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**WINS STATE HONORS**  
Denver.—(NCWC)—Miss Bernice Hockett, a senior at the Annunciation High School, here, has been awarded second prize in an essay contest sponsored by the Colorado Tuberculosis Association and the Women's Auxiliary of the State Medical Society. Her subject was "Tuberculosis: A Challenge to the Youth of Colorado."

**EDUCATION CONGRESS TOPIC**  
Utrecht, Holland.—(NCWC)—"Christian Education according to the Encyclical of the Sovereign Pontiff" has been selected as the general theme of the ninth congress of the International Union of the Leagues of Catholic Women, to be held at Rome, March 26-April 7, 1934. The congress of the International Council of Young Women will occur at the same time.

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**CHURCH AND STATE HONOR NOTED ECONOMIST**



Many distinguished ecclesiastics, statesmen, representatives of labor and other prominent citizens attended the solemn investiture and testimonial dinner in Washington, for the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Ryan, Dean of the Faculty of Sacred Sciences at the Catholic University and Director of the Dept. of Social Action, N. C. W. C., who was recently created a Domestic Prelate by the Pope for his unceasing efforts in the cause of social justice. Above, left to right, Bishop James H. Ryan of Catholic University; Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore; Monsignor Ryan; Archbishop John G. Murray of St. Paul, and Auxiliary Bishop John M. McNamara, Washington Below, at right, Monsignor John A. Ryan, photographed with Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, following the testimonial dinner. (Reni photos.)

**PRIEST NAMED CONCILIATOR**

San Diego, Calif.—(NCWC)—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Hegarty, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, here, has accepted the invitation of Campbell MacCulloch, of the Regional Labor Board, to act as conciliator, in conjunction with O. C. Heilmann, local labor official, in the wage dispute between tomato growers and employees in the vicinity of Ocean-side.

**FR. THOMAS E. MURPHY DEAD**

Brooklyn, N. Y.—(NCWC)—The Rev. Thomas E. Murphy, S.J., pastor of St. Ignatius Church, here, and former president of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., and St. Francis Xavier College, New York, died on Thursday at the age of 77.

**Cites Gain in China**

Montreal.—(NCWC)—The Most Rev. Paulin Justin Albovy, Vicar Apostolic of Nanjing, who is visiting Canada, declared in an address delivered here that Christians cannot be said to be officially persecuted under the new regime in China, and that the Catholic religion is making headway in that country.

Washington.—(NCWC)—A spiritual awakening of faith in God is abroad in the world today and men are turning to the teachings of the Saviour to bring back peace and prosperity to a distracted people, the Rev. James A. Smyth, pastor of St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, declared in a sermon delivered at the twenty-fifth annual Pan-American Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, here.

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**Friends of Catholic Institutions Bring Christmas Joys To Men, Women, Children**

Joy in giving to others, which is the true Christmas spirit, being demonstrated this week by friends of the various Catholic institutions throughout the city, when men, women and children are being feted and entertained at special Christmas celebrations.

Archbishop Mooney, Bishop of Rochester was the guest of honor at the Christmas party, Monday evening, for the children of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum, sponsored by the St. Mary's Junior League, under the chairmanship of Mrs. William Collins. Over 300 persons, including several priests of the diocese, hosted the children filled the gymnasium to capacity. Standing beside the gaily decorated Christmas tree, Santa Claus distributed toys, candy, books, peanuts, stockings to the boys. Entertainment was furnished by talented young boys and girls under the direction of Mrs. Leo Praver. Refreshments were served to the children following the program.

Blessed Sacrament Glee Club, members of the Victorian Circle, Women of the Democratic Club, and Ladies of the Independent Club will gladden the hearts of the men and women of St. Ann's Home with Christmas gifts and entertainment.

Santa Claus will visit St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum on Christmas Eve, when the boys and girls begin the evening's program with a visit to the Chapel, and in procession formation, singing Christmas hymns, they will wend their way from the girls' room to the babies' room and lastly to the boys' rooms.

There will be a Christmas tree in each room and Santa Claus will distribute the gifts which are arranged around the tree. On Christmas Day the children are taken home, either by their parents or by some kind friends of the orphans, who are anxious to share their Christmas joy with a little child. On December 31, the C.Y.M.A. will entertain these children at a special Christmas party.

Children of the Charles Street Settlement House are participating in two Christmas celebrations. "Santa Claus in Mother Goose Land," an opera; two one-act plays; selection by a toy orchestra; and three numbers by the dancing class were on the program scheduled for the Christmas entertainment, Wednesday evening, December 20. Friday afternoon, December 22, Santa Claus will give gifts to the children at their annual Christmas party. Part of the program given Wednesday evening will be presented again, for the guests who are expected to attend.

Archbishop Mooney will be the guest of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum at their annual Christmas party sponsored by the Margaret Danford Guild, in the Recreation Building, Thursday evening. During the past weeks, the children have written letters to Santa Claus telling him what they would like for Christmas. That evening, Santa Claus will bring them their gifts. The girls and boys will entertain the members of the Guild and the guests. On Christmas Eve, the children will receive the stockings sent in by many generous friends. A decorated fireplace, Christmas tree, gifts, and candy, will make Christmas a happy one for these boys and girls.

**QUESTION BOX**

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A non-Catholic friend declares that Marconi's marriage was annulled because he had money; also Consuelo Vanderbilt's. How should I answer?

A marriage may be declared invalid if one of the essential requirements for a free consent or permanent contract or legitimate ceremony was missing. A valid marriage cannot be invalidated, but it can, under certain circumstances, even though it has been consummated, be annulled. Annulment is the removal of marriage ties and obligations in a valid marriage. The marriages of Marconi and Miss Vanderbilt were not annulled but declared invalid, the first because there was a definite agreement between Marconi and his wife to dissolve the marriage in case of its failure, the second because Miss Vanderbilt was forced by her mother to marry Marlborough. Both marriages, by the way, were contracted outside the Church, and they were adjudged by ecclesiastical courts merely on the grounds of essential and free consent.

Diocesan records everywhere show that justice is done to rich and poor alike, and that the matrimonial courts are conducted, not for profit, but to safeguard the sanctity and rights of marriage.

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Hongkong, China—(Fides)—A sum of \$101,330 has been subscribed during the last three years by the Catholics of Hongkong for the new Catholic Church of St. Theresa at Kowloon Tong. The greater portion came from Portuguese descendants of the early Portuguese Catholics of Macao of whom there are some thousands in Hongkong.

"I can" is said often enough, "I will" too seldom.  
The more a man knows, the more he is inclined to be modest.