MONUMENT HONORING LOST BATTALION TO BE BUILT

Paris—(NC)—Special permission has been granted by the French government for the erection of a monument in the village of Binarville in the Argonne Forest, to commemorate the heroism of the "Lost Battalion" of the Seventy-seventh Division and its commander, Major C. W. Whittlesey. Immediately after the Armistice the War Ministry ruled that only monuments commemorating major battles would be authorized. This ruling has been waived for the "Lost Battalion" which held out against the Germans although entirely surrounded.

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PEN PALS — INTIMATE CHATS WITH THE CATHOLIC GIRL

by Susan Russell

WHAT A NEW DAY BRINGS

My dear Girls: In a lenten talk I heard the other day on the subject, "Wait Twenty-four Hours" there was one part that struck me so forcibly I want to tell you about it, particularly because I believe that at some time or other it touches every life. It was not a brilliant talk—just one of the kind that nestles close to your heart against the hurt of the years. Among other things, the speaker told of the unwise act of writing and mailing a letter when one is very angry. He said he had found this sort of thing the cause of wrecking more lives than any other ten things. In his own words:

"Often and often it is the hard, bitter, unjust letter written in anger that wrecks a life. It came very near to wrecking mine when, years ago, hurt to the very heart by that I thought the most dreadful injustice ever known, I determined to write this party a letter that would burn his very soul with his guilt. I had thought him a sincere friend, and this hurt worse than all the rest, for I had few friends at this time.

"I lived alone and so had plenty of time to brood and to imagine and to magnify. It took me long hours to write the penciled copy and it was very late when I had completed the letter. Then I found I had no stamp in the house. As it was late there was nothing to do but wait till morning. But—and this is the point. When morning came, somehow I did not want to send that letter. I thought I had better change it a little, not make it quite so hard. I kept putting off getting the stamp until, before I did get it, this friend came to me personally and explained the entire affair. He complimented me upon being so sensible as to wait for an explanation, when on the face of it, things looked so different.

An Accusing Letter

"There on the table was that letter, and every time I looked at it I felt like a cheater; I knew I had not waited to write it, but something had held me back from mailing it. Of course in the heat of anger it was the lack of a two-cent stamp. It nearly cost me a priceless friendship and it taught me a very deep lesson. Since that day I have never kept a stamp in the house, and it has saved me many a heartache."

While he was talking my mind traveled back to a time not so long ago when I had a similar experience. I felt that I had been treated unfairly and I was very angry as well as hurt. As usual I went to Granny Nolan, when the world hurt me, and I told her the whole story. She was very sympathetic and she did not try to reason with me. She asked me what I wanted to do.

"I cannot talk without crying," I replied, "so I'm going to tell them what I think of them in a letter."

"That's the very thing to do," replied Granny. "Sit right down here and write it. Say everything you have in your mind and heart—get it all out of your system, and let the chips fall where they may."

When the letter was finished Granny said. "Sure you said everything you wanted to say in the way you wanted to say it? Then, just leave that letter here with me until tomorrow evening. Then if you want to mail it come and get it."

Wait 24 Hours

Thinking Granny wanted to investigate for herself, I left the letter. But the strange part of it is, when the time came to get the letter I didn't want to mail it. I was so glad it had not been mailed. Perhaps there had been some mistake, and I told Granny so. She smiled at me as she said, "Child, never mail a letter when you are angry. Write as many as you like, and say what you please, but wait 24 hours before you mail them. If this were done, nine times out of ten those dreadful letters would never be mailed." Later I found there was no real reason ever to have written such a letter. I learned one lesson then about doing things when one is angry.

The speaker also said it was the little things in life that counted most. He quoted the old, old saying, "Straws tell which way the wind blows," and he assured his hearers if they would take care of the little things the big ones would usually work out themselves. So, girls, let's be careful of the little things we do especially when we are angry. Better go off somewhere by ourselves and fight it out alone. To be captain of our own soul, master of ourself, is a fine thing. To be able to give reason and common sense a chance is also great.

Some folks think words do not hurt, but they do, they hurt to the very heart, and they are not easy to forget. There will not be half so much to remember if hard harsh things are not said or written. I shall not soon forget that little talk, not brilliant, not scintillating, but one of those that nestle close to the heart singing to keep the hurt of the years with the master melody of kindness—"Wait 24 hours" and see what a new day brings."

OUR PEN PALS

Greetings to our new Pals: Ann G Wychek, Bernice Wallace, Eleanor M Bowe.

Welcome letters have come from J. L. R. J. E. D. M. M. H. A. D. A. M. B. E. McG. F. M. C. M. A. N.

For those who don't know: If you want to join the Pen Pals just send me the name and address of your pastor, a 3-cent stamp and tell me something about yourself.

Dear Pals: We had many Pals in the stricken flood districts and as soon as we hear from them individually we are sure to have to answer emergency calls. It would be a good idea to have ready what clothing we can spare to send direct to them. At this writing we should not know where to reach them.

Last week we saw a real transformation caused by the gift of a pink bedspread and curtains from Mrs J. J. R. They transformed a dull little room and a drab lonely life into something very different, just because somebody cared enough to remember her. We sent a subscription to a Catholic paper to India, and also sent a beautiful scrap book to a Children's Ward there. This was the work of Sister Othilia's class, led by Marion McD. Julia L. R.'s two gift boxes to two friendless girls in a non-Catholic Charity Hospital—one of these girls has not walked in 14 years and cards, magazines and books to shut-ins, were all part of a splendid record for the week. Now, Pals, please a Hail Mary for one who is about to undergo a major operation. Thanks so much for everything.—S. R.

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We must not ask where hell is, but how to escape it.

CO-EDS SISTERS MAKE A TEAM

Smiles help when these three debating sisters of Marquette University, Milwaukee, go into forensic action. Left to right are Helen, Jean and Catherine Schwartz who team together. Their father, E. Perrin Schwartz, is managing editor of Father Coughlin's new publication, "Social Justice." (Milwaukee Journal photo.)

IN THE KITCHEN With MOLLY GAVIN

SUNDAY'S MENU

Breakfast
Orange Juice
Hot Cereal with Milk
Scrambled Eggs
Buttered Toast Raspberry Jam
Coffee

Dinner
Consomme
Celery Sweet Pickles
Pot Roast
Brown Gravy
Baked Potatoes Creamed Onions
Tomato Jellied Salad
Apple Pudding
Rolls Coffee

Supper
Grape Juice Cocktail
Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches
Brown Gravy
Pineapple Delight
Chocolate Wafers
Tea

How and What to Serve

Almost invariably we think of a Lenten dish as a fish food, but there are other foods that can be made up into attractive and nourishing dishes. Creamed soups are ideal Lenten dishes. They are often served as the first course at dinner and form a very valuable part of the meal, as a hot liquid taken into an empty stomach is easily assimilated, acts as a good stimulant and thus prepares the digestion for the remainder of the dinner.

Creamed soups can be made from vegetables, cereals, fruit or fish. The vegetables are cooked [illegible] blended together.

The proportions of [illegible] to milk [illegible] part vegetable pulp [illegible] milk or stock. To thicken [illegible] vegetable [illegible] flour and [illegible] flour to [illegible] [illegible] celery [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] when served with bread [illegible] They are [illegible] serve on Fridays [illegible]

Cream of Carrot Soup

1½ cup grated carrots
small onion
3 cups milk
1 tsp salt
cup cream
¼ tsp pepper
1 tbl butter
[illegible]
[illegible]

Combine the carrots [illegible] [illegible] with the seasoning and [illegible] minutes. Then add the cream [illegible] stand a few minutes to [illegible] serve.

Every little girl [illegible] to make a cake. To make a good cake you do not have to be clever but you must follow the directions very carefully. Here is a very simple recipe that I know you will like very much.

ONE EGG [illegible]
[illegible]

WINS STATE CONTEST

Topeka, Kans.—(NC)—A [illegible] tion of the Doctrine of the Immaculate Conception has won for Gerard Marnell, a student of St. Joseph's Military Academy, Hays, Kan., first place in the state wide apologetical contest, sponsored by the Kansas State Sodality Union.

GOD AND YOUR CHILD

By Marie Cecilia McGrath, Ph.D.

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HOW CHRIST LIVES IN THE FAMILY

[illegible] fundamental idea that even the younger children can have fixed in their minds in regard to the family. They are: (1) God makes families; God makes families so that people can be very happy and love and serve Him. The children should also know that God makes families so that people can be good and come to live with Him in Heaven, forever and forever.

The family will be so happy all together with God in heaven, not a single one missing [illegible] single one was good and served God on earth. The best way to be sure about serving God is to love our Lord and our Blessed Mother very much. That is why the family is consecrated to the Sacred Heart [illegible]

They show their love for our Lord [illegible] by going to Mass together on Sunday and all going to Holy Communion. All [illegible] the family, father, mother and children, love our Lord very, very much and that they are our Blessed Mother's own children. How then could they do anything God would not like? You always want to do the things which people whom you love [illegible] And so the family [illegible] always want to do what God likes.

(4) The family is a gift of God and we should say, "Thank you, dear God, for this wonderful gift of our family" every day. [illegible] should say it, because God [illegible] [illegible] mother should say it because God has given her father and the children; the children should say it because God has given them a father and mother and brothers and sisters.

The reason we say Thank you to God is to show Him how much we appreciate His gift. Many people do not have a family. God has been very good to us. Another way to show that we are grateful to God for the family is to love one another and to make one another very happy.

These things are all very [illegible] [illegible] fundamental [illegible] which the Catholic home [illegible] Be sure your children have always known them. These simple truths are not to be taught as a sort of lesson. They are ideas to be brought out in the midst of living [illegible] when [illegible] are corrected, when [illegible] and [illegible] come, in the midst of joy, indeed at any time when an occasion presents itself to teach one or another of them.

To be able to do this Christian parents, and most especially the mother, must think or meditate much on God's goodness in forming the Christian family and [illegible] must pray much for the grace that His holy will may be done perfectly in this one home at least. This will mean great glory to God and happiness to the Holy Family. Carried out in thousands of homes, it will be like a great dam built to save America from the rising flood of paganism and materialism which is rushing upon us like a mad mountain torrent.

(NCWC FEATURES)

Ladies Society To Hold Card Party April 14

Combined Ladies Societies of Our Lady of Victory Church, Pleasant Street, will resume their monthly card parties on Tuesday, April 14, at 8 p.m. in the school hall.

Prizes will be given at each table. A social will follow the card party at which [illegible] will be served. [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Mrs. Charles Sauerman, Mrs. Hector LeFion, Mrs. Andrea Martin, Mrs. John Macconachi, Mrs. Henry Lecomt, Mrs. William Seidel, Mrs. Bert Dozer, Mrs. Farasey, Mrs. Fred Clar and Miss Irene Class.

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