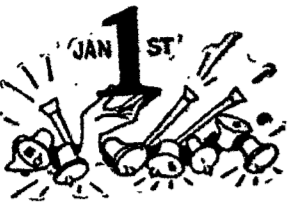


Catholic Courier



One For Your New Year Resolutions

Here is a timely quotation:

You may be whatever you resolve to be. Determine to be something. "I cannot" never accomplished anything. "I will try" has wrought wonders. J. HAWES.

Do you want to be financially independent in the New Year? Then try saving part of your earnings. If you do, we know 1937 will be the Happy New Year we are wishing for you.

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Catholic Near East Welfare Association

His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, President Very Rev. Mgr. James B. O'Reilly, Ph.D., National Secretary Rev. John J. Corrigan, Assistant Secretary

Happy New Year

A Happy New Year to all our members and friends. We join with the missionaries in begging Almighty God to bless you and your household every day of 1937!

THE FIRST APPEAL

We commence the year with an earnest appeal to all our readers to support our young men who are studying for the Priesthood. These students will only be missionaries priests working among their own people. To evangelize any country, it is necessary to have native priests. The missionary coming into a strange land is suspected and treated as a stranger. The native priest is of the people, he belongs in their midst and understands them. The missionary bishops are bound to provide opportunities for the young men of the Near East who wish to be priests. Seminaries must be opened and the young men trained and supported. After the high school course and a minimum of two years in college, the student is admitted to the Major Seminary. Here he remains for six years. This is the great period of spiritual training and study. During this time, he must be supported. Six years is the time, and one hundred dollars a year the cost. Six Hundred Dollars will take care of one student for the entire Seminary course. "Can you help? Why not if it is possible see one student through the Major Seminary? You can send us One Hundred Dollars a year in any amount to suit your convenience. Or if you prefer, take care of a student for one year. If this is too much, send us Ten Dollars to support a student for a month. It is a great privilege to share with the Church the work of training a man to be a priest of Jesus Christ.

UNOPENED CHAPELS

In many places in the Near East there are chapels which cannot be opened for service because they lack the bare essentials in furnishings. We can provide a chapel with an Altar, Crucifix and Candelsticks, a Year's Supply of Candles, a Chalice, a Missal, Vestments and Altar Linens, all for One Hundred and Twenty Dollars. Make this memorial to your beloved dead. Thus you will assure remembrance of them in every Mass that is said in that chapel, and you will bring great joy to some poor priest and his flock.

A THANKSGIVING GIFT

In celebrating Mass, the priest must have a Missal on the Altar. This is the book from which he reads the prayers and other parts of the service. In many of our mission chapels the Missals are so old that they are falling apart. A new one can be provided for only ten dollars. Make it a memorial to a loved one, or give it in thanksgiving for the benefits you have received through the Blessed Sacrament.

FOR THE YEAR

Why not make a New Year's resolution? We suggest that you resolve to join our Student Support Club. Its members pledge one dollar a month to be used for the education of young men for the priesthood. There is no phase of our work which is of greater importance. Tell us that this year you will be one of those who are helping in this effort.

Send all communications to:

Catholic Near East Welfare Association 480 Lexington Avenue at 48th Street New York, N. Y.



A MEDAL STORY

(Long ago the little English children used to say "Christ His Tree" instead of "Christ the tree," or "Christus tree.")

(Continued from last week) The beautiful Queen Hildegard and her little son Karl sat at the foot of a pine tree near the great Thunder Oak. Little Karl was frightened about the story of the were-wolves, cruel beasts that lived in the forest and had the power to change into people from noon to midnight, when they could go into the villages, get the people to go with them into the forest, and then kill and eat them. The good St. Boniface came by and consoled little Karl. He told him there were no were-wolves. Then, misfortune visited the people, and Helrad the Druid priest decided to sacrifice little Karl to the pagan god Thor. Queen Hildegard went into the forest to get St. Boniface. He came, rescued little Karl, and cut down the great Thunder Oak, showing the people that the White Christ is greater than the pagan god Thor. Saint Boniface raised his hand and spoke again. "In the Name of the White Christ I have taken away your Thunder Oak because it was a symbol of wickedness. In its place, and as a symbol of the Christ Child whose birth night this is, I give you yonder little pine tree. Neither winter nor summer alters its green. It is a symbol of the never changing truths of the Christian faith. It points heavenward as our thoughts should rise to nobler things. No more shall you come into the dark forest at midnight to offer dreadful sacrifices. But you shall take the pine tree as a symbol of Christianity into your homes. And the Birthday of the Saviour of the world shall be one of love and peace and rejoicing. It shall be a home feast in honor of the Christ Child and His Virgin Mother. "So let us now take this very pine tree into the King's Hall."

And gladly did they turn toward the little pine tree that they might cut down and bear it to the King's Hall. But even as they raised it to their shoulders, there was a great cry from Helrad. The people turned and saw him standing near the uprooted oak, in his hand was a long keen knife. They saw the knife rise and then plunge swiftly into his breast. And he fell by the fallen oak never to rise again. Saint Boniface gazed at the lifeless body of Helrad, and then turned to the Queen. "The werewolf is dead," he said. They carried the little pine tree into the great Hall of King Gudbrand and stood it on the dais. And all the people gathered around it and listened as Saint Boniface told them the story of the first Christmas.

He told them of the Angel who brought the message to Mary the pure of the journey to Bethlehem, the Son of the Birth of the Christ Child, the Son of God. He told of the Angels who sang at His coming and of the Kings from the East who brought gold and frankincense and myrrh. And as he spoke, a deep peace and gladness filled the hearts of his hearers. "You say," ended the Bishop, "that you wish to become followers of the White Christ. But as I have given you a sign of His Power and Love, so do I ask you now for a sign that you will obey His laws. Let each one come forward and place upon the tree of Christ a symbol of his good will."

King Gudbrand arose and took off his crown. He hung it on a high branch. "This do I bring to the tree of Christ, for I wish to thank Him for the life of my little son and to show Him that I will rule my people according to His law. Then surged forward the men and women. Some pulled off their golden chains and bracelets and rings and hung them on the pine tree. Others flung their splendid cloaks of scarlet and blue and green and purple at its base for a carpet. And Saint Boniface and his friends watched the tree of Christ grow in glittering beauty. And the Queen turned to Queen Hildegard who was sitting near her still holding in her arms her sleeping son. "And you, O Queen," he said, "to whom the Mother of the White Christ has shown such mercy. What sign do you give?" Queen Hildegard arose. Her starry eyes were shining through tears of joy. "I give my dearest treasure to the service of the Prince of Peace," she said. Then she knelt at the foot of the pine tree and placed her golden-haired boy on the pile of rich cloaks. Bishop Boniface turned to his followers. "Sing," he cried. "Sing of the

RANSOM 3 BABES AT SACRED HEART

Offering Also Sent To Rochester Priest Laboring in Chinese Mission

Sacred Heart School moved to the fore in mission activities during the past week by ransoming three babies.

In addition the pupils of the eighth grade sent an offering to the Rev. Charles Hilbert, M.M., Rochester priest engaged in mission activities in far-away China. The seventh grade ransomed a Chinese baby to be baptized "John M. Duffy" in honor of the diocesan superintendent who is now enroute to the mission fields of the Orient.

In memory of our late bishop, the eighth grade has ransomed a Chinese baby to be baptized "John Francis O'Brien."

The seventh and eighth grades of Sacred Heart School, in cooperation with the Rochester Scout Council, have decided to ransom an Indian baby to have the baptismal name of Paul Anthony Repsher.

PAY TRIBUTE AT GRAVE OF SCOUT AUTO VICTIM

In the Christmas Eve solitude of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, scouts of Troop No. 90 of the Columbus Civic Centre gathered around the grave of Francis Flaherty in an impressive tribute.

Francis, one of the most active members of the Catholic boy scouts, met his death in an automobile accident last September. Arriving at the cemetery, the scouts paraded to the grave, placed a wreath and said a few prayers. Scoutmaster James J. Ehmman delivered a brief address.

School Smiles

Mr. Williams was determined to stop this son, John, from borrowing the money. He snuggled into the house and told his dad that he had used one of his shirts that morning. Mr. Williams said, "That's all right son. I used a pair of your green socks this morning."

"That's where you got fooled," said John, "those were yours. I borrowed a week ago. And say, pop, I just took two gallons of gas from your tank for my sliver Okay."

"Sure I bought that gas with your allowance money for next week."

"You see the row of poplars on the opposite bank, apparently at a great distance apart," said a stranger to a group of people standing by a river. "Perhaps some of you with keen eyes can tell which two trees are farthest apart."

The group took a critical look at the trees, and each member selected a different pair. Finally, after much discussion, an appeal was made to the stranger to solve the problem. "The first and last," he said as he walked away.

Fair Play at St. Salome's

During the past season Durand Eastman School in Irondequoit held a play-day for the children of this district.

Boys and girls of both parochial and public schools participated. The play-day consisted of relay races, games and folk dances. Two children from St. Salome's School received medals of honor, through the courtesy of the Gannett newspapers.

White House just at dusk and presses a little button that lights every one throughout the entire city. But I wonder just how many people think of that first golden-trimmed Christmas tree of long ago when they look at their own. Do they remember that the great Saint Boniface, the Apostle of Germany, gave it as a symbol of the love and peace that the Christ Child brought to earth on His birth night?

Perhaps they have never heard where the Christmas tree first came from. And that is a pity. You who read or hear this story—do not forget it as long as you live. But whenever you see a Christmas tree, think of that scene in Gudbrand's Hall and say a "Thank you" to the good St. Boniface who gave it to us.

And more. Whenever you with your children have gathered about a Christmas tree, remember it especially. And sitting at the foot of the Christmas tree, gather the rest around you and tell them of how the first Christmas tree came to the home of little Karl on the birth night of the little White Christ more than twelve hundred years ago.

May your faith be as unchanging as the pine is always green. And may your thoughts be always pure and true and rising heavenward, as the pine tree points ever upward. (The End)

(Medal Stories, published by the Whitman Company, Racine, Wis., may be purchased at ten-cent stores and elsewhere.)

Missioner Tells Story Of Flood Conversions

There Was No Snow So the Sleigh Ride Party Was No Go

From St. Augustine's School comes the following announcement: Dear Sir:

The pupils of the Eighth Grade of St. Augustine's School was through a sleigh ride on the 28th of December. After the sleigh ride they will go to the school hall, where refreshments will be served by the parents. The general chairman is Eugene Campaigne. The party will start at 7 o'clock and it will last until 10 o'clock. Needless to say, the sleigh ride part of the program was called off because of the absence of snow.

Catholics In History

Sister Irene (Catherine Fitzgibbon), a Sister of Charity, is recognized as a leading figure in the history of American charity work. It was through her initiative with the generous cooperation of many others, that the New York Foundling Hospital, St. Anne's Maternity Hospital, a children's hospital at Spouten, New York on the Hudson, and St. Anton Hospital for Consumptives were established.

She came to this country from England with her parents when she was nine years old. Subsequently she joined the Sisters of Charity. As a teacher in St. Peter's school she had occasion to note the lack of public provision for abandoned infants. Many of these infants were left at the doors of Catholic schools, evidently in the hope that they would receive some special consideration. This situation prompted Sister Irene, with the sanction of Archbishop McCleary, to undertake establishment of a foundling home.

The city of New York placed a block of land at the disposal of Sister Irene, with a building fund of \$100,000. It was her intention that an equal sum be raised by private subscription. The corporate name of the new institution then established is The New York Foundling Hospital. It has cared for above 50,000 children since its opening. Thousands of these have been placed in good homes. The money necessary to establish the hospital for consumptives—\$350,000—was collected by Sister Irene herself. She was born in London, England, in 1823 and died in New York in 1894.

(N.C.W.C.P. FEATURES) PRINCE VISITS PRESS EXHIBIT VATICAN CITY—Crown Prince Umberto of Italy visited the World Catholic Press Exposition at the Vatican on Monday. He was accompanied by Count Giuseppe Delfino, Director of Osservatore Romano and Chairman of the Exposition Committee. His Highness was greatly pleased with the exhibition and extended warm congratulations to the Committee.

Prayer Only Recourse. Ted Maria as we now call her, lay dying, perched beside an empty whisky bottle which rocked with every wind. Too weak to rise and seek a safer abode she had recourse to the only means left, prayer. The beautiful Chinese aspirations to Jesus, Mary and Joseph came fast and often from her lips.

She had just finished one of these aspirations when a huge gust of wind and rain sent the whisky bottle crashing to the floor. Friends and neighbors rushed in, only to find Ted Maria actually buried in broken brick and masonry.

She expected to pull out her lifeless body, as the bed on which she was lying was smashed to splinters. When willing hands had removed the bricks, Ted Maria was unharmed except for a slight scratch near her left temple.

"Old Man With Gray Beard" She was loud in her praise of an old man with a long gray beard, named Joseph, who, she said, appeared to her just as the wall was falling and told her to hold her hands joined over her head and all would be well. These are words from her own mouth and I have a document written in Chinese to that effect. From that day until her death, four days later, the aspiration, "Jesus, Mary, Joseph," never ceased. On the evening of the fourth day, Ted Maria passed away, clasping the small crucifix and small picture of St. Joseph, patron of a happy death, firmly in her hands.

St. Joseph College. MEXICO CITY—Inspectors for the Federal Office of Hacienda at Puebla have taken possession of the former Colegio Pio, more recently known as the Colegio del Perito as a day educational institution affording educational advantages for about a hundred students who are now thrown out of schools in the middle of the term.

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Best wishes for 1937 OUR SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR COLUMBUS CIVIC CENTER 50 CHESTNUT STREET