

Auburn Catholic High Five To Meet Elmira High Team

Auburn.—Hoping to begin the new year with a victory, Coach Joseph Curtin, former Auburn High School star athlete, takes his clever Holy Family High School quint to Elmira Friday night for a league game with Catholic High School of that city.

Activities in Auburn

The Adoration Society held its monthly meeting Saturday evening at Holy Family Church.

Word has been received in Auburn of the sudden death of William P. Hennessy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hennessy of 21 Paul Street.

Included among the several Catholic institutions which will benefit under the terms of the will of Rev. James E. Kennedy, former Caledonia priest, who died in Canandaigua December 23, is Mercy Hospital of Auburn.

Auburn Council No. 207, Knights of Columbus, staged a two-day celebration to herald the arrival of the new year over the week-end.

Moravia—The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Pauline Duggan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Duggan of Moravia and James William Keebler, son of Mrs. James Keebler of Skaneateles was solemnized in St. Patrick's Church of Moravia at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, December 30.

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MEXICO LAWS MAKE CLERGY TRAVEL FAR

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out his spiritual mission among 224,168 souls.

Next in paucity of clerical personnel, according to the figures, comes the State of Chiapas, which, with a population of 528,654, is permitted only four priests, or one to every 132,163 persons.

Vera Cruz, domain of the persecuting erstwhile Governor Adalberto Tejeda, is ranked next, with one priest to every 105,832 of population, but since the State is populated with 1,376,476 citizens, 13 priests are permitted within its confines.

The State of Morelos has a law of restriction, but is better equipped under its law than the other States in the matter of clerical facilities. The law in Morelos allows one priest to every 3,318 of population. With its 132,723 people, that State is thus enabled to enjoy the work of 40 priests within its borders.

A little worse than the lot of Morelos are the conditions in the States of Nayarit, Tlaxcala and Colima. Nayarit permits the same number of priests as Morelos—40—but has a population of 167,724, or one priest to every 4,193. Tlaxcala, with a population of 205,578, is permitted 36 priests, or one to 5,710 persons. Colima falls within this group, with 12 priests permitted there to 62,301 persons, or one to every 5,191.

As for the hardships worked by these laws by reason of the great distances to be travelled by the clergy, the figures show that two priests must cover an area of 133,095 square kilometers in Lower California, while four priests in Chiapas must traverse 74,415 square kilometers, while only 10 priests may function in the 245,612 square kilometer area of the State of Chihuahua.

The tabulation of the figures accompanying this article, shows in detail the precise status of the laws in every State and Federal district.

The survey covered merely the laws limiting clergy and did not investigate the many other disabilities suffered by the Church in Mexico. In 1924, for example, the Congress of the State of Tabasco promulgated a law prohibiting any priest from being unmarried. The same year the Most Rev. Pascual Diaz was appointed Bishop of Tabasco. After he assumed his office, however, he was forced by the then Governor, Thomas Garrido Canaval, to leave the diocese. At first refusing to go, the prelate was finally obliged forcibly to depart. He was later appointed Archbishop of Mexico and the Holy Father named the Most Rev. Vicente Camacho as Bishop of Tabasco.

The name of the Catholic priest permitted in the State of Tabasco is kept secret for his personal security. In order to perform his apostolic duty in the vast area of 25,337 square kilometers, the priest undergoes all the hardships of travel in a primitive wilderness, crossing large rivers and sleeping in the forest.

Fr. Curtin Officiates At Niece's Wedding

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A wedding breakfast was served at Webwood for the immediate families after which Mr. and Mrs. Keebler left on a short-motor trip.

A number of friends of the bride entertained for her. Among the hostesses were: Mrs. James Connell, Mrs. William O'Connell, Mrs. Michael Heffernan and Miss Lucy Heffernan of Moravia, Mrs. James Spillane of Cortland, Miss Catherine Duggan of Syracuse, Mrs. Harry Dillon, Mrs. Charles T. Major and Miss Agnes Curtin of Skaneateles.

NOTED PHILANTHROPIST DEAD

Jersey City—(NGWC)—Two Bishops—the Most Rev. John A. Duffy of Syracuse and the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh of Newark—attended the funeral of John F. Smith, noted Catholic philanthropist, at St. Aloysius' Church. Two years ago—His Holiness Pope Plus XI made Mr. Smith a Knight of St. Gregory.

JUBILARIAN 1 OF 8 SISTERS

Cleveland—(NCWC)—Sister Mary Adelheid of St. Alexis Hospital, here, who has just celebrated her golden jubilee as a Poor Sister of St. Francis Seraph of Perpetual Adoration, is one of six Sisters in the same Order. The Most Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, gave an address at the jubilee ceremony held in the chapel of the hospital.

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