

Franciscan Padre, Here, Appeals For Navajo Indians Mission In Southwest

Relating a story of missionary hardships, experienced, right here, in the United States among the Navajo Indians, that are comparable to, if not greater, than those in for-

sign lands, the Rev. Arnold Heinzmann, O.F.M., superior of St. Michael's mission in Arizona in an interview given the Catholic Courier in the diocesan offices, Society for the Propagation of the Faith, last week, extended an appeal to all generously inclined to lend aid to this worthy home mission endeavor.

Father Heinzmann was in Rochester during the latter part of last week and conferred with Archbishop Mooney at the episcopal residence regarding the mission needs among the Navajos.

With a territory comprising 25,000 square miles and extending into New Mexico and Utah, besides Arizona, the Franciscan mission of which Father Heinzmann is superior is staffed by four resident priests, three lay brothers and three lay catechists. One of Father Heinzmann's objectives is the procuring of trained catechists to assist in the work, but he fears that this will not be possible unless financial support is obtained.

Eager For Christianity The Navajos among whom the Franciscans are ministering to their spiritual needs are a semi-nomadic people. They move from one to the other of three or four "hogans" that have been established in various parts to suit weather and grass conditions. The "hogans" are octagonal shaped structures of logs plastered within and without with mud and have the appearance of the old fashioned straw bee hives. These people, Father Heinzmann said, have their own cult or ceremonial to which the older people especially cling tenaciously, yet they are nevertheless eager to be told the Christian idea of religion. There are various other denominations working among them.

"The work of the Catholic Church among the Indians since its establishment some thirty-five years ago, has gone forward in a way that leaves little doubt that the blessing of God has been with the Franciscan missionaries at all times," Father Heinzmann declared. Each Padre has a car which he needs for his work; to get to the schools at a regular hour in all weather conditions means almost heroic effort where the roads are of mud, snow often two or three feet deep, and the thermometer dropping as low as thirty below.

Endure Hardships "There are calls for the sick too, that take a missionary over byways that are nearly impossible. For these priests to spend a night in the cold, bogged down to the running board in a mudhole is nothing. It happens often but the missionaries take it as part of the day's work. They want souls and it is their insatiable thirst for these precious treasures hidden beneath swarthy exteriors, that drives these Apostolic men to do heroic things of which the world will never hear and which needs must go unrecorded.

"At present these good, zealous missionary Priests, Sisters and Lay Brothers are facing the greatest crisis that has confronted them in these long years. Despite the fact that because of the ravages of a world wide depression they cannot make ends meet and are actually suffering for want of the bare necessities of life, they are facing the possibility of losing practically all they have achieved in a glorious past because of a plan that the Government has conceived of inaugurating an entirely new system of education, that will place forty or more day schools at strategic points all over the reservation. It is an ideal system of education, but for these missionaries, yearning for the souls of these children who will attend these schools, during times when support of the most necessary kind is hard to get, it comes as an alarm that strikes terror to their hearts.

"They must follow up and cooperate with the Government plan wherever possible. They must double their already overtaxed efforts. They must enlist auxiliaries who will pledge themselves to faithful service under the banner of self denial and self sacrifice. They must enlist generous souls who will pledge themselves to great generosity that a noble work for God and souls will go on.

COFFEY NAMED SPECIAL SURROGATE BY GOVERNOR

Auburn—T. Joseph Coffey, a communicant of St. Mary's Church and an active member of the Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus, has been appointed special surrogate of Cayuga County by Governor Herbert H. Lehman.



BOYS Their Interests

Many persons have seen a strange monster around Loch Ness, a lake in Scotland. So many have seen this monster that it is difficult to doubt the story any longer. In fact one group took a picture of him but upon being developed the negative showed only a ghostly outline with a large hump. Scientists only laugh at this story. We have telegraphed to Grandpa Hex* to investigate and if necessary to capture the great monster alive. Get 'em, Gramp!

Clyde Beatty, the lion tamer, reports that some time ago in the Cleveland Zoo, this incident occurred. "Sammy" the big lion, leaped upon another lion. Beatty took an iron pipe and beat "Sammy" over the head. But "Sammy" only sank his teeth in until he severed the jugular vein. Then "Sammy" got a "swelled head" and could not be managed. Beatty sent him to the showers and brought in four of his older lions. These he goaded almost to madness by whipping and shouting at them. When these four old timers were properly tamed, Beatty brought in "Sammy" again. True to form "Sammy" made a lunge and grappled with one of the lions. But the four lions ganged together to give "Sammy" an awful beating. After that Beatty had no difficulty in handling "Sammy".

Beatty says that lions will gang together to beat another animal especially a tiger; that tigers will not gang to fight any animal; that a lion can beat a tiger; that he has split 16 tigers and 4 lions in such fights as that in which "Sammy" indulged. Beatty is 28 years of age. The circus advertises Beatty and his act as: "Forty, Magnificent, Monstrous, Menacing Man-Eaters, Miraculously Mangled." M-m-m-m.

The priest sings at Mass: Sursum Corda! "Lift up Your Hearts!" The altar boy answers, "Habemus ad Dominum!" "We have already lifted up our hearts!" Lent is a good time to shake that companion with the foul mouth and perhaps just as foul actions. What he is, you will be. Some only see the mud and slime, the filth and rotteness, the crawling maggots that live where there is corruption; others train themselves to see only what is beautiful and noble. Or as the poet says: "Two men looked out through prison-bars— One saw mud, the other stars."

The Catholic Youth Organizations in Rochester will have a booth in the Catholic Press Exhibit at Columbus Civic Center. The following organizations will be represented: Camp Stella Maria, Parochial Baseball League, Columbus Boys Club, Catholic Scouting, Columbian Squires and Handicraft Lodge.

Congratulations to Scout Troop 200 of St. Boniface Church for their recent successful Father and Son Banquet, and to Troop 141, the K. of C. Troop, upon their fine Court of Honor. Milt Schaeffer of St. Boniface, and George Burt of 141, are responsible for the success of these Troops.

When are we going to have those 30 Troops of Scouts spoken of in the newspaper? As soon as we can train Scout-masters to handle them.

City's Assistance To Legal Aid Society Draws Warm Praise

The action of the City Council in approving the continuance of the contract with the Legal Aid Society for the rendering of legal assistance to the poor has won the warmest praise not only of the Directors of the Society but of the scores of poor persons who have been flooding the offices of the Society since the news that its service might be discontinued appeared in the papers. Joseph P. MacSweeney, President of the Society, stated this week.

During the past few days, since it became known that the Society would have to close its doors unless the modest sum to permit it to continue its work until another Chest staff of the Society was faced with an unprecedented number of new applications for help in behalf of poor persons seeking to have their cases taken care of before the office was closed. In addition, the office was besieged with hundreds of inquiries concerning pending cases which had been accepted but which had not yet been disposed of.

Emery A. Brownell, Executive Attorney for the Society, reported that during the month of January 529 cases were handled. Of these the majority were wage claims and domestic relations cases. The staff was able to dispose of a total of 244 cases during the month.

Washington.—(NCWC) — An estate valued at \$485,826 was left by Mrs. Virginia Leta Montgomery White, widow of Chief Justice Edward Douglas White. Mrs. White died January 15.

Nazareth Sodality Urged To Make Novena of Grace

Regular monthly Committee meetings of Our Lady's Sodality took place last Thursday afternoon at Nazareth Academy. Julia Marie Gottry, chairman of the Mission Unit, stressed the making of the Novena of Grace, March 4 to 12; Catherine Gutman, Katherine Hurley and Mary Katherine Fingan volunteered to make posters to encourage this novena.

The speakers and subjects were: Catherine Long, a pep talk on "Support the Symposium on February 18"; Miriam Yahn, "Life of St. Francis Xavier"; Rita Doolin and Jean O'Brien reviewed "Queen's Work" pamphlets; Anna Slupak, Beatrice Lane, Rita Putnam and Margaret Habelou gave extracts from magazines regarding life in foreign mission fields.

At Our Lady's Committee meeting, Sister M. Marcella spoke to the Socialists on "Mary, Her Life and Virtues." Social Committee under the direction of Sabina Lyons, chairman, developed a plan to further attendance at Parish Lenten Services. Forty-five pamphlets were read by Eucharistic Committee for Catholic Press Month according to the chairman, Margaret Grant. Plans were made for Lenten Noon Hour Services on the First Friday of March and for a Symposium on the Sacrifice of the Mass for the April meeting. Margaret Larkin spoke to the freshmen on "How to make Retreat."

The Literary Committee planned to continue its Press Month Daily Activity. Miss Marion Schantz, Chairman, announced the success of the cake sale on February 9, the obtaining of subscriptions to the "Messenger of the Sacred Heart" as a Valentine Day project; the mailing of 100 copies of the Queen's Work. Margaret Worthington outlined a plan for daily union of spirit with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; Anne Doyle spoke on "Spiritual Communion"; Monica Cooney explained the new regulations regarding saying the stations in private; Dorothy Long reviewed the February pamphlet on "Our Lady's Assumption." Plans were made for the Poetry Lecture by the Rev. Alfred Barrett, S. J., of Canisius College at a special meeting at the Academy at 4 P. M. on Sunday, February 18. Virginia Kuper-Schmid gave a talk on "F-Mean You," an appeal to attend the college symposium.

Mercy High School Notes

The Rev. Joseph Vogt, of St. Boniface parish addressed the Sodality at Our Lady of Mercy High School on "The Catholic Press," at the meeting February 20. This was the regular business meeting of the Sodality.

The juniors and seniors of Our Lady of Mercy High prepared projects for the Catholic Press Exhibit sponsored by the "Catholic Courier". The Journalism class analyzed a copy of the "Catholic Courier".

The cast of a "Question of Clothes" presented the play at the Holy Angels Home on Winton Road February 15.

The Electromatic typing machine was demonstrated to the typing II class on Monday, February 19. The machine was received with great enthusiasm by the students because of the ease with which it is run. Each student had the opportunity to try the machine and test her accuracy and ability.

Forty Hours Devotions

Sunday, February 25.—St. Ambrose, Rochester.
Sunday, March 4.—Fairport; Retsof.

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A joint program, celebrating two of America's foremost statesmen, Washington and Lincoln, was held in St. Saleme's School Auditorium, Ft. Pleasant, February 12. The program consisted of several selections given by pupils of the school.

The eighth grade also presented an original play to honor Longfellow's birthday which occurs in the month of February. This inspired the audience with love for his writings. The poems which the children chose displayed his kindness and love for children. The intermediate grades took part in an old-fashioned dance which was characteristic of Washington's time. "My Flag," an appropriate song, was rendered by the pupils of the primary grades.

It was also the privilege of the teachers and pupils to have with them on this occasion Raymond Griffin, who is in charge of the patrol work in his district. Awards were given to the following pupils for their earnest endeavor in carrying out faithfully the rules and regulations of the patrol: Eileen Lyons, June Link, Donald Stoffel, John Anson, George Hoffman and George Miller.

Jane O'Brien, seventh grade pupil of St. Mary's School, inspired by the wintry blizzards of the last two weeks, penned the following poem, which she brought to the Catholic Courier office for publication in this column.

WINTER The trees lose all their grand display; The dancing leaves end their play; The icy frost in crystals clear Announces the changing of the year.

We bid adieu to color parade, And welcome here the snow brigade.

The country side in whitest hue, Sends O! Man—Winter—along to you.

We put away our best fall clothes, And don our arctics while it snows.

I'm not afraid of the stormy breeze, Let winter come and let it freeze.

Teacher: "Give me a sentence with the word 'wax' in it."
Pupil: "Avaunt what avaut when avaut it."

The Honor Roll for St. Stephen's Grammar School, Geneva, has been announced for the month of January. The following have attained an average of 85%: Eighth grade, Adeline Fahy, Rosemary Kellow, Mary F. Murdock, Patricia Murphy; Seventh grade, Thomas Liggett, Lester McGuire, Richard Walsh, Margaret Chartres, Anna May Rigg; Sixth grade, M. Conners, George Hickey; Fifth grade, Isabel Kelly, Mary Maney, Joyce Murdock; Fourth grade, Mary Jane Roberts; Third grade, Geraldine De-

vaney, Margaret Hamilton, Jean Hennessey, Jane McGready, Arlene O'Malley, Joan Roberts, George Bolser, Charles Dougherty, Francis McCarthy, Robert McCarthy and James McFale.

Susannah De Prez, seventh grade pupil of St. Menet's School sent in a well written account of the Tributes to Abraham Lincoln which took place February 12 at Convention Hall, with school children and city officials participating. Because of lack of space we could not publish it in its entirety.

After returning to stirring addresses by the Rev. William Ryan, Rabbi Philip Bernstein, Bishop Ferris, Mayor Stanton, Theodore Cassau and others, Susannah wrote that she was most impressed by the sincere and earnest tone of Father Ryan's talk on "Lincoln, the Statesman." In closing she stated: "I shall never forget this impressive ceremony of the 125th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln, and I know that although Lincoln has long since passed away his memory shall always linger in the hearts of his countrymen."

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