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I Believe— I Battle

IMPAIRED SIDE CLEARANCE

By Msgr. P. M. H. Wynhoven
Editor-in-Chief
Catholic Action of the South

In traveling by rail we will sometimes notice a small, old, permanent sign tacked up close to railroad buildings, reading "Impaired Side Clearance" It is intriguing. Somehow or other, it sounds contradictory, ambiguous. It impresses one this way Here is a clear, open side track that is not clear it is kept there for use, but the locomotive engineer is warned not to use it, not to drive his engine into it In other words, it seems the railroad company thus maintains something that is absolutely useless something that, in fact constitutes a certain element of danger Still there must be some reason for the company's policy an explanation for the situation

For the creature was made subject to vanity not willingly, but by reason of him that made it subject in hope" In our progress, our struggle on the road to heaven, we constantly run into blind spurs, impaired side tracks that are dangerous We encounter what seem to be unnecessary obstacles that are natural and placed there by the will of God for His good unknown reason

This life is a short period of trial a test of our worthiness "The glory to come that shall be revealed to us cannot be acquired by traveling an unobstructed path of life The Creator, our Redeemer has placed barriers and obstacles that will annoy and trouble us necessary detours that make us lose time and sometimes tax our patience It all seems so unnecessary so discouraging at times and inexplicable at all times

"I was so well intentioned I wanted to lead a good life and then so-and-so stepped into my path and I weakened became indifferent I can no longer pray with fervor I never dreamed that I could be guilty of dishonesty but an opportunity was placed in my way My friends told me it would not be stealing but I don't feel right about it It has me worried I am distracted over the situation I was always convinced that purity and chastity were ones greatest possessions man's crown of nobility and since I read that book which I picked up only out of curiosity to learn something I have felt restless dissatisfied and disgusted

Thus we can multiply the sad personal experiences and temptations of a thousand individuals, all well meaning well disposed but not sufficiently impressed with the fact that on account of our innate weakness and inclination to sin we must keep away from the side clearances that appear clear but are actually dangerous Even if in our saints we think that we are strong and impervious to sin we should never take a chance God has arranged matters so as to try us

Our Father's designs and arrangements may bewilder us at times but ever keeping in mind our weakness which should not allow us to take a chance with our natural strength and goodness we shall suffer we may become despondent and doubtful Let us however persevere with the thought I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared to the glory to come that shall be revealed in us" Then when at last we reach the end of our road we shall joyfully realize that although sometimes we ran into side clearances that were impaired and from which we had to back out with painful effort and taxing annoyance it was nevertheless eternally worthwhile We will then discover that the most pleasing ingredient of this happy satisfaction will always be the fact that we did remain faithful and true notwithstanding the phases of our struggle which we did not understand for we will then fully see God's reason for it His abiding love for us He wanted us to be worthy

Lay people could benefit themselves so much by at least occasionally reading spiritual books The impression is prevalent that only priests and nuns should be interested in this literature, but people in the world would get even more benefit out of these publications "The Imitation of Christ" for instance, is a limitless source of consolation

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The Past Speaks

When the officials of the New York Chancery were making ready for the arrival of Archbishop Spellman, one of the old files brought to light the following letter which we quote in part

"In the vast territory which now forms the ecclesiastical province of New York, there were thirty years ago only two bishops, eleven priests, and about forty thousand Catholics At present there is one Archbishop, nearly a hundred and fifty priests and about a MILLION Catholics.

"At the sight of this rapid progress of our holy Religion, it is impossible for our thoughts not to revert to that admirable Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to which we are in a great measure indebted for so great a blessing, equally impossible is it for us to separate without testifying our gratitude to you, gentlemen, who are its representatives, and who distribute its funds with so much wisdom

"Permit us, therefore, gentlemen, earnestly to solicit a continuance of the favors you have bestowed on us. The good which the funds you award us will enable us to effect, is one that must have permanent results . . . It is, therefore on good grounds, and I venture to say it, in entire confidence, that we beg of you to continue to us your assistance. We conclude with our heart-felt benediction, and with the assurance of our gratitude and esteem.

(Signed) JOHN, Archbishop of New York."

This letter written by His Grace, the Most Rev. John Hughes, First Archbishop of New York, to the Supreme Council of the Propagation of the Faith, records unmistakably the debt which we Catholics of America owe this society. Is it any wonder then that we beg you to do for others what has been done for you. There is no denying the good that European charity brought us in our early history. The same can easily be done for others, and it is our turn to do so.

Your membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the answer. If not already enrolled, kindly do so today by sending in your membership fee—only $1.00 to the local office, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Girls' Camp Opens With 40

Camp Madonna, a Catholic camp for girls eight to sixteen years of age, which is owned and operated by the Catholic Women's Club of Rochester, will open for a seven weeks' period on next Sunday, July 2 and close August 20. A varied recreational program of land and water sports is offered, and leadership is in the hands of a trained group of counsellors with Miss Kathryn M. Gaffney serving for the sixth season as director. Assisting her as Head Counselor will be Miss Elsie Langley. On the staff are two former Camp Madonna campers: Miss Charlotte Hughes, recent winner of outstanding swimming awards at Toronto University, and Miss Ann Elizabeth Maloney, actively engaged for several years in parish, public health and dramatic work in Aurora, New York.

Others on the staff are: Miss Margaret Corrigan of Geneseo Normal School, Miss Helen McGuire and Miss Anne O'Reilly of Brockport Normal School. Health will be supervised by Miss Theresa Strauss of St. Mary's Hospital Training School Miss Helen Williams, graduate of the Home Economics School of Cornell University, assisted by Betty Bellinger. Mary Dupre and Grace Vella will be in charge of food.

Among those registered for the first two-week period at Camp are

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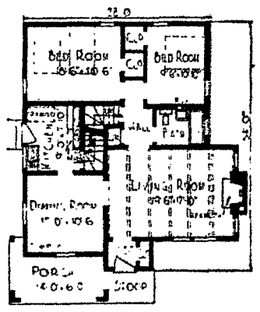

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Miss Marion Schantz is back from Washington, after having attended the Institute on Industry at the National Catholic School of Social Service.

At the Rochester Deanery Meeting last Tuesday evening, she gave an informal and enthusiastic report on the Institute, the courses given, and the guest speakers. She dwelt on the attractive features of the School and her interest in meeting members of its regular faculty.

As the School is a project confided to Catholic women of the country by our Bishops, her talk was of great interest to our local members.

We are still endeavoring to raise the $200 toward the Maintenance Fund of the School, pledged by our President at the National Convention in Biloxi. Contributions to this fund will be most welcome.

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The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women is, as you know, to be held in San Francisco, September 9 to 14.

This is the one national organization, working directly under the guidance of the hierarchy of the United States, which can give expression to all the Catholic women of this country. It does so outwardly each year at the national convention; through resolutions passed by all the delegates, and during the entire year through a Board of Directors elected by the delegates at the national convention.

A program has been arranged which will give practical suggestions and help for organization program. Exhibits of materials will be of interest to all. The convention will serve as a stimulating send-off for 1939-1940 activities.

Your local program needs the wonderful inspiration that only a national convention can give, and the convention needs your voice and mutual assistance.

By attending you will have an opportunity to come more directly in contact with your national leaders, who incidentally are looking forward to meeting personally the organization representatives, to hear speakers of national prominence from the members of the hierarchy and laity; to take part in the discussions on topics of interest to all Catholic women, to meet and exchange experiences and ideas with active Catholic women from every part of the United States.

Every active organization has a contibution to make to the convention by the presence and participation of its delegate.

Lightning Strikes Church; 20 Injured

PARIS At Pradines in Gascony, lightning struck the village church while some hundred children were assembled for a special service About 20 persons were stunned or burned more or less seriously. A 7-year-old boy was so seriously injured about the eyes that there is little hope of recovering his sight

The church tower was destroyed, windows broken and statuary damaged.

Plaque Blessed

Paris His Eminence Pierre Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyon, has blessed a plaque on a house at Taxsin, near Lyon, where Pauline Jaricot, founder of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, lived from 1804 to 1820

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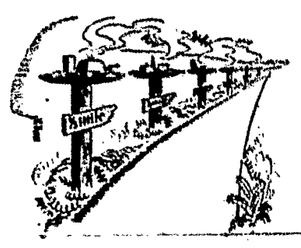

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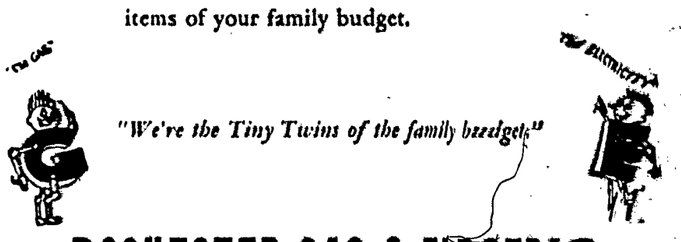

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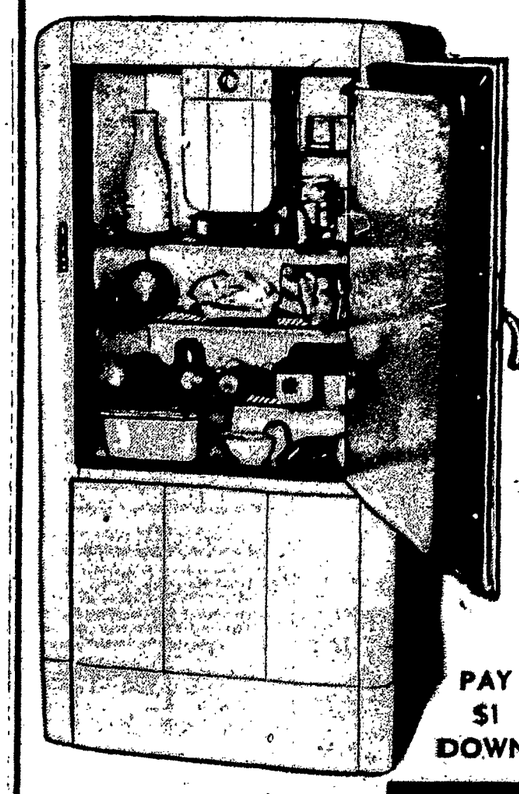

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