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Fourth Degree K. C. Meet Set March 26

Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus, will meet Thursday evening, March 26 in the Fourth Degree rooms, Columbus Civic Centre Building at 8:30 o'clock.

Faithful Navigator Otto A. Shults will preside. A speaker in the series of talks on the workings of government will be presented by Cyril J. Staud, chairman of the Americanization Committee.

Montreal U. Honors Conductor of Opera

Montreal—(NC)—Wilfrid Pelletier, conductor of the Metropolitan Opera Association of New York and musical director of l'Association des Concerts Symphoniques de Montreal, was honored by the University of Montreal with the degree of doctor of music.

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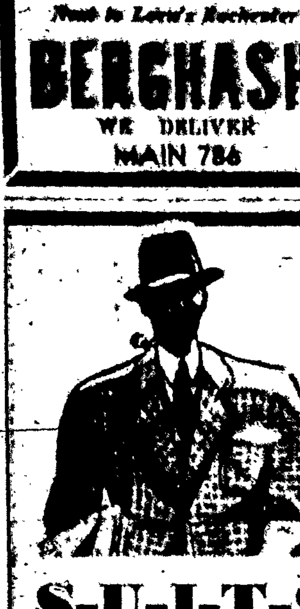

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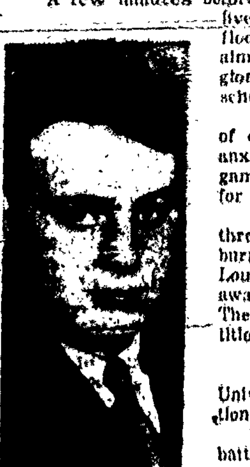
By BILL LANG



Ten years ago this week, a half dozen high school boys walked down Main Street in the midnight gloom, tears welling in their eyes. A few minutes before news of the bitterest tragedy in their young lives had winged its way across the wires from the floor of Loyola University gymnasium where their alma mater was battling for national basketball glory in the third annual national Catholic interscholastic tournament.

These boys had been part of a milling crowd of court-crazed fans which blocked Main Street anxiously awaiting news flashes of that final game between Aquinas and Xavier of Louisville for the national crown.

Entering the last quarter Aquinas held a three-point lead. Then came the final flash which burned itself into the memories of those boys: Louisville 16, Aquinas 14. The crowd melted away like snow under the heat of a midday sun. The boys who hoped and prayed for that vaunted title were left alone in their youthful sorrow.

At this very moment on that same Loyola University gym floor, the thirteenth annual national Catholic tournament is underway.

Thirty-two teams from nineteen states are battling for that crown which slipped from Aquinas' grasp by the narrowest of margins on that fateful March night ten long years ago.

And peculiarly enough the eyes of the nation are focused on that same Xavier team from Louisville, again acting in the role of champions defending the title they won last year. This year the Kentucky boys have averaged better than thirty points throughout the season.

Aquinas isn't represented although the school boasts of its best basketball team since that mighty 1925-1926 aggregation. With fifteen wins in sixteen starts, Our Lady of Victory of Lackawanna is at the tournament as the "western New York champion."

St. Mary's of Dunkirk also is carrying the colors of New York State.

This year's entry list is classed as the most representative in six years including a large representation from the central states, ten eastern quints, four southern and five from west of the Mississippi River.

A hot pre-tourney favorite is the quint from St. Joseph's at Huntington, West Virginia. Averaging thirty-three points a game, these boys have won 28 consecutive games this year after finishing last season with 20 in a row, a record of forty-three consecutive victories.

Florida is sending up its St. Paul team from Jacksonville, state champions for three years with a record of 837 points in 25 games this season. Spalding Institute of Peoria, Ill., an Aquinas rival of the olden days, is carrying the title of state champions of Illinois into the fray.

On its record St. Francis of Council Bluffs, Iowa, has one of the best teams with 1128 points in 28 games, or an average of more than 43 points a game.

The Indian sensations from St. Francis Mission, St. Francis S. D., are back, boasting of a 37 point-per-game average. Other outstanding teams include St. Mary's of Walsenburg, Colo.; St. Mary's of Anderson, Indiana, state champions; Catholic High of Baton Rouge, La.; Cathedral High of Springfield, Mass., with twenty-three straight wins; St. John's Academy of Jamestown, N. D., first team from that state to compete in the tourney; Aquinas of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Columbia Academy of Dubuque, Iowa, State champions.

The Loyola tourney has long since been recognized as the outstanding national conference of top notch scholastic teams. Year after year the best teams in the nation have been pitted against each other with results that have thrilled the sporting world. This year, more than ever, looks like the "tops" in outstanding national competition.

Perhaps, too, the day will soon dawn when another Aquinas team takes the floor in an attempt to bring that national crown to Rochester.

The Catholic baseball question is agitating the widest discussion that has been accorded this subject in recent years.

Managers and players who have been out of contact with the league for several years are making inquiries as to possible plans for the season, etc.

The four time champions from Holy Rosary are just waiting the word to go.

Cathedral and Immaculate Conception, the teams which furnished the champs with their strongest opposition last year also are ready to step into the swim again.

Clem Bayer of CYMA came forth with the announcement this week that he will field a team, if and when.

Augie Maier, a past president of the league, called in to say that he sees possibilities of an entry from Our Lady of Perpetual Help if certain conditions are met.

It probably wouldn't require a great amount of persuading to stir up the baseball fires in that hotbed of softball, Dutchtown where the Holy Family team holds forth.

The general conclusion seems to be that any definite action should await the outcome of a conference of responsible members of the clergy and laity to discuss the softball policy in Catholic sporting circles.

If and when such a conference will be held remains to be seen.

Meanwhile plans are being pushed to give Rochester what may prove to be an overdose of softball before September rolls around.

Practically every league in existence last season has reorganized. One circuit will play night games exclusively under the Kodak Park arcs. The East Side League has sent out its first call.

The prize ball players are being snatched up with reckless abandon and any youngster possessing special ability in the softball game can secure himself of sports clothes for the summer season by judicious affiliations with the various teams.

The Catholic Bowling League pennant chase is down to the wire.

With a lead of seven games Holy Redeemers swept the series with St. Stanislaus last week to add another game to their margin over St. Michael's with only nine games left to be rolled. St. Michael's lost one to Mt. Carmel.

It figures up this way: to win the pennant by one game, St. Michael's must win those remaining nine games while HRAA loses every game. If the league leaders win two games and lose seven while St. Michael's win all nine, HRAA wins the pennant by one game.

In the other matches of the week, St. Boniface won three from Corpus Christi and the St. John's boys took the Blessed Sacrament team into camp three times.

Only three 600 totals were turned in by the boys. Herb Scheuch had 632 and Weber 618 on the HRAA team while Tony Jackman of Blessed Sacrament had 607 including a high game of 235.

Holding a lead of eight and one-half games, St. Boniface Commandery finished the Knights of St. John League season a winner by a wide margin.

St. Mauritius finished second, St. Eustace third; District Commandery, fourth; Cathedral-St. Michael's, fifth, and Ss. Peter & Paul's-St. Bernard's, sixth.

Joe Heinzle took down individual honors with 189.61 with Johnny Welter's 181 a second. W. Dick's 266 game was high for the year while his three game total of 691 also was high.

The champs ended the season by losing two of three games to St. Eustace with Joe Heinzle spilling the wood for 612. Jake Hall had 632 for the champs. Cathedral-St. Michael's won three from Ss. Peter and Paul's while St. Mauritius took two from the District Commandery.

I hope that the bad breaks this year will not deter the league officers from reorganizing for the 1936-1937 season. The Knights of St. John League has come to mean quite a bit in the Catholic sporting cycle in Rochester.

A free country is one in which 130 million people dread being dragged into war by one man.—Lynchburg News.

Boys Their Interests

EXTRA! EXTRA! Get your blanks for the Parochial Swimming Meet to be held during Easter Week! It was big last year, this year it will be bigger. See the trick dives and stunts! Enter your school in the contest and see if you cannot carry off the bacon! The Pennant is now held by Our Lady of Good Counsel parish. It has been there for two years. Will anyone take it away from them? No cost to enter the meet.

And then the Baseball League! This opens the last week in April or the first week of May. Get ready now. Don't wait and beg for time the last minute. See the pastor now to determine whether you are coming into the League. The entry fee is $10.00 which is used to run the League, pay for stationery, pay umpires, and send the winning team to Camp Stella Maris for one week. Get your pitchers warmed up over the Easter vacation. Don't forget that those first few games are important. Word comes from St. Monica's that they have been in training for weeks trying to get a winning combination on that battery. They seem determined to keep that pennant another year.

While some parishes only partake in one sport in the Parochial Leagues we would like to see them in all the sports. At times, they lack numbers of skilled players but we hope they do not only play to win. Serious consideration is being given to a request to publish the number of available boys in the different schools that partake in the Leagues. Schools with large registrations have a much better chance of course to win; this should be taken into consideration when honors are given out.

We wish to thank the park officials for the splendid cooperation given in connection with the Parochial Track Meet. Indeed we have always found the Park and Playground authorities more than anxious to cooperate with the Baseball, Track, etc. Leagues. Returns from the Track Meet will come in too late to be published this week. From appearances we are going to have a well attended meet.

We constantly hear accusations that certain Catholic speakers are Communists or are advancing Communistic ideas. To those accusing we ask two questions. How much do you know about Communism? How many books have you read on the subject? Secondly, Do you know your own mother the Catholic Church was founded by One who scourged the rich [illegible] and priests and befriended the Magdalens and outcasts? Do you know that the Church converted the Roman world by her befriending and fighting for the poor? Don't surrender to the enemy the glory of the Christian Church: love for the poor and unfortunate.

WHY BEGIN?

Character development begins in our first years and continues throughout life. The secret of character is the formation of good habits which by their very existence exclude bad habits. It is in our earlier years when we are not set in our ways and when we are susceptible to various influences that pay upon us that we form modes of conduct and thought that tend more and more to become fixed and therefore habitual.

Good habits exclude their opposites, bad habits, just as bad habits if we allow them to take hold of us have the effect of excluding good habits.

Life is a continual process of self development. As we succeed in forming good habits, industriousness, reliability, truthfulness, patience, and so forth it becomes increasingly easier to go on from one success to another just as, if we allow ourselves to drift along, we form habits of aimlessness that tend to perpetuate themselves so that we go from one failure to another. This is expressed in the old sayings, so deeply true that nothing succeeds like success and nothing fails like failure.

Of course the process of forming good habits is not an easy one. But neither can it be said that the process of forming bad habits is easy. For in the latter case our sense of not doing our best plagues us constantly with dissatisfaction and unhappiness. The more we drift the more dissatisfied we become, until or unless we reach a point where we no longer care and that indeed would be a hopeless state.

On the other hand, good habits give us a sense of self-mastery, of self-respect, a zest for living that carries us along to further achievement. Life becomes wonderfully worthwhile. A quiet happiness pervades our being. Why, then, should anyone lack the little energy and initiative that is needed to start one's self on the right road, since good habits bring in their train so many blessings?

Let us take the habit of drinking—a bad habit. It is a matter of common observation, I think, that children almost without exception loathe the taste of alcohol, whether it be in the form of beer, wine, brandy or whiskey. A taste for alcoholic drinks must be acquired by repeated experience. Sometimes the taste is never acquired and though such a person may drink in later years it is probably true that he will never become a drunkard. On the other hand it is generally true, I think, that most of us have a ready faculty for acquiring a taste for liquor.

Now people drink for various reasons. Any person who drinks more than moderately does so because of some maladjustment, some sense of failure or unhappiness and his immoderate drinking is the very thing that will undermine his physical constitution and his mental faculties and so increase his misery. Once begun the habit of immoderate drinking is like a snowball—it gathers momentum undermining resistance and self-respect.

Charles Lamb the English essayist, was a victim of immoderate drinking and he cried out against it: "Oh, if a wish could transport me back to those days of youth, when a draught from the next clear spring could slake my thirst, how gladly would I return to thee, pure element, the drink of children and childlike, holy hermit!"

If one cannot be abstemious about drinking, one should not drink at all. G. K. Chesterton has said somewhere that he should fear greatly to abuse wine, since wine is a gift of God. Charles Lamb said that he was unable to find a middle ground between total abstinence and excess. It was either one or the other. There are doubtless many like him, and for such a one the stern command to self is: Drink not. On the other hand, for the young man who has neither formed the taste nor the habit of drinking it is better that he never do so. It is so easy, under such circumstances, to refrain. Why begin?

(NCWC FEATURES)

The wealth that "doesn't bring happiness" is the wealth added to what you have when you have all you need.—Dayton Journal.

LENTEN PLAY AT AQUINAS

"As It Was in the Beginning," a new Lenten play is to be presented by the Dramatic Club of the Aquinas Institute on Passion Sunday night, March 29, Tuesday night, March 31 and Palm Sunday night, April 5.

The cast includes: Murray Zeller, Jerry Flynn, Edward Keenan, Martin Moll, James Mangan, Louis Cazzetta, Andrew DeSimon, Robert Palmer, Jack Guilfoy, David Cadden, Charles McKenna, Robert Nacca, James Mangano, Charles Loewengreth, David Miller, Joseph Conway, Paul Guest, Rosney Smith, Robert Renner, Edward Tydings, Charles Staiber, Benedict Duffy, Clifford Whitcomb, Raymond Quinn, James Huether, Charles Murphy, James Colgan, James Cunningham and Richard Finnegan.

The play is being staged by the following members of the Dramatic Club: Jack Murphy, Robert Brady, Eugene Lynch, Al Tulle, Ward Gincheon and Robert Klee.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Tickets may be obtained on request at the school.

Catholic School of Law Announces Summer School

Washington — (NC) — Georgetown University Law School will conduct summer sessions this year for the first time in its history, the Rev. Francis E. Lucey, S. J., Regent, has announced.

There are to be two terms of six and one-half weeks each. The first term will extend from June 10 to July 24 and the second from July 27 to September 9.

Naturally, Catholicism and Communism have doctrines very much alike. Each professes to love the poor and to administer to their wants. The Reds want to aid only the body; the Whites want to aid both soul and body. But let us Christians not forget that unless a man has his body cared for he cannot even begin to think of his soul. Further that caring for his body means obtaining a living wage. And if the Church does not come out and positively fight for the living wage (not just write or talk about it) the poor think that the Christian Church has abandoned them.

St. Joseph is the model for social workers. He started at home by [illegible] himself [illegible] to the rest of the world. Then he was silent. The Scriptures record not a single word spoken by him. These two qualities qualify him as patron of all social reformers. Our Lord added something to the same effect when He said, "Physician, heal thyself."

We hope all who can will attend the Symposium on Communism to be given at Nazareth on Sunday [illegible].

American Question, Not Alone Catholic Central Verein Hear Of Child Labor Amendment

The Catholic Central Verein of America, Rochester Branch, at its regular monthly meeting last Sunday afternoon discussed the recently formed so-called Catholic Committee for the Ratification of the Federal Child Labor Amendment.

During the discussion it was pointed out that the Catholic press of the country quite generally disapproved the formation of such a committee and objected especially to the assuming of any such committee the name "Catholic." It was further pointed out that the Catholic press generally has contended that there is nothing about the Child Labor Amendment that is peculiarly Catholic or Jewish or Protestant.

The whole question underlying the so-called Child Labor Amendment is—shall the "Congress" be given the power to limit, regulate or prohibit the labor of persons under eighteen years of age. The answer to that question is not a Catholic answer or a Protestant answer or a Jewish answer. It is, as one Catholic editor stated, an American question. It means shall the control of our youth so far as labor is concerned be turned over to the Federal Congress?

The Rochester Branch went on record in opposition to the following bills: Senate bill Int. 1144 which would in effect provide for trial marriages in the State of New York, Senate Bill Int. 1013 giving to Boards of Education the power to require minors from sixteen to seventeen years of age who are not employed to attend upon full time day instruction.

The Branch went on record in favor of Assembly Bill Int. 1695 and Assembly Bill Int. 1737 which provide that transportation facilities be afforded equally to all children of school age in the school districts.

The Branch also made arrangements for attendance at the mass meeting to be held on Syracuse March 22. Charles T. Trott, president of the New York State Branch of the Catholic Central Verein of America and also of the Rochester Branch announced that a delegation from the Rochester Branch of the Catholic Central Verein of America and also of the National Catholic Women's Union will attend the mass meeting.

An interesting report of the meeting of the St. Peter Claver Society held in the Columbus Civic Centre was given by William J. Fuehrer.

Daniels Leads Diplomats on Another 'Good Will' Tour of Mexican Ruins

New Haven (NC) The life of a diplomat in Mexico is just one long round of sight-seeing and [illegible], a dispatch from Mexico City March 9 reports.

"On the invitation of President Lazaro Cardenas, the full diplomatic corps accredited to Mexico left today on a special train for Port Vera Cruz, whence, they will travel by steamer to the State of Yucatan to spend several days visiting the famous Chichen-Itza archeological ruins. They will then go to other Southern States.

Daniels Is Cheer Leader

"The President's aim is to enable foreign representatives to get first hand knowledge of the country. Ambassador Josephus Daniels was leader of the group which will be gone thirteen days."

When the party gets back to Mexico City, Ambassador Daniels will pay off for the joy ride by making a speech in which he will say, roughly: "We return deeply impressed by the policy and ample vision that are beginning to free [illegible] for the social, religious [illegible] and [illegible] of the country. It will be our glad care to report to our governments what we have seen [illegible] [illegible] of progress and the faith that prevails in Mexico."

That was his song when he returned from a similar junket in December, and it seems to be the only tune he knows. Cardenas will not be entirely to blame if he gets the impression that our national anthem is "Throw [illegible] Bass Ride."—O'Dean.

STUDENTS OF MANY COLLEGES ATTEND PEACE CONFERENCE

Washington (NC) Catholic students from 21 universities and colleges in the East participated in a Students' Peace Conference at Trinity College Saturday. The Conference was sponsored by the International Relations Club of the college and was held in cooperation with the Catholic Association for International Peace. It was one of a series of nation-wide meetings of a similar type. The Rev. Dr. Donald A. MacLean of the Catholic University of America, director of the club, was in charge of the program.

The session opened with an address of welcome to the delegates by Miss Isabel Harmon, president of the International Relations Club and was followed by brief speeches by students on various phases of world peace.

Niagara Dramatists To Present Play In Waterbury, Conn.

Niagara Falls, Niagara University's touring dramatists will pass the 1,000 mile mark next weekend when they travel to Waterbury, Conn. to present "The First Legion," three act drama on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, March 19-21. To date this season the Niagara players have given performances of the drama at Niagara Falls, Buffalo and Syracuse.

This year's vehicle "The First Legion" by Emmet Lavery is one of the few spiritual dramas on stage circles today and sprang from the pen of its author, a Fordham Law School graduate, after he noticed the scarcity of such plays on the stage. The play lays bare actual life in a religious community house throbbing with the uncertainties, difficulties, doubts and experiences the members might be expected to encounter before achieving peace. Man's eternal battle with inherent weaknesses are vividly portrayed in a story that combines interest, pathos, tragedy, humor. Recently enacted on Broadway, the play scored a tremendous hit and earned the laudable comments of such critics as Arthur Ruhl and Bernard Sobel.

Lavery weaves his story around the complex life of nine religious members, the house doctor and a young boy, with the community house of the religious providing the setting for the scenes. The highlights of the play revolve around pseudo and actual miracles and their effect on several members of the community who were experiencing mental and spiritual conflict. The climax caps a play interesting and powerful throughout the various acts.

ANTI-SEMITIC REPORT FALSE

Vienna (NC) Newspaper reports that an anti-Semitic campaign is being supported by certain groups of Catholics in Vienna are false. The reports, evidently maliciously inspired by opponents of the Catholic Church in this country, perhaps have as their basis a privately-published pamphlet which appeared in this city last year advocating a program of "social justice" and containing one sentence opposing "Jewish influence."

St. Bona Aids K. C. Membership Drive

St. Bonaventure, N. Y. (Special) The start of the new membership campaign by the Knights of Columbus throughout the country, Sunday, March 15, brought out the importance of St. Bonaventure College in the work of the councils in the surrounding districts.

Father Thomas Plassmann, O. F. M., president of the college, was the principal speaker at a communion breakfast of Council 338, Olean, N. Y., March 15 at which time he outlined Catholic Action. The college continued its service to the Knights the same afternoon as the Rev. Callistus Smith, O. F. M., of the faculty spoke on the [illegible] radio station WHDL. Other members of the faculty, including the Rev. Conrad O'Leary, O.F.M., are speaking at the various [illegible] of local councils and aiding in the membership drive.

[illegible] most prominent [illegible] has announced that St. Bonaventure College has received the recognition and thanks of the Supreme Knight, Martin Carmody, and of many of the local officials in the order, for the contribution of speakers to the cause of the Knights.

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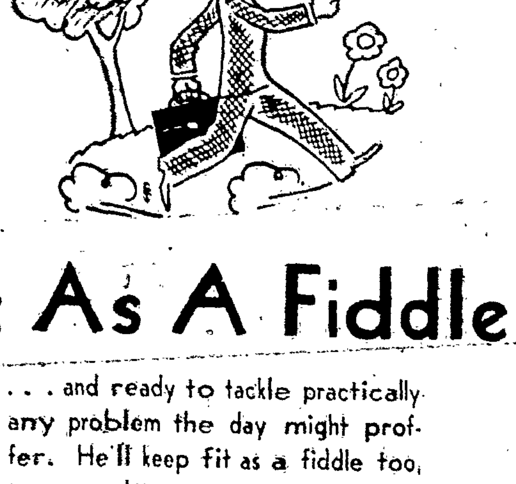

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