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GUILD LEADERS AT BALTIMORE CONFERENCE

Baltimore Lay street speakers representing the Catholic Evidence Guilds of Washington, Philadelphia and Baltimore met here this week to discuss common problems. Representatives of several Guilds not yet "on the street" were also in attendance.

Among the speakers were Francis J. Sheed, former Master of the world's first Guild in Westminster, London; his wife, Maisie Ward Sheed, and the moderators and members of all three Guilds.

Edward J. Hefferon, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men and author of a brief history of the movement, spoke on the N.C.C.M. Catholic Evidence Bureau and its relation to the Guilds.

On Saturday night an outdoor meeting was held with talks by Mr. Sheed, Mr. Heffron, Helen Roach of Brooklyn, Martin Gamber of Baltimore, and John J. O'Connor of Washington. Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday morning was followed by breakfast, at which the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Hart, moderator of the Washington Guild, spoke on "Lay Participation in the Priesthood of Christ."

Brother Bernard Coming from Beacon For School Talks

Brother Bernard, who is in charge of the Marianist Preparatory at Beacon-on-the-Hudson, will come here April 28 for a series of visits to Rochester schools.

Brother Bernard is coming to acquaint members of this year's graduating classes with the work at Beacon and invite candidates to enter the order. Several Rochester boys are at the school at present.

During his stay here, Brother Bernard will live at the rectory of St. Joseph's Church in Franklin Street. Anyone wishing to contact him can do so at that address.

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Twelve Clubs Sign For Catholic League Race

August Maier Named President Of Circuit, Plan To Open League Next Month With Tuesday Night Games

With a dozen teams lined up in two divisions, the Catholic Softball League will launch its seventh consecutive season early in May.

This decision was reached at a meeting of the managers this week at the Columbus Civic Centre.

Holy Rosary, four-time league champions; Holy Apostles, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, Cathedral and SS. Peter's and Paul's are expected to form the western division of the circuit.

In the eastern sector teams will line up from O. L. P. H., Holy Redeemer's, St. Margaret Mary's, Corpus Christi, St. Andrew's, St. Boniface and possibly St. Michael's.

Final decision on the league's team setup will be made at a meeting at the Columbus Civic Centre Monday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

August Maier, who was elected to the Catholic League presidency in 1932 was named to head the league this year. He succeeds William A. Lang, who held the office for the past three years.

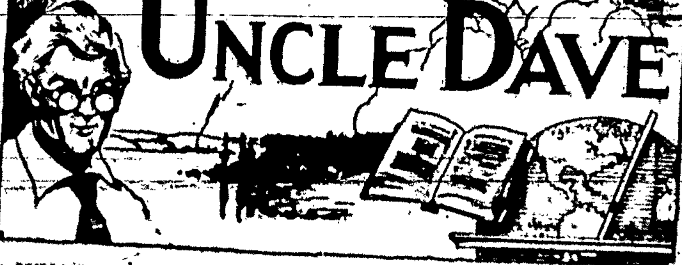
John Hulbart, manager of the Immaculate Conception team, was elected vice-president. Selection of a secretary and treasurer and appointment of a Board of Directors by the president will be made at the next meeting.

The league managers decided to play twilight ball on Tuesday nights throughout the spring and summer. This is the first time in Catholic League history that night baseball has been attempted.

Under a radical new ruling made this year, players must live in the parish which they represent. In previous years the only qualification was that the player be a practical Catholic.

The teams will carry twenty players apiece at the start of the season and taper off to fifteen after the first few games.

Definite starting date and selection of umpires will be made at next Monday's meeting.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Whether one should marry during the depression, and whether one should contract a mixed marriage at any time, are discussed in the annual Religious Survey of Notre Dame alumni, which recently made its appearance. A total of 252, among them 115 married men and 137 bachelors, state that they believe depression marriages are proving successful. A total of 268 state that they "don't know."

Here are some of the comments: "I believe the depression has improved family ties by forcing people to stay at home." "I got married with $1.25 in my pocket and no job. I now have a steady job which I would not have gone after if I had not been married." "Having had one, I can say that it brings out the real metal in both parties." "Very much successful the frills have been discarded and partners are willing to practice sacrifice and cooperation more time at home." "On the whole depression marriages are successful. I think that much marriage difficulty is due to the constant urging of the wife's mother that the wife demand a better living. Now the mother understands her son-in-law is lucky if he is not on relief, and strange as it may seem she keeps her nagging tongue silent."

Seven bachelors admitted they were "afraid to try" marriage during depression years.

Among miscellaneous replies were the following: not financially; not among university men when wife works; spiritually, chances against them; not when both work; not when wife works; success depends on income; don't see how they can; mine hasn't; dole has permitted many to marry; tough sledding for me.

Like the question on depression marriages, the question regarding mixed marriages was directed to both married men and bachelors. Seventy-five per cent of those answering expressed themselves as unreservedly opposed to the mixed marriage. Seventeen per cent replied that under certain "favorable" circumstances the mixed marriage should succeed.

Among the comments were: "Tried it twice; if I had to marry a third time I would pick a daily communicant." "Opposed; my wife is a convert. She's sincere but does not get the Catholic angle of family life. Something missing." "Contracted one and was luckier than most; my wife being a high church Anglican, but advise Catholics to shun them." "I married a Catholic. Tell your boys to try and stay within the Church. Hard enough to practice certain laws with a Catholic."

"My father was a non-Catholic and a good man, but I married a Catholic. I should know first-hand and I am very much against any mixed marriage." "I believe that they are a far more serious mistake for all concerned than even our religious teachers indicate." "Get a Catholic girl! Married at the altar, the bond seems stronger. It brings me closer to my wife when we kneel in our home and say the rosary during Lent."

"Something to be avoided if possible. Nothing like having a wife kneeling and praying beside you in church." "As an offspring of one, I am only now beginning to see the many terrible possibilities." "Never should be allowed. I am the son of a mixed marriage and know the two different worlds such parents live in." "My father is a non-Catholic, but a very good man. He would not let any of us attend non-Catholic schools. But there always has been something missing at home. I say, No!"

These answers come from young men and older men who have had the advantage of a college education. I should like to hear from some of you who have faced the necessity of earning your own way from your earliest years, or at least after completion of high school. What do you think about marrying during depression or about the question of mixed marriages?

(NCWC FEATURES)

Notre Dame Alumni To Observe Notre Dame Night, Apr. 20

Rochester alumni of Notre Dame will celebrate Universal Notre Dame night Monday, April 20 at a dinner and get together meeting at the Rochester Club, 120 East Avenue. Joseph Doran, U. S. District Attorney, will be the guest speaker of the evening.

A general meeting will be held at the Rochester Club April 15, at 8 p. m. to plan the arrangements. Members are urged to attend this meeting.

Twenty thousand alumni and old students of the University of Notre Dame together with thousands of radio fans all over the world, will observe the thirteenth annual Universal Notre Dame Night in unison on April 20 by means of co-ordinated radio programs.

The key program of the evening will be a combined broadcast from the University campus and from a dinner at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C., reaching all sections of the country through a national hookup.

Bankers and Civic Leaders Hail Catholic Courier Anniversary

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ner under the present management and wish to extend our congratulations.

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Mr. Howard W. Klippert, Manager
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Dear Mr. Klippert:

On the occasion of the fourth anniversary of reorganization of the Catholic Courier, I desire to congratulate you on the improved editorial content and unusual circulation gains which you have made.

You have set a high standard for a weekly publication and I extend to you my good wishes for continued success.

Yours very truly

R. C. WATSON

President

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Athletes' Chief

Rev. Norbert Spitzmesser, O.S.B., headmaster of Marmion Military Academy, Aurora, Ill., who was re-elected for his third term as president of the National Catholic High School Athletic Association, at the annual meeting of that organization just held in Chicago. Marmion is conducted by the Benedictine Fathers.

French Catholic Boy Scout Is On Goodwill Tour in United States

New York.—(NC)—The Madison Square Boys' Club of New York, in cooperation with Le Figaro, a Paris newspaper, has arranged for a visit to this country of a young French boy in return for the good will tour to France of Richard Heflin, a member of the Madison Square Boys' Club.

Albert Hines, director of the Madison Square Boys' Club, stated that Bernard DeBoissiere, a French Catholic Boy Scout, had been selected by Le Figaro because he presented the best essay on "America" written in English.

Arriving in this country last Wednesday, Master DeBoissiere was greeted at quarantine by Eagle Scout Thomas Martin, a member of troop No. 613, affiliated with St. Ignatius Parochial School, this city, who extended greetings to the French visitor on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America and the members of the Catholic Youth Association.

On Easter Sunday, in company with the French Consul General, Maurice Leon, he attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, where he was greeted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Lavelle, rector of the Cathedral and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New York, who presented him to his Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes.

The Catholic Youth Association will be host at a reception to be held at the New York Athletic Club on Thursday afternoon. The Rev. Dr. Edward Roberts Moore, moderator of the Catholic Youth Association and Daniel P. Higgins, president, will lead in extending greetings to Master DeBoissiere. After his inspecting the club members of the C. Y. A. will entertain the boy at dinner.

After leaving New York he will be the guest of President Roosevelt at the White House.

Post-Easter Party Set By Holy Redeemer Club

Members of Holy Redeemer Athletic Association will hold an Easter party, Saturday evening April 18, at the club rooms on Clifford Ave. Entertainment will be furnished. Dancing will be followed by lunch and refreshments.

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Social Justice Needed In Curbing Crime, Says Head Of State School

Canandaigua.—Social justice will contribute most to the curbing of crime, in the opinion of James S. Owen, superintendent of the New York State Agricultural and Industrial School for Boys. Mr. Owen, in addressing over 200 men at the banquet of the Holy Name Society held Monday, stressed that the [illegible] honest and straightforward agents and administrators of law and justice.

The building of bigger and stronger prisons will not solve the crime problem, Mr. Owen said, adding that the need of the day is crime prevention. Longer sentences and harsher prison methods have not contributed toward the decrease in crime but tend to make the criminals of today harder in their attitude toward society, he claimed.

So-called crime experts who are today advocating whipping posts, longer sentences and "Devil's Islands" very seldom know anything about crime, he stated. The English would call the average American prison sentence of today "barbaric," according to Mr. Owen. He stated that he knew of young men in Auburn prison serving sentences ranging up to forty years who would not be in prison if given a small amount of economic attention in their young years.

Speaking of Industry, he said the average boy is 13 years of age sent to Industry for stealing, from a family of 4 or 5 children, usually from a slum district or poor farm and of parents who are separated and usually on relief. An unintelligent school system is contributing heavily to juvenile delinquency, Mr. Owen claimed. The mental ability of children should be determined when they enter school, so that children of a sixth grade mental capacity will not be subject to embarrassment and disgrace by being held in grades with children two and three years their junior. There are many children, who rebelled against the difficulties imposed on them by an antiquated school system, subject to confinement because of other people's ignorance.

Three things are needed if crime is to be stopped, Mr. Owen said, the first and most important being a universal conception of social justice throughout the nation, very little of which exists as yet. The big industries are arming to the teeth in an effort to smash all attempts of labor to secure a decent wage. The starvation wages of today, forcing poverty on millions of families, is the main responsibility for juvenile crime. Next in importance is respect of the law, which can only be secured by making the agents of the law honest and respectable. The potential criminal must be confronted with the fact that he will be apprehended and convicted if he commits a crime. Lastly, Mr. Owen stated, some form of far reaching crime prevention is needed. Crime prevention is cheaper and more beneficial to the public welfare than crime punishment, he claimed.

Others who addressed the banquet were the Rev. Michael C. Wall, pastor of St. Mary's; Rev. Raymond T. Nolan, assistant pastor; Rev. John E. Napier of Shortsville, and various officers of the Society. Father Wall hailed the rapid growth of the Society and commended the Society's officers for their sincerity of building the movement. He called for a still better and bigger Holy Name Society in Canandaigua, stating that united Catholic action is needed today in the face of the growing dangers of Communism and atheism. Catholic men must be prepared to go out and fight the enemy by united action, he stated.

Judging from the number of entries we are going to have the biggest of all Swim Meets Saturday. About twelve parishes are represented. Many have had tutoring lessons during the past week or two and are ready to show some real stuff.

We are pleased to note the great number enrolled because it indicates that Catholics are beginning to awake and take part in activities other than going to Church on Sunday mornings.

Due to the rainy and cold weather many of the boys are getting little spring training done for the Parochial Baseball League. Those fortunate to have an indoor gym or auditorium are lucky. The League will probably begin in the first week in May.

Many have asked why the Baseball League plays hardball instead of softball. The answer is that the boys want the hardball. But the expense to the priest or parish who supports the team and the increasing difficulty of obtaining diamonds seem to indicate that within a few years we shall be playing softball.

Latest report says that Grandpa Hezza is holding up the bushes in Arizona. As Hezz says it, "the gals be after him cause of the dollar Townsend pension wot gives money to old people. But now that the Townsend plan seems to have fallen through, perhaps G-mp will be left in peace again."

By the way, traveling among the poor and exploited people and fighting for them is a wonderful way to express Catholic Action and the meaning of the Mystical Body of Christ. Too often the laborer says that the Catholic Church is on the side of wealth. But to a starving man nothing matters but bread, and to the oppressed only direct physical moral or financial aid have meaning.

A lesson from the trouble in Spain. Senor A. Villalba writing in the "Colosseum" for March 1936 says that one of the reasons why the Catholic Church is suffering in Spain is because the people think it is on the side of wealth. They shoot the priests but spare the nuns. The nuns they say work in the hospitals and go among the poor, but the priests do not side with the people. Churchmen there as in many parts of the world are so concerned that the people think they are with the wealthy. Certainly no one could accuse Father Coughlin's being silent.

The play which was given at Fordham University on March 26 was written by W. Leo Batten and Charles T. Broderick, instructors in the university's Department of Ethics.

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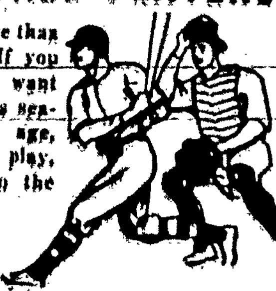

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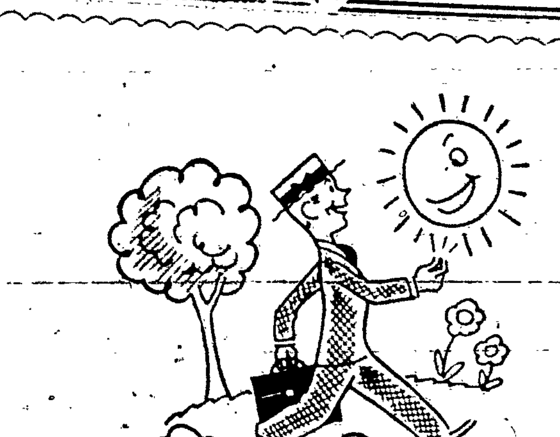

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