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Knights of Equity St. Patrick's Day Speaker Announced

The Rev. William P. Ryan of the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary will be the speaker for the St. Patrick's dinner of the Knights of Equity to be held at Powers Hotel, Tuesday evening, March 17, it is announced by Worthy Sir Knight, Leo F. Zeller.

Another guest of honor will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay of St. Patrick's Cathedral. The invocation will be given by the Rev. Roy B. Murphy, Chaplain.

Music will be furnished by a well-known Rochester orchestra.

General chairman Daniel J. Mulcahy has appointed a ticket committee of 50. Tickets may be procured from any of the committee or the Board of Trustees which includes: Michael T. Ryan, Patrick J. Mackey, Patrick J. Kavanaugh, James Mulcahy, Jr., and Joseph Clinton.

The Knights of Equity are planning an outstanding event in honor of Ireland's patron saint, the committee states.

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Along the Sports Horizon

By BILL LANG

In this business, as in all others, the customers always write. Generally they take pen in hand to air a pet peeve. Some are after information about this and that and others are downright provocative of serious thought. The following missive no doubt falls in that last class because it touches on a subject with which we are coming face to face as the month of March rolls around again.

Without tending to express my opinion one way or the other, I present this letter hoping it may set others to thinking on the same subject. They also are cordially welcome to present their views as space permits. The missive follows. For obvious reasons the writer has requested that his name be witheld.

Dear Bill:

The baseball fever is sweeping up from the south and in another six weeks or so, we'll be answering the "play ball" orders for 1936.

I happened to hear your speech on the future of Catholic baseball in Rochester at the banquet tendered to the Holy Rosary champions last fall and it has set me to thinking more than once during the past winter.

You implied in that speech that Catholic baseball will die a natural death unless it is stimulated by wider interest among the men and young men of our city parishes. I believe you said that a Catholic softball league has been in existence continuously for the past five or six years with various degrees of success.

I don't know on what you based your rather pessimistic conclusions but it seems to me that there should be enough activity among the younger men of the city parishes to produce a league in which interest would be sustained throughout the spring and summer months.

I've been told that there is opposition in some quarters to playing these games on Sunday mornings. Although I personally don't see any harm in them I suppose those who are opposed to the time feel that they are justified in their stand.

Then again its seems that there is no balance of strength. Most of the first class players are together on a few teams with the result that the race generally narrows down to two or three outfits with a resulting drop in general interest early in the season.

Have you ever tried limiting a team to players who actually live within the confines of the parish which the team represents? That would certainly result in a partial breakup of concentrated strength.

Are these teams, representing the various parishes, directly responsible to some priest or layman in authority in each parish or is no special interest shown in the team by responsible persons?

It's a rather sad commentary on the clubs and various organizations in the Rochester parishes if they can't put a high class league of at least eight teams in the field each year. Certainly something is radically wrong.

If they're going to start something again this year and I sincerely hope they do why not get started off on the right foot? Can't there be a general round table meeting of priests, parish representatives and players to thresh out this matter to the satisfaction of everyone concerned? If proper action is taken at the start, I feel sure that the league affairs will be in a happier state during the playing season.

I would like to hear the views of others on this subject, especially those who have had experience in managing or directing one of the clubs in the league during past seasons. I feel that this matter is too important to drop without at least trying.

Yours in sport,
F. J. N.

It seems that everyone but the New York City sports writers are convinced that Notre Dame has a pretty good basketball team.

Of course, if the Irish should happen to move their center of operation from South Bend to Manhattan, then there would be an immediate change of heart for, in the opinion of these sports writers, nothing defiled represents that city in athletic competition of any kind.

A typical example of the New York viewpoint is voiced by one Michael J. Foster, sports scribe on an evening paper in that city. When N. D. (Before Notre Dame), the scribes were buying Olympic tickets for N. Y. U. They had to stop that when the Ramblers shrunk the Violets into national insignificance.

The writing boys, far from discouraged then looked around for a new horse and promptly trotted out Long Island University with a record thirty two straight victories over such outstanding teams as George Washington, the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy and others.

Mr. Foster explains away the N. Y. U. defeat by Notre Dame in these words:

"The Nomads looked like the proverbial million dollars at the expense of the Violets but the fact remains that the Irish caught the Cannoners in a slump."

Naturally, any team that hits Notre Dame this year appears to be in a slump.

Mr. Foster then concludes:

"Our pick for the leader in the chase after the national college court crown which New York U won so handily in 1935 only to have it knocked off its head this month is that same L. I. U. quintet which made a good George Washington five look bad. If they ever meet Notre Dame in the Olympics stick with the Blackbirds (L. I. U.) They've not only got as much drive as the Irish but lots more class."

I wonder where the New York boys were hiding this overnight wonder from L. I. U. while they were ballyhooing N. Y. U. all over the map. Probably the team's just their ace in the hole and they're certainly in the hole.

Incidentally, Mr. Foster picked N. Y. U. to defeat Notre Dame.

But in the fact of it all, Notre Dame continues to win and Johnny Moir remains the collegiate sensation of the nation.

In scuttling the Pitt Panthers over the weekend, Notre Dame saw Moir establish a new scoring record with 25 points. His total for the season in twenty games thus far is 219, an average of nearly eleven points a game. He has broken every Notre Dame school record and he's only a sophomore.

The team record now stands at eighteen victories, one tie and one defeat in twenty games.

Holy Redeemer's held their five game margin in the Catholic Bowling League with a double decision over Blessed Sacrament while their arch-rivals from St. Michael's did the same against St. John's. Six weeks of bowling remain.

In the other matches, St. Stanislans won two from St. Boniface and Corpus Christi took a pair from Mount Carmel.

President Barney Cahill topped the league's performers for the week with a fine 685. Hunk Utter had 621 while Hazel had 609 for the only other 600 scores in the circuit.

Secretary Howie Denk is looking for a recipe for strikes. With but one miss and one chop the best Howie could do was 466 this week to follow up on his 481 of last week. The way things are going, Howie isn't looking for a 600. He'll be mighty thankful to get back in the 500 class.

Although three weeks of bowling remain St. Boniface has all but clinched the pennant in the Knights of St. John League with a substantial lead over St. Mauritius.

This week the Bonnies won two of three from the Cathedral-St. Michael's combination. Johnny Welter was high with 552 while Bill Ryan had 494 for the losers. St. Eustace took three from the District Commander with Joe Heinzle shooting 639 to bring his season's average to 186 and practically clinching the individual honors for the year. Al Bossert with 566 headed the District Commandery.

St. Mauritius won three from St. Peter's and Paul's Commandery. Joe Kress' 558 was high for the winners against a 547 for Johnny Papineau. In a postponed tilt, District Commandery took two from the Cathedral-St. Michael's quint. Johnny Schnorr had 554 against Bill Ryan's 565.

Fr. John LaFarge Slated To Speak To Social Workers

Remaining over in Rochester after the public meeting to be sponsored Sunday by the St. Peter Claver Society, the Rev. John LaFarge, S. J., associate editor of America and authority on interrace problems will address the Social Workers Club at a dinner meeting Monday evening, March 2 in the Sibley Tea Room.

Father LaFarge will discuss "Inter-Racial Relationships." He will be presented by the Rev. Dr. Walter A. Foery, pastor of Sacred Heart Church and director of Rochester Catholic Charities. Part of the usual question period will be devoted to a discussion of "Communism," because of the speaker's authoritative knowledge of the subject.

Arrangements for Father LaFarge's address to the Social Workers Club were made through the Rev. Francis B. Burns of St. Bernard's Seminary faculty.

Reservations for the dinner may be made with Mrs. Wirard at the Board of Education, Main 2600.

Spirit of Colonists Extolled by Msgr. Shay At 4th Degree Dinner

"All that our fathers fought for is being placed in jeopardy today simply because liberty is taken for license," declared the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles Shay, pastor of St. Patrick's Cathedral, in an address given at the 26th annual dinner of Rochester Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus held in Powers Hotel Ballroom Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Pointing out that Washington was a man who sensed his duty not alone to his fellow-men but to God, Monsignor Shay urged the assembly to "catch the spirit of the early colonists who saw their duty and did it."

Emmett O'Brien spoke in defense of the present status and powers of the Supreme Court. "Only one Constitution is older than that of the United States," said the attorney, "and it is that of Mount Sinai, the Ten Commandments." Mr. O'Brien concluded with a quotation from Daniel Webster's plea for an independent judiciary as a necessity for upholding any real government and constitution.

Otto A. Shults, Faithful Navigator, heads the roster of officers of Rochester Assembly, Fourth Degree. On the committee arranging the dinner meeting were the following: William J. Woerner, Faithful Captain; chairman of arrangements; Cyril Stall, toastmaster; Alphonse Klem, dinner; Clarence Lafink, tickets; Charles Raymond, entertainment.

Holy Name Society In Holy Family Parish Sets Meeting March 1

The monthly meeting of the Holy Name Society of Holy Family Church will be held Wednesday evening March 4 immediately following Church services.

An interesting program of entertainment in keeping with the Lenten season has been planned. All men of the parish are welcome.

The following committee has been appointed to take charge: Edward Denysetl, Frank White, George Slemmer, Anthony Hettle, Simon Vizi, Joseph Rumserett, Thomas Reem, John Stall, Raymond Gotter, William Otto, Walter Kalin, Barney Connolly, James Wolcott, Thomas Lynch, Francis Whitley and Robert Buddington.

Funeral Services Held For Joseph L. Gallagher

Funeral services for Joseph L. Gallagher 63, who died Monday, Feb. 17 were conducted Thursday morning, Feb. 20 from the home, 463 Birr St. and from Holy Rosary Church.

Mr. Gallagher was a native of Toronto and came to Rochester 43 years ago. For the past 40 years he had been employed by the Lawyer's Co-operative Publishing Company in the binding department.

Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Walter A. Foery. In the sanctuary were the Rev. Joseph M. McDonnell, the Rev. William K. Wheaton, the Rev. William J. Naughton and the Rev. Eugene Golden.

Surviving are his widow, Clara Klem Gallagher; three sons, Donald and Neil of Rochester, and Robert of Batavia; five brothers, Samuel, William and John of Rochester, James of Syracuse and Charles of Albany.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where the final blessing was given by Father Wheaton.

Boys Their Interests

PAROCHIAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Last Week's Results

Nazareth Hall won over St. Theresa's School by forfeit.

Holy Redeemer School won over St. Mary's Boys' Home.

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The summaries of these games as well as the high lights of the league during the season will be printed in next week's issue of the Courier.

TRACK MEET COMING: In announcing the Parochial Track Meet for some time in March we feel that we are fixing a date of some importance. Heretofore, the Track Meet has been outdoors and has been sandwiched in between dates for the Parochial Baseball League. Now we are going to have the Meet indoors if it can possibly be arranged. 'Red' McDonald, who has done such a fine job on the Basketball League, has shouldered the burden of making arrangements. Although there are many difficulties in the way we feel that he will succeed.

Over St. Boniface way, boys can be seen running and jumping. Neighbors in the know, smile and opine that the parish boys will again carry away the Track Pennant which so gracefully adorns their school at the present time. Reports have come from other schools that practice is about to commence in both the sprints and the long distance runs. Holy Redeemer boys, so successful this year in the Basketball League announce that they intend to use their speed on the courts in the coming Meet. Get going, boys!

From Camp authorities comes that important announcement of the tuition this summer at Stella Maris. The price (unless some thing unusual occurs in food prices) will again be $8.00 a week. This enables even a thin pocketbook to enjoy a good vacation. Such a low price is only made possible by the Social held in August at the Camp and the Card Party to be held this year a week or two after Easter.

According to a National Report Catholic Scouting has increased during the last two years by about 100 troops. There are now 2317 Catholic Troops in the U.S.A. This "Boys' Interests Column" also recorded honorable mention in the Report on Rochester Scouting for giving information on the doings of Catholic Troops (True, but we would report much more if the information were sent in to us.)

Facts: Soviet Russia (dear peaceful Russia) has twice the number of soldiers under arms as warlike Italy. This does not look as though the peasants liked the State Socialism of the Soviet regime. Mexico, although parading under Soviet banners and although recently observing Red holidays as national celebrations, is not Red in politics, we are told. (The Red is probably the blood of martyrs.) Spain has gone Left (that is radical or Red). Now they are burning Churches again. It is always a mystery how people can think a party can captain their ship of State in troubled waters. (Socialist party believes in shipwreck as a matter of principle. As the Red victory was quite decisive, we might ask where the Catholic Spaniards were.) In Germany the Church is the victim of the dictatorship state. The Church is not allowed to present her case to the public. Both pulpit, radio, and newspaper are carefully censored. How can the Church hope to win when the Catholic people cannot find out what the Church wishes them to do? We Catholics in America ought to learn from these tactics.

While we have not yet heard the results of the CATHOLIC COURIER Poster contest, we hasten to assert that this feature was almost as fine in achievement as the increase of interest in the Catholic Press. Our Parochial schools do not foster such artistic expression enough, nor do they realize how valuable such work can be both in aiding individual talent and in impressing a religious lesson. In general teachers do too much work in the classroom, and if they delegate work, and this is especially true of religious instruction, it is usually hard, uncreative type. Any boy or girl who blended in a poster has had engraved on mind and heart a lesson that will not soon be forgotten. More Poster Contests!

Catholic Information Society Extends Its Activities To Canada

Narberth, Pa. (NC) The Catholic Information Society of Narberth, Pa., which seeks to spread the knowledge of Catholic teaching and practice by the dissemination of literature dealing with Catholic principles and belief, has extended its work to Canada, according to an announcement made here.

The informative pamphlets of the Society, it is stated, are now being mailed monthly by the Catholic Women's League of Canada, Our Lady of the Lake Sub-Division, to a selected list of 200 non-Catholic residents of Windsor, Ontario.

Religion For Youth Urged In Senate

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important contributing factor to the development of juvenile delinquency."

Senator Copeland: "I should like to reply at length to what the Senator from Massachusetts has suggested."

Senator Walsh: "Possibly at this time I should not have opened up the subject, because it is one that goes quite far but I feel sure the Senator from New York and I are in accord regarding it and that the sooner our State governments find a satisfactory method of providing for religious training and education that will meet the needs of the various religious organizations, the better will be the future citizens of the Nation."

Tribute to Catholic Schools

Senator Copeland said there can be no doubt that the first responsibility for character and behavior lies in the home" and added that "the next responsibility as I see it, rests upon the church." The great Church to which the Senator from Massachusetts belongs," he continued, "has always made much of religious instruction in the home and in the schools attached to the churches. I am sorry the same system is not used by all denominations; but, generally speaking the influence of the church over the individual child is confined to one hour a week. That hour the child spends up Sunday School.

"The other body which has to do with the education for character, not in character, but for character is the school system. I do not care whether it is the public school system or a parochial school system, or what the system may be. The school system has charge of the child for 25 or 30 hours a week as against the one hour during which the church has supervision of the child. As I see it there must be placed upon the schools of the country a larger degree of responsibility in the training of children and in their education for character than there has been in the past."

Then, turning again to the introduction of his bill Senator Copeland said it is only by the solemn consideration of the leaders of thought in America, as I see it, that we can hope to elevate the standard of character and behavior among the youth of our country.

Cabinet Department Opposed

The committee of the American Council on Education," he continued, "asks as a first step toward this end as I have already said that a hearing be called upon the bill for the creation of an Education, Welfare and Law Committee. It invites national discussion both by the general public and the professions, of the proposals that it is presenting. It urges that through this new committee a continuing investigation of crime and criminal tendencies be carried on. It believes this will promote an unceasing interest in crime prevention and crime control, and focus attention upon the needful improvements in education and in the advancement of the general welfare.

"It is not contemplated by any stretch of the imagination that there should be provided a Department of Education or a Cabinet member who shall devote himself to education. For myself I have believed that if there is one thing the States have done fairly well it is in the matter of education. Therefore it is not in that direction that we turn the attention of the Senate."

The bill provides for a committee composed of the two ranking members of the majority political party and the two ranking members of the minority political party on the Senate Committee on Education and Labor and of the House Committee on education. The committee would be authorized to make such investigations pertaining to education welfare and law as may be assigned to it by the Congress, assemble and correlate the testimony of experts in connection with such investigations, report to the Congress or to the appropriate committee thereof the results of and the findings of fact with respect to the investigation assigned to the committee together with its recommendations for legislation to facilitate voluntary co-operation with its recommendations for legislation to facilitate voluntary co-operation with the Congress by chartered universities, colleges, public schools, non-profit-making organizations of professional men and women, philanthropic institutions, research bodies, patriotic societies, non-profit-making service agencies, and citizens, and to continue certain investigations already authorized by Congress.

The chairman of the committee would have the power to issue subpoenas, and an advisory board of three members to function until January 3, 1941 would be provided for with salaries not exceeding $12,000 a year for each member.

CRITICISM

He who fears criticism is hopeless. Only those who do things are criticised. The idler is lost sight of in the march of events, but the doer is watched and criticised. To hesitate for fear of criticism is cowardly and loses the battle while the doers march on to victory and triumphs. If your cause is right, be not afraid of criticism; advocate it, expound it, and if need be, fight for it. Critics always have been and always will be, but to the strong-minded they are a help rather than a hindrance. As the horse spurts forward when prodded with the spur, so the doers forge ahead under the lash of criticism. Stand for that which is good, be a doer, not a drone, look the world in the face and let the critics criticize.—Thomas Jefferson.

STUDY CLUBS NEARING 200

Auburn: At a special leaders' meeting held in Holy Family Auditorium Monday, Feb. 24 conducted by Miss Miriam Marks, final reports as to the progress of the Study Club Movement in the Auburn Deanery were given. From a tabulation of these reports it was found that one hundred and sixty-two study clubs are now in operation with the prospect of several more being started within a week. This report did not include the work being done in Ithaca, Trumansburg and Groton.

It is expected when these reports are in that the number of clubs in the Deanery will exceed two hundred. All of these clubs have already had at least one meeting and those of them two Much enthusiasm and commendation has been expressed by all those engaged in the study club work.

The report for the Deanery is as follows:

St. Aloysius	10 clubs
St. Alphonsus	20 clubs
St. Francis	15 clubs
St. Mary's	23 clubs
St. Hyacinth's	15 clubs
Holy Family	35 clubs
St. John's—Clyde	15 clubs
St. Patrick's—Aurora	4 clubs
St. Patrick's—Moravia	7 clubs
St. Ann's—Owasco	3 clubs
St. Michael's—Montezuma	4 clubs
St. John's—Port Byron	4 clubs
St. Mary's—King Ferry	4 clubs
St. Joseph's—Weedsport	5 clubs

Italian Government Honors Two Cardinals In Rome

Vatican City (NC) Two members of the Sacred College of Cardinals have just been honored by the Italian Government.

His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, has been named to receive the Grand Cross of the Colonial Order of the Star of Italy. His Eminence Carlo Cardinal Sibotti, formerly Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith has been named to receive the decoration of Commander of this same Order.

GIVEN HIGH RANK

Akron, Ohio (NC) The Rev. James J. O'Brien, C.S.C. vice-president of St. Edward's University, this week received word from the War Department in Washington that he has been promoted from the rank of Major to that of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserve Corps.

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