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DEANERY—FEATURES

400 Honor St. Patrick At Elmira K.C. Dinner

ELMIRA — Laudation of the personality, courage and achievements of St. Patrick was heard by a record-breaking attendance of 400 at the 12th Annual St. Patrick's Day banquet of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus at the Mark Twain Hotel, Sunday night.

Recalling the legendary story of St. Patrick, "gloriously unique in history," and productive of such lasting world results that his Apostleship is never-to-be-forgotten, Dr. Armstrong told of the great Saint's early life, his enslavement at an early age and of his training by a Gaelic chieftain.

The music, wit and laughter of the Irish, their dogged love of freedom and courage in the face of disaster should inspire the rest of the world today when it is clobbered in gloom," declared the speaker.

"The Irishman's love of liberty and freedom is one of the most valuable assets of this or any other democracy. I am convinced that the Armistice today is a result which we are proud to have won because of the courage and faith of its people, instilled in them by St. Patrick."

"The world wonders how Irish, Scotch, German, Swedish, English and Italian can work together so well in this country. It is because, despite political differences or religious differences Americans preserve their representative form of government and move forward."

Both the Grand Knight and Mr. Milliken paid tribute to Edward J. O'Connor seriously ill at St. Joseph's Hospital for revival of the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner, 12 years ago and for contributing so much to their success.

Mr. Milliken saw in the life of St. Patrick a spirit of love for fellowmen that today might bring peace and rest to a world at war. Others at the speakers table who spoke briefly were Mayor J. Maxwell Ebers, George S. Randall, executive editor of the Star-Gazette and Sunday Telegram, John P. Cahill and the Rev. Raymond Q. Heisel, chaplain of Elmira Council and assistant pastor of St. John's Church.

Also at the speakers table were Clarence H. Kennedy, Harry J. Lagrone, the Rev. William J. Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Attorney Cornelius J. O'Dea, Henry P. Farrell and Nicholas J. Grimaldi. Father Brien gave the Benediction.

Vocal solos were by Robert Hill, Ray Devlin and William Murphy with Harry Springer as accompanist. Abram Ryan led group singing. Instrumental music was by the Springer-Spice orchestra.

We hand folks over to God's mercy and show none ourselves. — George Eliot

STRANGE BUT TRUE Little-Known Facts for Catholics



Erin's Women Highly Lauded

(Continued from Page 1) as Lecky points out so well the conquest of Ireland by the Puritan soldiers of Cromwell was nothing to the conquest of these same soldiers by the invincible religion of the Irish women.

"Who knows but that in this hall tonight there are men whose distant grandfathers were round-headed savages brought over from England to exterminate the Irish race, but who by the Grace of God saw the Gospel light in the eyes of a little Celtic and stayed in the mountains of Wicklow to father a race of confessors to the faith?"

"For these women of Ireland were descended not only from the Gaelic and stayed in the mountains of Wicklow to father a race of confessors to the faith?"

It may seem strange and incongruous to some who are accustomed to seeing Cathleen in a hood and dressed in her symbols green with the golden crown on her head, but in the emblemment of old Ireland has always been one poor Irish landlady whom I knew many years ago more than forty years ago in Staten Island.

Her name was Mrs. Kelly and she took in a young man who was the husband and the rest of her children for her lord and spouse was not quite as much help as her old man. From when she was ten, in fact the only work I ever saw the old man do was to nail up a new addition to the house whenever a new little Kelly was expected, and new little Kellys were as good as the routine for telling when spring was due. They were that regular.

"I am afraid that some women in the public eye today who have more daughters-in-law than they have sons and more sons-in-law than they have daughters would find the Kellys a very badly planned family. A planned family you know is one that you plan not to have. Call it our bright Mrs. Sanger think up the grand term Planned family." She can make anything seem clean and respect-

able merely by calling it something it isn't. I wonder what name she has for the latest selection of the Board of Higher Education. Keep Head I thought.

"The badly planned Kellys, then, lived in a homemade tarpaper shack that was built in a rambling sort of way under an old oak tree down by the waters of the Upper Hudson inside it as a cabin as the heart of the mother that kept it and the children down to the baby. Barney were all gentle and well behaved.

"Every one of these days, when they didn't wear much they still had some of their mother's innate refinement and dignity. And on Sundays when they passed our house in single file the father went first on the way to St. Peter's Church there weren't many in the Parish who wouldn't be proud to own them. It meant, of course, that Mrs. Kelly had worked far more Saturday night to wash out the shirts and brush their hats but it meant too that she could keep her head unbowed amid sorrow that would have broken other women's hearts.

DR. ARMSTRONG HEARD GENEVA BREAKFAST

K. C. 4th Degree Hold Communion Breakfast

GENEVA — About sixty members of the Geneva Assembly of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus and their sons received Holy Communion at the 7 o'clock mass Sunday morning at St. Francis de Sales church.

The service was followed by a Communion breakfast at the Hotel Seneca. Richard J. Walsh was general chairman in charge of arrangements and Arthur T. McAvoy acted as toastmaster.

Judge Frederick L. Mix of Rochester was the principal speaker. He gave an interesting talk on the life of St. Patrick, stating that fifteen centuries ago the world of written records was a "place vastly different from that of the present."

In St. Patrick's Day the riders were active along the British coast, and one band of these men captured the British youth, Patrick and carried him off to Adventure and so eventually to Ireland followed, and then escape to France and education, which inspired the young man to return to Ireland as a missionary.

Out of St. Patrick's mission he said came the founding of schools and churches which made Ireland a refuge for what little culture remained in the dark days of war-torn Europe. Ireland's missionaries penetrated England and Scotland bearing the torch of learning and of faith to light new beacons that had been extinguished by barbarian warfare.

Judge Thomas A. Kane was the next speaker, his subject being "Citizenship." He pointed out during the course of his remarks that adherence to the principles of religion cannot help but make for better citizens and the right to worship as one sees fit is one of the most cherished rights of the American people.

The toastmaster introduced Messrs. Robinson, Wilson and Newberry, members of the Hobart College debating team, who conducted a symposium on the position of the United States in the present European war.

The young men expressed their views in a very creditable manner and the information presented showed that considerable time and study had been given to preparation for the debate.

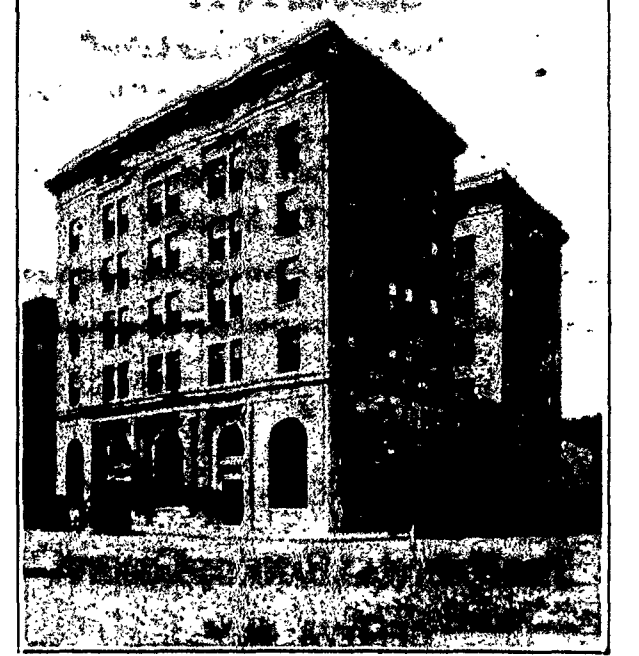
The program closed with the singing of the national anthem.

Effects of War Noted By GEORGE BARNARD LONDON — A curious fact of the war is noted by the Rev. Joseph Dukes, S.J. pastor of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Liverpool, who says that many lapsed Catholics have returned to their duties while a considerable number of practicing Catholics are falling away.

Population Shifts It should be noted however that smaller congregations at a particular church do not necessarily imply that the absentees are moving. Mass he said there has been a considerable redistribution of the population owing to the evacuation of children and their mothers from populous centers to the evacuation of civil servants and other workers and the embodiment in the fighting forces of many of the young people.

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AN ARCHBISHOP AND HIS MOTHER



The Most distinguished-born Archbishop in the recently appointed Archbishop Matthew T. Beovich, of Philadelphia. He becomes the Archbishop of Adelaide, South Australia, and is pictured with his mother.

"But dark as the picture is," he declared, "it looks as though Western civilization may yet prevail. In the first place we can always depend on our enemies to occupy their hands. They are too smart for their own good. They are historically greedy and rash, adding that our second hope brings us back to the women of Ireland. "For I do not think that you and I, mere trailing men as we are, will do very much about the present situation," he said. "We are so used to the dead-end compromises that a man meets in the ordinary struggle for existence that we have dulled our powers of imagination. Not so the women. They have a god-given