HONORED WITH POPE'S SPECIAL BLESSING

Corning.—Miss Elizabeth A. McNamara, of 14 East Fourth Street, this city, has just received a testimonial of a special blessing from the Holy Father in honorary recognition of the many gifts and donations she has given to the Church. Miss McNamara has contributed largely to all the Catholic churches in this city as well as in Des Moines, Ia. The recommendation to His Holiness, Pope Pius XI was tendered through the Rev. Fr. Herman, C.P., rector of the Passioletti Fathers, St. Gabriel Monastery, Des Moines, Iowa, on his recent visit to Pope Pius in Rome.

Fr. Herman wrote Miss McNamara concerning this blessing as follows: "I am sending under separate cover a testimonial of a special blessing which I obtained for you from His Holiness, Pope Pius XI. Please accept this as a token of our gratitude for the many favors we have received from you. May God bless you."

"With best wishes. Sincerely yours in Christ." The testimonial of the blessing was brought Miss McNamara in the form of an illustrated sheet, a picture of Pope Pius XI with his hand extended in blessing, and is surrounded with hand-painted borders of flowers. Below the picture appears these words: "Most Holy Father, Miss Elizabeth McNamara humbly prostrate at the feet of your Holiness begs the Apostolic Benediction and a Plenary Indulgence to be granted at the hour of death under the usual conditions." Below these words appear two lines of Latin, written in hand, which when translated read: "The Most Holy Father grants the prayers of the petitioner. Given this 31st day of May, 1932."

The paper is signed by one of the Vatican secretaries in charge of accorded favors and indulgences. The seal, also in Latin, is that of the master of indulgences.

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