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Cardinal O'Connell's Tribute To K. C. Said 'Deserved' By 'Jesuits' America

The letter which His Eminence, Cardinal O'Connell, recently addressed to Martin H. Carmody, Supreme Knight, will long be cherished, we are sure, by the Knights of Columbus. Fighting is hot work, and the Knights have been strenuously engaged of late, particularly in defending the oppressed Catholics in Mexico. They must see in the Cardinal's courteous and appreciate letter a moral force equal to at least another army marching on the field to support them.

Among many phases of the work of the Knights, the Cardinal singles out their efforts for Catholic Action. Here, writes His Eminence, it has been their "sedulous effort to work under the wise guidance of the ecclesiastical authority," and in this effort they have been so successful that the Vicar of Christ could approve them "as the standard-bearers of Catholic Action." Our times call for men of courage and faith, quick to affirm their devotion to the ideals of government proclaimed by our founding fathers and to dedicate themselves "to the protection of those fundamental and inalienable rights of all men to worship God and to practice their religion." Hence:

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We hope we may be permitted to remark that this splendid tribute from the Cardinal Archbishop of Boston, the dean of the American Hierarchy, is well deserved. We congratulate the Knights, and we know that from this tribute they will gain new energy in their splendid fight for the oppressed Catholics of Mexico. America.

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Along the Sports Horizon

By BILL LANG

Ever and anon the soft spot reserved in my alleged heart for such specimens of downtrodden humanity as umpires and referees bubbles up and overflows.

All of which brings up the strange case of Dolly Stark first umpire to hold out for a salary boost in the entire history of organized baseball.

Stark told President Ford Frick of the National League that he doesn't think a salary of $9,000, plus hotel and traveling expenses is proper compensation for calling 'em as he sees 'em two hours each afternoon from April to September.

Naturally Mr. Frick, who got his start as a newspaper reporter and therefore thinks in terms of low salaries, disagrees with the popular Dolly who set some kind of a record last summer when a grateful fandom presented him with a new automobile.

To the average baseball fan the salary which Stark has been receiving may seem like a king's ransom, but looking at it from other angles it doesn't seem so much. For instance, you must admit that a $9,000 umpire isn't overpaid when his decisions decide baseball championships worth a half million dollars more or less.

Not so many years ago there was a playoff for the Catholic baseball championship of Rochester. An audience of some 1,500 jammed the park and poured approximately $150 into the coffers. What did the umpires get for this important struggle? Just 52.

Umpiring at its best is a cantankerous job. The abuse heaped upon the officials by short-tempered and alleged gentlemen of the diamond is worth infinitely more than any league can afford to pay. The same holds true from the sandlot to the major league diamond.

Therefore I hope Dolly Stark wins his argument. If he does, he'll help make this world a better place in which umpires can live.

From the campus of Cornell "far above Cayuga's waters" goes the dour Scot football mentor, Gil Dobie, to spread his pigskin gospel on the campus of Boston College.

The retirement of Dobie from the football scene at Ithaca was inevitable. For the past few years the student body and alumni have been clamoring for his scalp as team after team finished at the bottom of the collegiate heap.

Exercising the rare racial characteristic of finding another job before quitting, Dobie signed and sealed a contract with B. C. and then resigned at Cornell.

His rise and fall at the Cayuga school is interesting. In the golden days at Cornell when Dobie had such men as Pfann and Kaw, he turned out winning teams on the power drive theory. The Cornell elevens became noted throughout the country for their savage offensive on straight football.

Then came two factors which contributed to Dobie's decline. First the game opened up with the more extensive use of the forward and lateral passes. This in effect nullified some of the Cornell power plays. Then again Dobie's material in recent years has been nothing to write home about. Rather than change his style of play to fit the material at hand, the Scot persisted in his power program. Last season of course Cornell sank to a new low.

What Dobie will do at Boston College is interesting. When the Canny Scot will be able to show the Jesuit players, mostly Irish, a few tricks remains to be seen. Regardless of what happens, there'll be no middle road for Dobie at Boston. He's either going to be a tremendous success or a dismal failure.

Once upon a time (and this is no fairy tale) an Aquinas Alumni team actually took the measure of an Aquinas school team.

It happened some years ago on St. Patrick's night in the spring of 1923. Since then the school teams somehow have managed to take the measure of the aging alumni regardless of who the alumni may be.

In accordance with an old Aquinas custom, the old grads bit the dust again this week in a game which went three extra periods before the school boys gained a 35 to 33 decision.

The alumni showed quite a variety of faces, including the Pellino brothers, Gus and Mike, Joe Kennedy, Jigger Schaad, McMorrow and O'Neill.

Kennedy proved to the populace that he still has an eye for the net by sinking a long one. S[illegible] also contributed a double-decker for the grads.

Mula and Yahn led the school boys to victory with a total of nine baskets.

They're getting [illegible] the Knights of St. John League [illegible] judging from the latest [illegible] which shows only [illegible] in the [illegible] of the six teams. Two of the [illegible] were from the St. [illegible] lineup.

The St. Boniface bowlers won [illegible] games from St. Mauritius, dropping the middle encounter when the opposition piled up a 973 total. Ratzenberger with 575 was high for the winners, while Wendelgass [illegible] tops for the losers.

With two men missing, St. Boniface won two games from [illegible] and lost the third by a mere four pins. Hemple led the winners' attack with 548 while [illegible] Schaefer was high for the losers. In the closest match of the week District Commandery took the first two from SS. Peter's and Paul's in narrow margins and dropped the third by ten pins. Len Bessert banged out a 561 to take high honors for the league [illegible] 532 for the losers.

[illegible] the first [illegible] of the Holy Redeemer [illegible] alleys during the past week [illegible] you could [illegible] call their [illegible] a bowling [illegible]

In the first [illegible] the pin pickers [illegible] recorded [illegible] Thomas of St. [illegible] of H. R. N. A. [illegible]

[illegible] over St. Michael's [illegible] margin between [illegible] contests. The leaders lost one of three to St. John's while St. Michael's swept the series with Corpus Christi.

St. Stanislaus took two of the three games [illegible] easel while Mount Carmel succeeded in winning one of three from St. Boniface.

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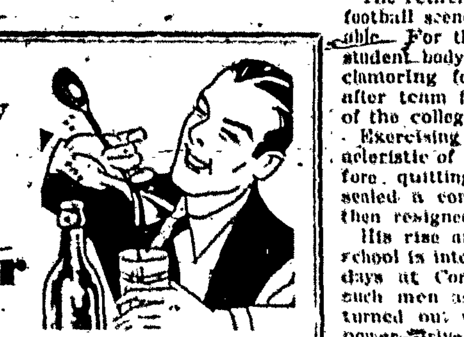

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Knights To Honor Dr. Walter O'Neill

A testimonial dinner in honor of Dr. Walter B. O'Neill who retired last June as Grand Knight of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, after three years in office will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 11, in Columbus Civic Center Building at 7 o'clock.

Present Grand Knight James E. Cuff will preside at the dinner.

Tribute will be paid to Dr. O'Neill for his services in building up the Council membership in inaugurating the Catholic Action work in the Council and in instituting the Columbian Squires, junior organization of the order.

Daniel F. Fitzgerald past grand knight will be toastmaster. High officials of the K. of C. in the Diocese will attend. District Deputy John A. Doyle will be present to represent this district.

Arrangements and reservations for the dinner are being made by Chairman Paul A. Predmore in the K. of C. offices, Columbus Building.

Fourth Degree K. C. To Hold Dinner Party At Powers on Feb. 18

Members of Rochester Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will hold a dinner party in Powers Hotel on Tuesday evening, Feb. 18, at 7 o'clock. Faithful Navigator Otto A. Shults is directing arrangements.

The affair will be [illegible] nature [illegible] Washington. Cyril J. Stert is in charge of speakers and program.

Reservations are being made [illegible] Alphonse [illegible] Frank Quinn, Thomas F. Sharkey, William Zielinski, Joseph [illegible] Fred H. Solis and Florentine V. Stepney.

Installation Banquet Held by St. Mauritius Commandery, Auxiliary

Joint installation of officers of St. Mauritius Commandery No. 9 and Ladies' Auxiliary No. 123 of the Knights of St. John followed by a banquet was held in the club rooms and hall of St. Joseph's Church Sunday afternoon, Jan. 26.

Deputy Mrs. Zita Flanagan installed the following officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 123: President, Margaret Smith; First President, Evelyn Henning; First Vice President, Rose Vollinger; Second Vice President, Mary Williams; Recording Secretary, Edna Winkle; Financial Secretary, Lillian Vogler; Treasurer, Anna Vogler; M[illegible] Hauser; [illegible] Irene McNally; Trustee, Mary Louise Hartle [illegible] [illegible] Gaffney and Beatrice Gaffney.

Lieut. Colonel William Bosset [illegible] and Inspector Edward Brown installed the following officers of Commandery No. 9 of the Knights of St. John: President, Leo Herrmann; First Vice-President, Joseph Kress; Second Vice President, Peter Indelicato; Recording Secretary, Albert Henry; Financial Secretary, Frank Kress Sr.; Treasurer, Arthur Wendelgass; Trustees, Charles Vogler, Henry Murphy, Joseph Wendelgass, Frank Hauser, Sr. and Harry Searle; Captain, Joseph Winder; First Lieutenant, Anthony Wendelgass and Second Lieutenant Frank Heiser, returning to respective offices through unopposed terms.

Spiritual Advisor the Rev. Frederick Nastvogel, Jr., C.S.S.R. and Physician Dr. F. H. Goddard [illegible] installed on both the Commandery and Auxiliary.

Following the installation the banquet was held in the Church Hall; talks were given by the Spiritual Advisor, Father Nastvogel; Toastmaster, Frank Hauser, Sr.; Deputy Mrs. Zita Flanagan; Lieut. Colonel William Rossenbach and Inspector Edmund Braun, Margaret Smith and Leo Herrmann, and the oldest member of the Commandery, George Bauer.

Holy Family Knights, Auxiliary Hold Joint Installation Ceremony

[illegible] of Holy Family Commandery No. 137, Knights of St. John and Ladies' Auxiliary No. 48 [illegible] installation of officers [illegible] Jan. 11 in Holy Family Community Center on Jay Street.

Installations were conducted [illegible] by Major [illegible] Keller [illegible] Commandery and Miss Zita [illegible] for the Auxiliary.

Following the induction an address was given by the Rev. [illegible] chaplain and chaplain of the [illegible] in his parish. After stressing the importance of [illegible] held by the new officers [illegible] of the coming [illegible] of the Knights [illegible] urged as many as possible to attend for the religious and educational value attached to the meeting.

A social hour followed [illegible] Commandery and [illegible] Charles J. Henben of the [illegible] leading in the festivities.

Announcement was made that the Ladies Auxiliary is forming a drill team of 36 members with more on the waiting list. The girls [illegible] every Monday night in command of Captain [illegible] Braun. Through card parties the new drill team has accumulated a good size treasury.

Good Counsel Men's Smoker Arranged

Men's Club of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Brooks Avenue and Genesee Park Boulevard are arranging for a Smoker to be held Friday night, Feb. 14.

The Smoker will be different from any of the [illegible] boxing and wrestling matches [illegible] feature [illegible] attending is promised plenty of action.

The card [illegible] is in the hands of Wilbur F. Quinn, Physical Instructor of Columbus Civic Center [illegible] will be made known later.

Suction fans are being installed now to remove the smoke.

Committees are headed by Chairman George Siedman, assisted by Tickets, William Conley and Marty O'Don; sports director, E. J. Hensington; publicity, Charles H. Roser; prizes, Charles Langworthy; master of ceremonies, Wilbur F. Quinn; music, Sam Chimera; grocery men, Charles Blackburn and Norbert Mensing; reception, William Deverall; ushers, James Ryan.

Power rests in the hands of the people. That's the trouble with it. It rests. Father Gillis.

ISSUE ENCYCLICAL

New York (NC) The recent Encyclical of Pope Pius XI on the Christian Priesthood has been issued by the America Press here in the issue of the Catholic Mind for Feb. 8.

Boys Their Interests

The second half of the Parochial Basketball League will commence on Feb. 9. Schedules will be sent before that date. This half ought to provide better competition. The weaker members of the League are catching on to the tricks of the winning teams. Special mention must be given to the boys of St. Theresa's team. Without a following and losing steadily they fulfilled all their engagements without fail once they walked six miles through snow and cold to play. Many a better team would drive that cold, if they had to walk that distance to keep an engagement and then be swamped by a heavy score.

Camp Stella Maris will hold their annual Pow Wow at Ellison Park on Saturday, Feb. 8. Busses will leave the Columbus Civic Center at 9:30 and return there at 4. Those who wish to use the toboggan slide there must have their parents' written waiver on file either at the County Park office or on the grounds. The two main entertainments will be 'eats' and snow sports. (Word from Grandpa Hezzie says that although his rheumatiz may prevent him from coming there, he may get his father Old Zeke to carry him.)

To [illegible] Parochial Leagues. Basketball is held by St. Monica's. Swimming by Our Lady of Good Counsel. Track by St. Boniface and the Basketball by St. Theresa. Unless something extraordinary happens Holy Redeemer boys will [illegible] the Basketball Trophy. The next contest will be a Track Meet. It will be some time in March if plans now under way mature. The Track Meet will be indoors. The swimming Meet will be during Easter Week vacation.

There has been good progress [illegible] the Basketball League through the good work of the Don Bosco Club [illegible] Rel McDonald. The Baseball League [illegible] The Swimming Meet is expected to [illegible] (you were there last year [illegible] packed the balcony [illegible] swimmers and spectators [illegible]

building large enough to hold this Track Meet indoors. Anyone [illegible] difficulty?

In [illegible] of Catholic pupils in Public High schools has been [illegible] during the past week. An Outline of matter suitable for these instructions has been sent to the priests. These outlines are good in content but weak in method. Above all these "study clubs" for Public School pupils must be strong in interest. These pupils do not have to go to these classes as the grammar school children are obliged to go. In many cases it would be better to sacrifice a little content to get a more interesting approach.

The two most important points in instructing Public High School pupils today are evolution and primitive man. Here [illegible] outside of the Church usually go astray. They make evolution try to explain away creation and make primitive man an ape. And if these two points are cleared in the mind of a pupil what [illegible] such as the Divinity of Christ. In our opinion these [illegible] ought to be repeated two or three times a year [illegible]

[illegible] A [illegible] garage [illegible] days [illegible] first day [illegible] picked there every day [illegible] the thirtieth day the number [illegible] On what day was the garage half full?

[illegible] two men [illegible] The first said to the second "[illegible] I shall have twice as many as you." Said the second to the first "If you give me one of your sheep we shall have the same amount." How many sheep did they have?

Chicago CYO Conducts Radio Dramatic Tests

Chicago (NC) The Catholic Youth Organization has entered the field of radio, offering a "chance for boys and girls with a flair for drama" to compete for a place in regular radio programs.

The Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, director and founder of the CYO is the sponsor of this newest method of expansion. The first auditions were held January 28 to 29.

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