

GET BEHIND THE "BETTER HOUSING PROGRAM" NOW

MINISTERS ATTEND
Fresno, Calif. (NCWC)—Protestant ministers were among those who attended the Triduum held in St. John's Cathedral here in preparation for the Feast of the Little Flower. Many other non-Catholics were also present.

PLAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
Cleveland—Informal announcement was made here that Cleveland will be host to the National Eucharistic Congress to be held in September, 1935.

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Don Bosco Order For Boy Leaders Is Formed Here

To train and develop leaders in boy work, the Fraternal Order of Don Bosco has just been formed under the auspices of the Diocese of Rochester by the Columbus Club in Columbus Civic Center Building.

Thirty Catholic young men and boys, ages from 14 years up, possessing leadership ability, having good scholastic standing and knowing the life of St. John Bosco comprise the new society.

Formation of the new society was accomplished by James J. Ehmann, Boys' Director, and head of the Physical Department of the Columbus Club. With the cooperation of the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, the Rev. George Vogt and Wilbur E. Quinn, physical director of Columbus Civic Center, Mr. Ehmann has organized this group after extensive preparations.

Aims of the Order as outlined by Mr. Ehmann, this week, are: to volunteer for service in the Columbus Club, to be instructed in boy leadership, to study religion, to study boyology, to develop knowledge of sports, to be trained to oppose forces tending to lower the morals of youth, to imitate St. John Bosco.

Archbishop Mooney at the first meeting of the Fraternal Order of Don Bosco gave an inspiring talk on the life of St. John Bosco and the Salesian Order. The Archbishop voiced approval of the new society saying that he will watch with interest its progress in fostering high ideals among Catholic boys.

Senior executive board of the new group is composed of Father Lambert, Superior; Father Vogt, Spiritual Adviser; Mr. Quinn, Consultant; and Mr. Ehmann, Grand Commander.

Officers elected at the first meeting are: President, Harold Goschke, for three years; Vice-President, Harold Thomas; Secretary, Raynor Green; and Treasurer, Robert Goschke. Honorary offices of Guard and Marshal were given to William Conley and George Simmons. Captains of gym, pool, and order and discipline were elected.

Formal initiation will take place during the month of November.

COLEMBUS

By letterio Farsaci, school boy of Mt. Carmel Parish

How would Columbus feel, what would he say
If he saw the world as it is today? To see buildings rising upward a hundred floors high
On the same lands he had seen as he was sailing by?
To see a motion picture or an aeroplane in the sky?
What would he think if he saw a rotary press
Turning out hundreds of newspapers in a minute or less?
To hear a radio and see a modern streamline train
A great liner sailing swift and smooth through wind and rain
Or to see how television has been made by man's brain?
What would he say to this Revolution of Industry
That has brought labor from the fireside to the factory?
If he saw how a great city became lighted at night
Watched a man measuring a star and giving its light,
Saw him calculate its course, he would blame his sight.

Catholic Schools of Diocese Save State Amount of \$3,717,728

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this ability in singing the parts of the Mass a few times during the year. No greater object lesson or encouragement could be given the students than to have a Benediction service in the afternoon on the First Friday or during Lent or May, when the children can be present to sing the sacred chants. Thus will our classroom instruction prove practical and real.

It has been with great difficulty that our schools have weathered the storms during the last four years. These schools, of course, were established in line with the ideals of the founders of our country who believed that religion forms a vital part of education. These schools are developing principles of patriotism, they are teaching respect for authority, and they are preparing youth for all walks of life.

Now, inasmuch as the State has not provided schools suitable to a large portion of its citizens, it should give assistance in supporting these religious public schools for their secular training and civic service to the commonwealth. Years ago, when employment and money were plentiful, Catholic citizens did not feel so keenly the burden of supporting their own schools along with their share of all public institutions. But things have changed. Money is scarce, though taxes are heavy. Last winter, the State of New York appropriated 101 million dollars for the public schools; and during the special summer session of the legislature, it appropriated over 13 million dollars as an emergency educational relief fund. But not one cent for religious public schools, even though about one fourth of both these appropriations will be paid by the Catholic citizens of the State.

Beulah Bailey, Tax Research Assistant, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, stated in an address, June 10, 1934, "For 1932-1933, the per pupil cost of public education in New York State was determined to be \$111.48. If we had no parochial schools and no private schools, it would mean that 12,366,366 thousand children would have to be educated at public expense, increasing our maintenance expenditures for education by \$1,134,565. It would necessitate an assessed valuation of \$9,626,913,000 to yield this amount of money at a 5 mill tax."

It is not difficult to understand how tremendous is the saving of feeted each year by parochial schools. If the per pupil cost of \$131.48 obtains now, the diocese of Rochester alone is saving the State annually \$3,717,728. A large diocese like Brooklyn, which has nearly 125 thousand children in Catholic schools, saves this commonwealth each year the enormous figure of over 16 million dollars. Anyone who has a sense of fair play will acknowledge that schools, which render such valuable services on the one hand, and save public taxes so much on the other, ought to have aid from the State for maintenance.

Not long ago a Prelate of this State set forth his views on this subject as follows: "The realization of our obligation in this matter is indeed burdensome from a material viewpoint and will always be so until a sense of justice and a spirit of fairness will relieve us of the unethical and indeed un-American imposition of double taxation in supporting our own public religious schools and at the same time contributing and at the maintenance of our community institutions of learning." A tabulation of school registration will appear in the next issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER.

School Sodalties Convention Attracts Over 700 Delegates

Students of Our Lady of Mercy High School were hostesses to over 700 delegates at the Western New York Sodality Conference held at the Columbus Civic Center, October 21. Principal address was given by the Rev. J. Roger Lyons, S. J., from the central office of the Sodality in St. Louis, Mo., who spoke on "The Love of Christ Drives Me On." Father Lyons emphasized the love of Christ and His Mother which should motivate the programs of Catholic Action undertaken by the Sodalties. Open discussion followed.

Speaking on "The Mystical Body" the Rev. Raymond J. Kennedy, S. J., of Canisius College, Buffalo, touched upon the faith and courage of the Catholic. The Rev. Robert Fox, moderator of the Rochester Parish Sodality Union, discussed parish sodality program. Work of the Maryknoll missionaries was described by the Rev. Edward Ball of Geneva.

Miss Beatrice Brown, prefect of Our Lady of Mercy High School Sodality, presided. Representatives attended from Nazareth College, Canisius College, Buffalo; Mercy High School, Auburn, Geneva, Elmira and Buffalo High Schools.

POLAND NOTES ANNIVERSARY
Warsaw, (NCWC)—The 675th anniversary of the death of Blessed Bronislawa who during many centuries has always been greatly revered and loved by the Polish Catholics, is being celebrated this autumn throughout Poland.

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Flush for Pine Trim
Interior pine trim should be perfectly clean and dry before the finishing starts.

Stain the wood with an acid or oil stain; light honey, amber or brown are the easiest colors to handle.

Lightly sandpaper the wood after staining. Then apply a thin coat of orange or white shellac. Paint over the knots with white lead paint and wipe off the paint at once with a cloth. This treatment will give the effect of age.

Rub down the first coat of shellac with steel wool and finish with a second coat.

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DRIVE FOR 'BETTER HOUSING' IN STATE SET FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November will be Better Housing Month in New York State according to Raymond E. Winfield, District Director for the Better Housing Division of the Federal Housing Administration.

According to announcement received today by Mr. Winfield from Julian M. Gerard, New York State Director of the Housing Drive, a concerted effort will be made throughout the state to have home and other property owners immediately start repair and modernization work. Mr. Gerard announced the entire organization of the Better Housing Division for the State concentrating on the drive.

More than 35 local committees are now active in the better housing drive in the Buffalo territory, Mr. Winfield announced, with a total of 270 local committees working in the state.

"With the energies of all of the Community Better Housing Committees concentrated in bringing the possibilities of the National Housing Act to the attention of the public, we feel that employment in the building trades will increase in November even more than in October," Mr. Winfield said in announcing the drive.

Mass meetings, broadcasts and other activities designed to arouse the public will be conducted throughout the state during November, according to present plans.

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Nuns Leave to Found Carmel in New Guinea

Paris—(NCWC) A Carmel, to be founded in New Guinea, will fulfill the long desired wish of Monseigneur de Boissemont of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Issoudun.

The Carmel of Autun in Burgundy with the approbation of the Holy See, in mid-July four nuns to found a Carmel at Yule Island. The Most Rev. Jean Chastagnon, Bishop of Autun, gave them his solemn blessing a few days before they sailed from Marseilles.

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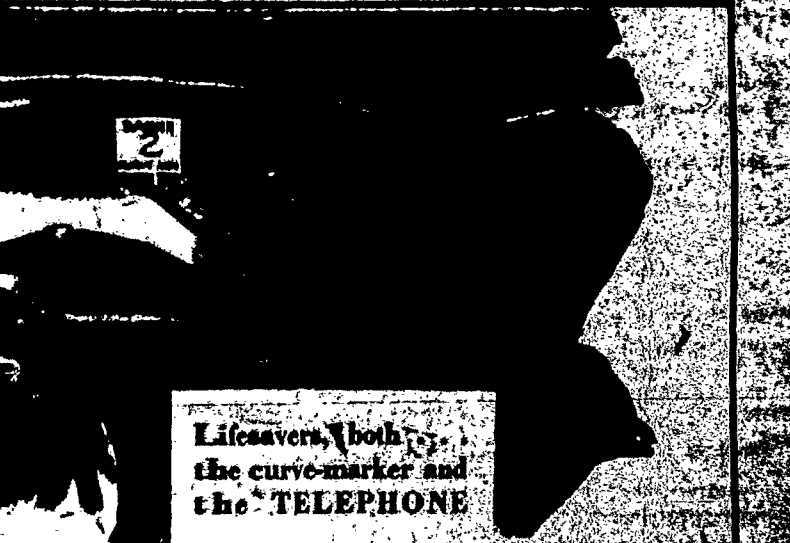


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