

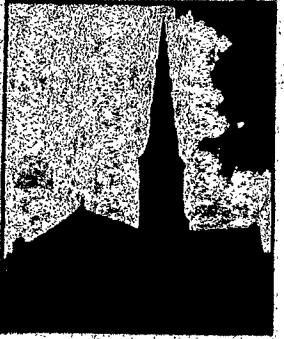
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## DEANERY NEWS

Deplore Decline  
In Farm Population  
As Peril To U. S.

ELMIRA, N.Y.—The decline of American farm population in the face of rural people from the land to urban centers was deplored at the convocation of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference here this week as a trend which may end the whole nation to disaster.

Outstanding speakers, including several members of the hierarchy, strongly emphasized at the four-day conference that there must be a return to agriculture with adequate life if there is to be a复兴 of the physical and moral strength of individuals and families to be stamped.

Bishop James C. Foley, of Albany, the keynote of the sessions at which discussions ranged from valuing of the home to the highest principles of the Catholic Church, said philosophy, the Most Rev. Almon J. Murch, Bishop of Fargo, in the sermon at the Mass Sunday opening the convention, asserted that without the guidance of religion, Agriculture will fail, not merely as other moves.

He said: "The truth is that the farmer is engaged in a sacred calling. Its basic principle is that man is invested with a high dignity, the source of all his rights and liberties in a genuine democratic and family social nature similar to that of the first and original head of creation, the social apostle of the family, the man implanted in man's soul, man's nature, by God."

"Man alone can steer it clear of the mists of infidelity, man cannot succeed elsewhere on which other spiritual movements have stumbled. In the past," the Bishop said, "Catholic agriculture accepted as a basic truth that the farmer is engaged in a sacred calling. Its basic principle is that of Catholic social philosophy, namely, that man is invested with a high dignity, the source of all his rights and liberties in a genuine democratic and family social nature similar to that of the first and original head of creation, the social apostle of the family, the man implanted in man's soul, man's nature, by God."

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Bonaventure in 1923 and has been on the staff of the college since his graduation, serving the last two years as field representative. During his undergraduate days at the college he was active in publications affairs, and held the position of student business manager of all the campus publications for three years. In 1934 he conducted a conference for high school publications which resulted in establishment of the annual "American High School Yearbook." This year the publication is over 100,000 copies.

"There is a city of over 100,000 population in America which has enough children to keep it from slipping into a lower population bracket," the Bishop pointed out. "In my own state of Kansas there is a decline of school population but less than one thousand children for the past 10 years. Only farm families stand between our cities and a constantly declining population."

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to be the same as that of both the individual and the family, added that "the problem of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference remains after 20 years, what it was when the movement was inaugurated."

"We must work that ownership of the land become again the basis of a healthier and happier society, because with the loss of land ownership the farmer loses independence," His Excellency said. "The Church has a tremendous stake in the decentralization of business and agriculture, because the Church depends upon the strength of our rural parishes for its existence in the future."

BOYS TOWN ON AIR

Boys Town, Neb.—Starting Sunday, Oct. 6, and every Sunday thereafter, Boys Town will be on the air at 10:30 A.M. Father Edward J. Flanagan's personal program, which will be featured along with the Boys Town musical group. The program, a 15-minute broadcast, will originate directly from Boys Town and will be heard over WWD Cincinnati, from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. Eastern Standard Time. The program will be directed to parents.

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