

That 'Dream Home' Realized

Building a new home or modernizing the old one presents problems which this newspaper will be glad to help in solving. See Page 5.

Catholic Courier

Religion, Public Institutions

Importance of religion in public schools and penal institutions is discussed thoroughly in stories below and on Editorial page 6.

SOUND AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP AIM OF NATION-WIDE MOVE

Fr. Gillis Explains 'True Charity' At Elmira Conference

ELMIRA.—"There is a radical essential difference between pagan philanthropy and Christian charity," declared the Rev. James M. Gillis, C. S. P. of New York, famed editor and radio orator, at the fourth annual Elmira Catholic Charities dinner, Monday evening in Mark Twain Hotel here.

Decries Move To Oust Prison Chaplains

ELMIRA.—His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester struck out at the New York League for the Separation of Church and State in a brief talk at the annual banquet of the Elmira Catholic Charities, Monday evening.

The League recently filed a State Supreme Court suit for demolition of the "secular house of worship" at the Elmira Reformatory and the Church of the Good Thief at Clinton Prison, Dannemora.

The League seeks a mandamus order compelling Correction Commissioner John A. Lyons to halt construction, demolish the structures, abandon use of convict labor and sever from state payroll all prison chaplains.

Dr. Frank L. Christian, Reformatory superintendent, said there is no more important factor in helping a boy than to teach him religion. There is not a single thing we do at the Reformatory that is of more importance.

Bishop Kearney's comment follows: "One of the most regrettable tendencies evident recently is the activity of certain groups trying to exclude all religious influences from schools and penal institutions. This group indulges in the very dishonest practice of cloaking their protest in terms of objection to the union of church and state when the more real issue is that union cannot be involved in the furthest stretch of the imagination."

"Teachers judge social leaders and students of the problems of correction irrespective of their religious beliefs. It is a regrettable fact that these men and women who are giving their lives and energies to the development of the highest type of American citizenry can be hindered in their efforts by a group whose activities at least smack of the Soviet influence."

His Excellency thanked the committee for its invitation to the dinner asserting that the Catholic Charities was helping him in his pastoral work. He advised his hearers to "see God" in each of the persons who benefited from the charities.

St. Bonaventure College Possesses Rare Manuscript

ST. BONAVENTURE, N. Y.—The Friedman Memorial Library of St. Bonaventure College concluded its observance of National Book Week announcing the discovery of portions of several ancient manuscripts principally four pages of an eleventh-century parchment manuscript in Latin, entitled, "Augustinus Super Psalmos" or "St. Augustine on the Psalms."

According to the Rev. Philotheus Rohner, O. F. M., of St. Bonaventure College, who discovered them, the manuscripts date from the 11th century or earlier.

Another interesting fragment discovered, which had also been used as a book-covering in a fifteenth-century Latin translation of an Arabian medical text.

Noted Catholic Leader Slain In Gestapo Jail

PARIS.—Prof. Benedict Schmittmann, of Cologne University, has been assassinated in a Gestapo jail, according to La Croix.

Professor Schmittmann was a noted adherent of the fascist movement. In 1929 he renounced his mandate at the Prussian Landtag as a representative of the Catholic Centre in order to defend his opinions in writing. His thesis was that as long as Prussia dominated, neither the freedom of his country nor the peace of Europe could be assured.

When Hitler came into power, Professor Schmittmann was imprisoned.

Bishops, Only, To Be Named

Guessing On New Cardinals Halted

VATICAN CITY.—(NC)—The Secret Consistory to be held December 11—the first in the Pontificate of His Holiness Pope Pius XII—will be limited in purpose to the appointment of new Bishops to fill vacant sees.

Revelation of this fact has served to quiet speculation on the one hand, and to extend it on the other. Rightly or wrongly, journalists always speculate at great length concerning the first Consistory of a Pope.

In the past, many have professed to see in an initial Consistory an indication of what the program of the particular Pontificate will be. They have looked to the first Cardinals created by the new Pontiff as giving this indication.

It is related that Pope Leo XIII, replying to those who attempted discreetly to inquire as to his policy, said: "Wait and see my first Consistory."

With the fixing of December 11 as the date of the Secret Consistory and the disclosure that no Cardinals will be created at this time, some speculation naturally ceases. However, it will remain to be seen what personalities Pope Pius XII will first call to the Senate of the Church, and those who wish to speculate in this direction will continue to do so.

Limitation Nothing New

Apart from this, it is not a new thing for the Pope's first Consistory to be limited to the appointment of Bishops to vacant sees. Pope Leo XIII, elected on February 20, 1878, did not decide to create his famous Consistory of Cardinals before May 12, 1879.

This was really a significant Consistory, because he named the Purple, among others, such men as Newman, the great spokesman of the Church not only in his own England but also throughout the whole world, Herzogenrath, the famous historian of the Church, Ziglaris, the restorer of the Thomistic doctrine, and Almondo, one of the most effective orators of his time.

But before this Consistory, Pope Leo XIII had already celebrated three Consistories on March 28, 1873, July 15, 1874, and February 28, 1876, all for the purpose of appointing Bishops.

Pope Pius X, elected on August 4, 1904, created two Cardinals at his first Consistory, held on November 9 of that year. The two Cardinals were Bishop Callaghan of Padua, who had been his close friend and the young Monsignor Merry del Val, who had been Secretary of the Congregation that elected Pius X, and who with his elevation to the cardinalate became Papal Secretary of State.

Pope Benedict XV, elected on September 9, 1914, did not create any Cardinals at his first Consistory, held on January 2, 1915. He only proclaimed Bishops at this time. The Consistory at which he created Cardinals took place on December 8, 1915.

Pope Pius XI, elected on February 6, 1922, created Cardinals at his first Consistory, on December 11, 1922. One of those elevated to the Purple was the Jesuit Father Ehrlich, historian of world renown who had been the Pontiff's Superior in the Vatican Library.

Reich Catholic Charities To Aid War Victims

Berlin.—The German Hierarchy has called on the German Catholic Charities organization to establish a bureau for aiding war victims. It will also have a Missing and Prisoners branch with headquarters at Berlin.

Hierarchy Observes Its Sesquicentennial

Formally observing the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Hierarchy in the United States, more than 70 Archbishops and Bishops attended the solemn Pontifical Mass in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Catholic University, New York, in photo showing a portion of the group of prelates attending. His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, third from left in center row. Real photo. (C.N.C.W.C.)

Public Schools Need Religion

Sentiment Favors Religious Study

WASHINGTON.—For the purpose of fostering good citizenship, prominent persons in all walks of life are serving on the Commission on American Citizenship organized here at the Catholic University of America, it was announced today.

Government officials, educators, writers, editors and business leaders are serving on the Commission under the presidency of the Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Corrigan, Rector of the Catholic University. The late Pope Pius XI in September, 1936, a few months before his death, appointed a letter to the American Catholic Bishops, in which he condemned "any civil philosophy which would degrade men to the position of a scullion in a social game of power and prestige, or would seek to banish him from the human family or set him at the throat of his fellows in a blind, brutal class struggle for existence."

The Pope urged American Catholics to insist on "a constructive program of social action, fitted in detail to local needs which will command the admiration and acceptance of all right-thinking men."

The American Hierarchy, in response to the Pope's appeal, instructed the Catholic University of America to prepare a program of civic education based on ethical principles, for ethical principles alone, the Bishops hold, cannot make men respect their own rights and the rights of their fellow citizens.

The absence of religious training in the American educational system has been the cause of the high crime rate in this country. This, the Rev. Hugh L. Lamb, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, declared in addressing 800 students of non-sectarian colleges at a meeting sponsored by the Middle Atlantic Province of the Newman Club Federation.

"Religion," Bishop Lamb said, "is the only basis for the moral education of the individual. It is a civic necessity, and without it no democracy can survive."

The matter is giving concern among members of the Catholic faith in leaders in the latter address given by Dr. Luther A. Wiegel of Yale Divinity School in Rochester at the First Presbyterian Church, Sunday.

It is expected that the public schools to do more in the way of moral and religious education than they have been doing. This, the educator asserted, "They can do only by reverting to God and respect for religious faith in the development of a citizenship that is founded upon character; teach that morality is more than custom, public opinion is not a religion, and afford to work of the church and synagogues for the religious education of their children."

That religion is a proper part of the community's total provision for education.

At New Orleans, Sunday, a resolution favoring religious instruction for public school children of all denominations in the program provided by the schools was adopted at the Diocesan Council of Catholic Action annual meeting.

Commenting on the growing sentiment in favor of such instruction, Archbishop of New Orleans, referred to talks made with the present year at meetings in Louisiana of Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians and Catholics.

"Religious instruction should be given to all the children of the State, regardless of denominations," the Archbishop said. He referred to the committee in New Orleans composed of clergymen, including the Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, which is working for periods of religious instruction for public school children.

At the suggestion of H. H. White, President of the Louisiana State Board of Education in an address last week at Alexandria that credit should be given public school pupils for outside courses in religious instruction.

Speaking before the Louisiana Teachers' Association at its annual meeting he said: "My personal view is that where or when any denomination offers to supply weekday religious instruction under competent teachers, such instruction should be allowed and credit given on released school time. Beyond this I do not think, under the present state of the law and the uncertainty of expert opinion on the general subject, we can or should go."

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Nation's Leaders Lend Aid To Spur Civic Education

Meat Permitted Friday, Dec. 8

WASHINGTON.—The purpose of the meat permit on Friday, Dec. 8, the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, is to encourage the sale of meat to the poor.

The permit will allow the sale of meat to the poor in all parts of the country. The permit will be in effect from 12 o'clock noon to 6 o'clock P. M.

Services To Begin Advent At Cathedral

WASHINGTON.—The Advent services will begin at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, New York, on Friday, December 1st.

The services will be held at 7 o'clock P. M. The Rev. Father John V. Moran, Rector of the Cathedral, will officiate.

Girl Scouts Have Special Blessing

CHICAGO.—A singular series of blessings has been reported as a result of annual Girl Scout meetings here. They include the blessing of the girls, the blessing of the mothers, and the blessing of the community.

ATTEMPT TO LIBERALIZE PHILIPPINE DIVORCE LAWS

MANILA.—Another attempt will be made during the forthcoming session of the National Assembly to push through a bill seeking to liberalize the divorce law of the Philippines. A group of Assembly members has prepared a bill intended to make the Catholic Church more liberal in its divorce laws.

Catholic Charities To Share Large Estate

NEW YORK.—The major part of the nearly one-million-dollar estate of the late Edward J. McLaughlin here will be given to Catholic charities, according to a transfer tax appraisal filed here.

WARNING!

Photographers have been getting about the above subject for some time. The CATHOLIC COURIER has been the only one mentioned in connection with the subject. We are the only one mentioned in connection with the subject. We are the only one mentioned in connection with the subject.

Anglican Minister And Wife Converted

LONDON.—An Anglican minister and his wife have been converted to the Catholic faith. The minister is the Rev. Canon John Henry Jones, who has been a member of the Anglican Church for many years.