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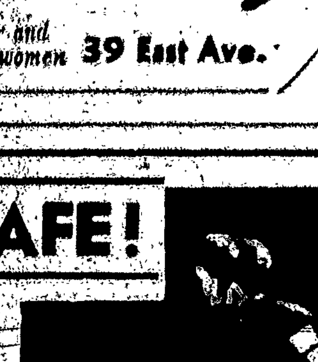

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IRAQ CHAPEL-SCHOOLS

Archbishop Writes of New Conditions

Archbishop Emanuel Thomas is the Patriarch of Iraq, ancient Mesopotamia. Here is his letter:—

"You know I am an old man. It is many years since I was consecrated a Bishop. In all those years, I have never found conditions so favorable as they are today. In the northern part of our country, there is a definite turn towards the Catholic Church.

"Take one example. In the region of Alkosh, a priest of the separated Church became a Catholic. Sixteen families embraced the Faith with him. Up to now, one of our priests has been offering Mass in a private home. He knows, and I agree with him, we should build a chapel. We must build, if we are to take advantage of such opportunities.

"In the section around Akra and [illegible], we are making converts. These families are embracing the [illegible]. Even though we are poor, [illegible] people are coming to [illegible] the real and sacri[illegible] of our priests. They see that the Catholic Church insists on the [illegible] of the human [illegible].

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IN SOME RELIGIOUS ORDERS

In some Religious Orders there is the custom of offering a Set of Gregorian Masses for every deceased member. This means a Mass is offered every day for thirty days for one who is deceased. Write for our pamphlet on Gregorian Masses. You will find it interesting.

A MISSION SCHOOL

If you were to call at our office and ask us what to do with Five hundred dollars, we would advise you to build a mission school. The Bishops of the Near East are begging for help to build schools. They know as we in the United States know that without Catholic schools the future is dark. Children who are trained in Catholic schools will in years to come take care of the religious training of their own children. One school influences generation after generation.

The missionary can build a school for Five hundred dollars.

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

Why not become a Perpetual Member and share in the fifteen thousand Masses offered by the missionaries every year for our members. Share in these Masses during life and after death.

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CHAPEL ALTARS

Many of our Chapels are in need of Altars. In some places the Altars are only boards held at the ends by boxes. Why not donate an Altar in memory of your family. The missionary can erect a new Altar in his chapel for Fifty dollars.

FOR THE YEAR

During the next few days write and ask the missionary to offer Mass for the spiritual and temporal welfare of all the members of your family. Ask God's blessing for the year.

A MISSAL

Ten dollars will purchase a Missal for a mission chapel.

Send all communications to
Catholic Near East Welfare Association
[illegible] St. New York, N. Y.

WOMEN'S WORLD

FAMILY REUNITED
N.C.C.W. CHAIRMEN

Mother, 4 Children Brought Together By Elmira Agency

The touching story of how a scattered Elmira family of a mother and four children will be brought together early in the New Year under supervision of the Elmira Catholic Charities is told by Marjorie J. Bennett, Elmira staff editor, in the Dec 29 issue of that daily newspaper

The father is dead but the mother has obtained work, the eldest child of 18 will help financially and with the aid of relatives the group will again become independent No material aid will be given by the Elmira Charities organization.

This is only one of the many instances in which members of the Elmira Catholic Charities staff willingly offer their services to deserving families . . . cases that do not require financial support, the article states.

"The larger percentage of our cases are not receiving assistance from any relief agency" says Miss Mary FitzGerald, executive director of the Catholic Charities Many are never made known to welfare organizations.

"We are often called for consultation on various social problems, then we help families making new starts, with their budget plans and creditors and try to show them how to spend their incomes wisely."

Keep Cases Open

But such cases are not marked closed by the Catholic Charities. These welfare workers do not forget.

At Christmas young girls in correctional homes and children in institutions, whose problems had been referred to the private agency, as well as patients in state and city hospitals, received Yule gifts Children and mothers in the charities' care were given personal remembrances. The donations were made voluntarily by C C staff members and friends of the organization.

Miss FitzGerald thinks that there is a favorable outlook in the 1940 relief situation. She agrees with Edgar W. Austin, executive director of the Community Chest, which finances the Catholic Charities, that there was an upward trend in business conditions this month with the result that there was a definite reflection in public welfare

"Many former relief families" Miss FitzGerald explained "preferred to make their own Christmas plans this year I think this is an indication that people are not as relief-minded as some have believed

Outlook Good

"In spite of the fact that the relief load is as high as it was a year ago (it would be in a private agency) the outlook for 1940 is encouraging Countless young people are back at work and able to handle their own finances"

Asked how people are kept off relief rolls, the primary purpose of the Catholic Charities, Miss FitzGerald replied:

"Budgetary plans, insurance adjustments and employment are among treatments Sometimes clothing is the principal problem and second hand articles and a small investment to supplement them often will make a decided difference in a family situation

"Experience has proved that if we can meet emergency needs in family finances and regard them as emergencies, a family will not lose the sense of independence nor will members consider relief as their just right.

Generous Support

"In many instances we have utilized individual or community resources in our rehabilitation of families. We are fortunate in that we can call on some of the friends of the organization for a share of their talents.

"In one case, where we were forced with a serious crisis in a family situation we had to find ways and means, outside of public resources, which they would not accept. We gave our case work service, we took apart a jumble family puzzle and fitted the pieces together at smoother angles but we were aided by a board member, who procured a change of employment and a higher wage for the head of the family; another director, who gave medical treatment, a member of our case committee, who supplied dental care and a doctor, who performed a tonsillectomy.

"This was an example of Catholic Charities service made possible because of generosity of our supporters, an instance where we gave relief in a manner which preserved self respect and did not lessen the courage or the will of the recipients to fight the hard battle back to full support."

Daily such cases as these are referred to the Catholic Charities, Miss FitzGerald pointed out:

Husbands and wives or parents and children disturbed by misunderstandings; problem children whose difficulties are caused by family or neighborhood conditions; unmarried parents; unemployed people; fatherless or motherless families; unsatisfactory home conditions; serious physical or mental illness and religious problems.

It's needless to say the Elmira Catholic Charities solves these problems.

Dr. John F. Lynch is executive chairman of the C. C. board of directors.

Family Communion Sunday

WE have but the single day of this life in which to save souls and thus give Jesus proofs of our love. —St. Theresa of Lisieux.

2,086,071 Pupils Now In Catholic Schools

WASHINGTON.—There were 7,916 Catholic elementary schools in the United States, staffed by 50,701 instructors, and attended by 2,086,071 pupils, according to figures so far tabulated in the latest Survey of Catholic Colleges and Schools, compiled every two years by the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The present survey covers the two-year period 1936-38. Returns have been received from 107 of 111 dioceses. The survey is relied upon by the United States Office of Education and other governmental agencies for official figures concerning the Catholic school system of the United States.

Among the 2,086,071 pupils in the Catholic elementary schools of the country, 947,076 are boys, 948,166 are girls, and 190,829 are not classified in the returns.

The total enrollment in elementary schools in 1938, compared with the total enrollment in the same schools in 1936, showed a decrease of 23,876 pupils, or 1.1 per cent. in the two-year period 1936-1938. For the same period, the public schools showed a decline of 3.035 per cent.

Up to 1930, each biennial survey of Catholic schools conducted by the N.C.W.C. Department showed an increase in the enrollments in elementary schools. Each of the four surveys conducted in 1932, 1934, 1936, and the present survey, on the other hand, show a steady decline in elementary enrollments. The decline indicated by the present survey however is less than that of the two previous ones, the percentage this year being only 1.1 while that of 1936 was 2.3, and that of 1934 was 1.5.

Elementary enrollment in Catholic schools reached its peak in 1930, when 2,222,598 children were enrolled, as compared with the present enrollment of 2,086,071.

The loss in elementary enrollment is appearing in all the schools of the country, public and private.

The above facts and other results of the present Survey of Colleges and Schools will be published from time to time during 1940 in pamphlet form. The first of these pamphlets, "Major Seminaries Preparatory Seminaries," is now in the press. At the end of the year these separate publications will be prepared in a single bound volume, giving the latest official information on the Catholic colleges and schools of the country.

Family Communion Sunday

Men's Club Lists Banquet, Jan. 9

Members of the Men's Club of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church will have their annual banquet Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 6.30 P. M. in the main ballroom of the Powers Hotel.

G. Arthur Bosant, chairman, has announced the Rev. Alphonsus Schoenhart, CSS.R., will be the guest speaker. His topic is "Your South American Neighbor - Brazil." Father Schoenhart has just returned after spending many years down there.

In the course of the program, the Rev. Edward T. Meagher, pastor, will present the 1940 officers Malachi Files, president, Richard Toole, vice president, Bernard Kingston, secretary, and Walter Listman, treasurer.

William Conley will act as toastmaster. Assisting in the arrangements are Joseph Starks, Vincent Elman, M. Alvah Halloran and William Howes.

Family Communion Sunday

Bishop Hears Soldiers' Confession On Ship

OTTAWA.—In the recent sailing of the 1st Canadian Contingent overseas one fact that proved welcome news to Catholics was the care given to the spiritual needs of Catholic soldiers.

Of such great importance did Lt. Col. the Most Rev. C. L. Nelligan, D.D., head of the Canadian Catholic Chaplaincy Service, consider this event that he made a special trip to Halifax to be present when the troops embarked.

On the day before the sailing, assisted by several Halifax priests, he heard confessions on board ship. The following day, Sunday, Mass was celebrated on board each ship. Bishop Nelligan celebrated Mass for the members of the famous 22nd Quebec battalion. At the conclusion of the Mass he addressed the men speaking in English and French.

Family Communion Sunday

Cemetery Dedicated in Spain

Madrid.—The cemetery at Paracuellos, near Madrid, which contains the remains of some 10,000 persons, almost all of whom were executed by the Reds, has been consecrated in the presence of ecclesiastical and civil authorities.

Family Communion Sunday

We may know what a man is by the words he uses most. —Drummond

Rochester Diocesan Council
N. C. C. W.
536 Columbus Civic Center

At this beginning of the New Year we echo and make our own the 1940 greeting of our National President Mrs J W McCollum to all our members

"Our New Year's wish is to see each one at work in her place, be it ever so humble, in the Mystical Body of Christ."

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The beginning of the year is an appropriate time to list the names of our N C C W Diocesan Chairmen of Committees

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For their encouragement we quote a message from the N C C W president of the Oklahoma City-Tulsa diocese, Mrs B E Horrigan

"There has not been a single committee projected to us from National Headquarters that is not entirely 'workable' if you have chairmen willing to push and pull just a little and pray a lot."

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Among our Christmas Greetings we have the following prayer from Mr and Mrs Everett Ross Clinchy (Mr Clinchy is Director of the National Conference of Jews and Christians)

"Lord make me an instrument of Thy Peace
Where there is hatred let me sow Love where there is injury
Pardon where there is doubt
Faith where there is despair
Hope where there is darkness
Light, and where there is sadness Joy
O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to Console to be understood as to Understand to be loved as to Love for it is in giving that we Receive it is pardoning that we are Pardoned and it is in practicing Goodwill toward others that Thy Peace comes to Us"

The prayer is an adaptation from St Francis of Assissi, and we are impelled to share it with all our members.

Family Communion Sunday

Parties Urged For Public High Pupils

ST LOUIS A suggestion that Sodalists have a party at least once a year preferably in January for Catholics attending public high schools is made by the Rev Daniel A. Lord, S.J., national director of the Sodality of Our Lady The purpose is to interest them in parish activities

Family Communion Sunday

The Sunday edition for one of New York's newspapers requires the wood from eighty acres of forest

Our Social Swirl

Guild To Hold Benefit Party

St Elizabeth's Guild will hold a card party at Edwards Auditorium on Tuesday afternoon January 9 This is the Guild's first endeavor of the New Year to raise funds for the carrying out of its work

Mrs John P Boylan is chairman of reception and the committee hostesses will be Mrs Joseph R Lara, Mrs Frank Dyke Mrs Louis J McManus and Mrs Joseph A Oppinger

Other aides for the party will be Mrs Lewis L Dollinger Mrs. Elmer F Hohman Mrs Thomas F MacNamara, Mrs Raymond F Healy Mrs Harold Dorsey Mrs. John H Gould Mrs Raymond F Lomen Mrs John J O'Connell and Mrs Clarence Lofink

Mission Guild

Mrs Joseph F Ritz will preside at the business meeting of the Mission Guild of the Divine Word on Monday evening January 8 at 8 o'clock in the Columbus Civic Centre Rev Anthony Deppe S V D will be guest speaker for this meeting

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs Lawrence Cleghorn Mrs Lewis Andrews Mrs Daniel Sullivan Mrs Walter Fogerty Mrs Lewis Kohn Mrs Charles St James Mrs Charles Schaffer Mrs Bernard Givas

Catholic Women's Club

The Catholic Women's Club will hold its annual dinner on Thursday evening January 11 at the Rochester Club This dinner will be given in honor of the Spiritual Director of the organization the Most Rev James E Kearney His Excellency Archbishop Thomas F Hickey will also be an honored guest

Mrs George W Guerinot is honorary chairman of the affair and she has appointed Mrs Eva M Schreiner general chairman of arrangements

Family Communion Sunday

C. D. A. Head Hails Envoy Appointment

NEW YORK Miss Mary C Duffy Supreme Regent of the Catholic Daughters of America hailed the appointment of Myron C Taylor as President Roosevelt's personal representative to the Vatican in the interest of peace as a designation that should gladden the hearts of all Americans

In a statement issued from the national headquarters here of the C D A Miss Duffy said

"The appointment of Mr Myron C Taylor as the President's personal representative to the Vatican should gladden the hearts of all Americans who are anxious to see an end to the present European conflict.

"For the past two years 950 study groups conducted by the Catholic Daughters of America have been studying international peace We will continue our studies and prayers in this direction It is our sincere hope that His Holiness Pope Pius XII and Mr Taylor will find some solution for a permanent peace among all nations"

Family Communion Sunday

Pamphlet on Distributism

Pittsburgh Bearing the imprimatur of the Most Rev Hugh C Boyle Bishop of Pittsburgh, 'An Outline of the Social Philosophy Known as Distributism," by the Rev John J McDonough has just been issued in pamphlet form by the St Joseph's Protectory Press here

MAKING AMUSEMENT

By GRACE ARCHBOLD

(Issued by the National Kindergarten Association 8 West 40th Street New York City)

Mrs Reid sat back in her chair and indulged in a good laugh all by herself For the moment she had dropped her sewing and picked up the current number of a magazine. In it she had come upon a picture story.

The series depicted a little boy who was celebrating his birthday. Adoring relatives were, one by one offering him the very latest and most expensive things in the way of toys a mechanical train fully equipped, a delivery wagon very real; the proper thing in footballs highly-finished blocks; clowns and animals that only had to be wound up, and they would strut ridiculously about the floor.

The child's expression was a study in itself - a mixture of delight and bewilderment. It was only in the last of the series, however, that he looked absorbingly happy. He had turned his back on his birthday gifts and was busy with a hammer, knocking nails into his overturned wooden chair, according to a pattern all his own.

"It is so true," murmured Mrs. Reid.

She was bringing up a family of young children, herself, and knew that boys and girls are most happy when they are making their own amusement.

The satisfaction resulting from building or making something shows itself very early. Mrs. Reid remembered how her Jimmy, when barely two years old, had toddled over to her saying in delighted tones Go gate go gate He had formed a gateway with chairs and led her through After that he had passed back and forth through it with his shabby cart, over and over again

At another time when he was a little older he had discarded a most attractive toy motorcar, almost as soon as he had received it and had started to make one of his own, using a small wooden box and gathering gadgets for it from various parts of the house. She recalled the many happy hours he had spent taking imaginary trips in it delivering parcels to her and calling for trade orders. Yes, he was never happier than when he was making something, or using what he had made

Sounds of merriment came to her now from the playroom. She tiptoed quietly to the door and peeped in In one corner was a doll's house that Jimmy had made. He had gathered some boards together and used a set of tools that Dad had given him, to very good purpose.

Now he was busy making furniture for the rooms. Rose, the elder girl, was concocting bedclothes, pillows and cushions. Mary was dressing dolls to live in the house. Charles, the youngest and the most reflective and artistic of the family, was drawing pictures for the walls.

Mrs. Reid returned to her sewing, well pleased with what she had seen.

AS ONE WOMAN TO ANOTHER

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