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Escape From Flood Seemed Miraculous, Fr. Kelly's Sister of Hammondsport Declares in Relating Experiences

By ALICE ROEHS
A long, nerve-racking night of expectation of horrible death—a night of black darkness made more black by the pale gleam of a single blessed candle; ceaseless deafening roaring of waters from a burst dam and a violent cloud-burst; a long night of earnest supplication of God through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and finally, in the murky dawn, an heroic rescue by four courageous non-Catholics.

Such was the gripping story of the escape from the Southern Tier region to a representative of the CATHOLIC COURIER by Miss Mary Kelly, sister of the Rev. Patrick A. Kelly, pastor of St. Gabriel's Church, Hammondsport, who with Father Kelly and her sister Estella, escaped, seemingly miraculously, from the unleashed and devastating surge of waters.

Miss Kelly, who was brought to Rochester this Tuesday from the desolation of Hammondsport through the kindness of Mr. Leroy Hoyle of the Towle Canning Company, Glenwood Avenue, is at present staying with relatives at 56 Erion Crescent.

It was at midnight that the two sisters became aware of their imminent danger. Quickly they roused Father Kelly who was on the sleeping porch. Scarcely had he left the porch when it was wrenched away by the onrushing waters. The whole lower part of the rectory as well as the sacristy were also torn from their foundations and rushed along in the swirling current.

Miss Kelly showed the COURIER representative the picture of the village of Hammondsport which she had hung by a tack on the outside of the house facing the dam which had burst directly behind the Hammondsport rectory. Behind the picture the frame contained several notes and messages which she had received during the full day of the cloud-bursts as Miss Kelly eloquently described and the glass of the frame had been judged, the coloring of the picture was as fresh as though it were new, and the relics were undamaged.

Another picture, that of Our Lady of Good Counsel, which Miss Kelly explained had come across the water from Genesee, Italy, was another vivid souvenir of a night of grim anxiety. On its surface it still bore several drops of wax from the blessed candle which had been almost the only means of attracting attention to their plight since human voices could scarcely be heard above the clamor of waters and the grinding rocks.

With the picture of Our Lady of Good Counsel in his hands, Miss Kelly related reverently, Father Kelly had spent hour after hour blessing the waters with the sign of the cross, asking the benediction of the Holy Spirit.

Hornell Church Suffers Loss of \$2,000 in Flood

Hornell—Damages amounting to more than \$2,000 were suffered by St. Ignatius Loyola Church as a result of the flood, according to a statement of the Rev. Ignatius X. Cameron, pastor.

The chief damages to the church edifice, which is a new building, not yet opened for worship, were the destruction of the new pews. Father Cameron announced that although only \$1,000 of the \$2,000 bill for the pews had been paid at the time of the flood, it is the intention of the parish to fulfill the obligation of the bill by paying the remainder of the contract price.

Catholic Rural Life Move Founder Tells Aims of Conference
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may induce competent young farmers to be more content with their life.

It is the Bishop's desire, that the farm shall continue for the most part to be of such size and character as to minister to the needs of the single family.

We must set our faces especially against general policies of vast holdings, and its consequent concentration of family-holdings, which have ruined rural populations in the past.

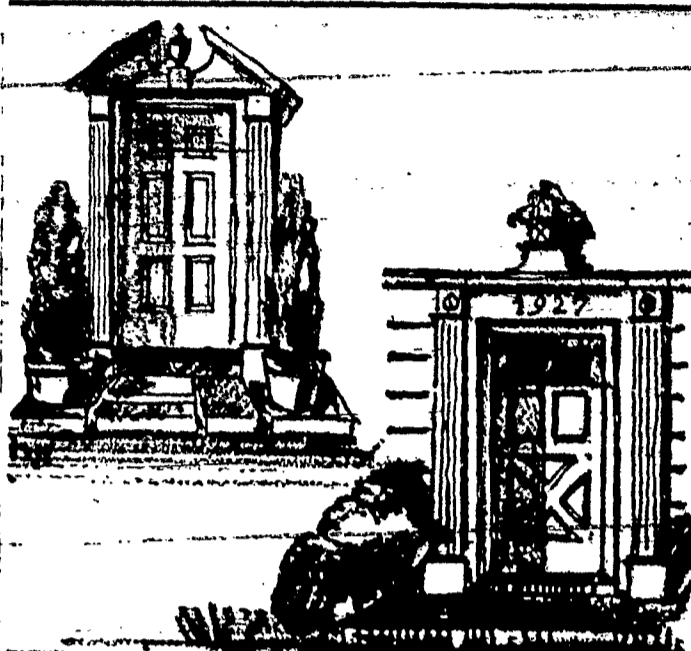
St. Gabriel's Church itself was tilted with muddy water and rocks up to the very steps of the sanctuary, but the altar itself escaped destruction, as did a statue of the Sacred Heart which stood on a slender pedestal in the very pathway of the destructive torrent.

Miss Kelly related, with the aid of the picture, the details of the catastrophe. She described how the Governor visited the stricken valley and pinned two hundred men at night-long work clearing away the debris. The result, she concluded, Miss Kelly said, was that Father Kelly was able to escape one week later at the beautiful little lakeside chapel of St. Gabriel's.

The village of Hammondsport is still in desperate condition, according to Miss Kelly. She spoke in particular of the work of Mr. Claude Jenkins, one of her rescuers, for the alleviation of distress, and that of Mr. Leroy Dowdle of Rochester, brother of Walter Dowdle of Hammondsport, another rescuer.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

by Paul T. Haagen, A.I.A.
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TRY A FEW DOORWAYS
MANY of the older houses have an unattractive entrance door, stoop or porch which greatly detracts from the appearance of the home.

FOUR-H CLUBS JOIN IN BRINGING FHA PROGRAM TO RURAL RESIDENTS
Washington, D. C. Four-H clubs throughout the country are co-operating in presenting the Federal Housing Administration's program to rural residents.

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Urundi King's Uncle Received Into Church
Mugera, Central Africa (N. C. W. C. P. Ides) Ludricko Ndassum, uncle of the present King of Urundi and for several years head of the Native Government and later Chief of a large province, has been received into the Church by the White Fathers April 23. His wife Veronika Mujandi, was baptized the same day.

Beauty Contests At Beaches Scored
Scranton, Pa.—Golfing, sailing, tennis, and other sports, relaxation whole families find in parks and at beaches during the hot summer months.

Barry Memorial Day Proclamation Is Urged
Washington (NCWC)—A joint resolution directing the President to proclaim September 13, of this year, Commodore John Barry Memorial Day, for the observance and commemoration of the completion of Commodore John Barry's service in the American Navy, will be introduced in the House this week by Representative Clare Gerald Penney of Pennsylvania.

The broad, general rule, says a Georgia newspaper, is that a man is about as big as the things that make him mad.