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Holy Childhood Association Rev. John S. Randall DIRECTOR

News From Alabama: The postman came in the other morning with a big broad smile and very happily placed on our desk a nice big letter bearing the postmark: Helena, Ala. It was addressed to the boys and girls of the diocese and we are printing it below exactly as the Sisters down there wrote it:

Dear boys and girls of the Holy Childhood Association: This is the only way to read the CATHOLIC COURIER to know that the fire of the Mission spirit glows in the hearts of our school children of Alabama. But not words only for just recently a spark from this fire lit the tiny fields of Helena, Ala. It was in the form of a generous check made up of the little sacrifices and maybe big sacrifices of you, our young friends. May God bless you, children, and reward you in the way He knows best.

Would you like to know something about our Mission and how your prayers and donations may help? First of all, Helena is a little city far away in India, China or Japan. It is right under the Star and Shield of our own beautiful America. The parents do not give away their babies. The colored people love their children and try to care for them, but all their homes, their food and their clothing is in a state of want.

What these children call a home is an unpainted, one or two-room wooden hut, reached by rickety steps. The walls are covered, not with wall paper, but with sides of curtains and newspapers, decorated here and there with a large advertisement. The furniture consists of a bed, a few chairs. The boys imagine doing your home work in a place like that?

Then the food - a few roasted peanuts or green peas for a dinner. Many families get \$300 a month and out of that pay \$100 for rent. The rest must provide everything else needed. As for clothing, shoes are a luxury and it is sometimes very cold here.

Now you know when boys and girls have very little knowledge of God, how it is reasonable to send them home and have your food and clothing, they are not going to make good citizens of the United States, and neither will they, may I say, be happy.

Our work then is to teach them about God and His commandments, to get food for the hungry, clothing for the needy, and medicine for the sick. If you could see the happy faces of these poor neglected people when they see the little altar in school, you would be doubly glad for your sacrifices. Besides, you know how many souls you may bring to heaven. May God bless you all! The Sisters of St. Joseph at Helena

NEWSWEEK: Well, boys and girls, let's have a look at the Mission Mail. Big this week and see what we have. It's a minute! Before we get into the line-up of the ransom reports, the postman brought another interesting communication to us this week, and I believe I'm correct in saying that all of the schools received a similar one. This month's issue of the Holy Childhood Annals makes us sit up very tall and proudly pat ourselves on the back. Why? Well, believe it or not, Helena topped first, second, fifth, sixth, seventh and many other places all the way down the line, in the reports of ransom money to the National Office. Yes, all the boys and girls of Holy Childhood in Helena, Ala. are to be congratulated with one hundred and eighty-seven ransoms. St. Andrew's School follows with fifty-two ransoms; St. Margaret Mary's with twenty-eight; St. Peter and Paul's with twenty-seven; St. Michael's with twenty-five and so on.

And letters to what "Uncle Dick" has to say about our report: "Special mention, too, must be given to the schools of the Diocese of Rochester, N. Y. There, too, is being done by the Holy Childhood Missionaries. How happy must all of these boys and girls feel that they have done so much for the children of pagan lands. What wonderful little citizens they are!"

There you have it, boys and girls. And a million, thousand thanks from me, too. I assure you, proud of you boys and girls. Of course, I just know that you'd make first place. With enthusiasm such as yours, how could we lose. Keep it up now, won't you?

And now to get to the ransom. The first one to greet our eyes comes from the Sixth Grade at Sacred Heart School.

The girls of the Sixth Grade are sending you \$50 for a little Negro baby. We would like the money sent to Helena, Alabama. All the girls with the help of the boys decided to name the baby Agnes Mary. The boys were very kind to let the girls ransom the first baby. We hope to ransom many more little babies." - Norma Trabbold, 4th Grade, Sacred Heart School.

Think you very much, girls, for your ransom. I'll bet the boys will be right on your heels, though, and send it their ransom pronto.

The Third Grade South of St. Andrew's School are anxious to keep the fire record they made in the Annals, and if possible, try to beat Holy Family. So they're sending a ransom of a little Negro girl named Joan Eura. Betty Heenan and Dorothy Damascio are the godmothers. Hoping them beat their present mark are the pupils of the Eighth Grade North who want to ransom Fern Clarence Aglore, a little Chinese girl. Charles Francis Verma Meyer will act as the godparents. And then we have a report of dues from the Seventh Grade South, \$4.40, and the Third Grade North, \$1.20. To all of you good missionaries, a thousand thanks. It's a wonderful feeling to know that you have the boys and girls of St. Andrew's behind you 100% and believe you me, you're doing one grand job!

Here Leo Scheff from Nazareth Hall with an interesting letter: "We're off again in our year one mission career for the Sixth Grade Nazareth Hall. We just finished our book, and have got a dollar toward our new book. We are going to try to beat our record of last year. I hope you remembered us because we were the winners of the school last year with over forty-five dollars. Our new baby's name is Augustine Marie, which is the name of our Sister. The kind of a baby we want is a little Negro. We hope to send you these letters very often." - Leo Scheff, 6th Grade Nazareth Hall.

You can just bet that I shall be looking for such letters later on. If they come in like that every day, our mission worries would be over. Thank the boys of your grade for me, Leo. Yes, indeed, I do remember them as the winners of last year. Let's hope that you can hang on to that record for this year.

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Trains Blot: Manchester, N. H. - The Civil Aeronautics Authority has allocated a quota of 40 students for the private pilot course and 10 students for the restricted commercial pilot course at the fall session of the Civilian Pilot Training Program at St. Anselm's College here.

The Movie Guide classifies the moral standards of current films.

A LIBRARY CALL IN 'BOOK WEEK'



NAZARETH HALL PUPILS accompanied by Sister Agnes Cecilia and Sister Pauline Mearns, are at their program during National Catholic Book Week. Here they are seen in the "magic conversation" of that library.

'Ad Altare Dei,' Special Scout Award Now Official

"Ad Altare Dei" Award, a special award to be earned by Boy Scouts who are altar boys, has been approved by the National Boy Scouts. An official Ad Altare Dei emblem has been designed by the Bishops' Committee.

The award is a bronze cross suspended from ribbon in the papal colors with a fine red, white and blue stripe down the center of the ribbon. A bronze bar and pin surmount top of ribbon with inscription on it "Ad Altare Dei". The whole emblem is about the size of the Eagle Scout badge. Though not an official Scout emblem, the cross may be worn on the Scout uniform.

The award may be obtained only through the Diocesan Chapter. Applications must be submitted to him and he in turn may obtain the award from the national office.

Requirements for the award in the Rochester Diocese are now being compiled by a committee of Scout Chaplains under Rev. Albert Hannon and Rev. James C. Lane. The award is being presented to the altar boys of the Holy Family School, St. Andrew's School, St. Margaret Mary's with twenty-eight; St. Peter and Paul's with twenty-seven; St. Michael's with twenty-five and so on.

Holy Family's Tops DeSales

ADORNED - Holy Family High School ended its season in a blaze of glory as they subdued DeSales High School of Geneva, 15-0. Leo "Panjo" O'Connor made the triumph quite personal as he crossed the goal line twice and kicked an extra point for a total of 13. The other two points came when DeSales attempted to pass its way to a score and completed a pass behind its own goal and was blocked by Jack White of Holy Family.

Coach Ray Flynn, Holy Family's triumph was a special tribute to his ability as he team scored five wins and lost two games this year. As it was they were long by one point to St. Mary's of Cortland and by one touchdown to the power of Morton and White of Aquinas Institute.

This was the final game of the season for the Auburn outfit as its game with St. Mary's of Orleansburg was cancelled because of the poor weather conditions now prevailing.

Bowling

Knights of Columbus: The Santos were toppled from their place in the K. of C. League Wednesday evening, Nov. 8 on the Columbus Alley, and consequently fell into a tie with Holy Family and his Pintars for first position. The Santos succumbed to the bombardment of the fast-moving Guards while the Pintars scored a 1-0 triumph over Prey Astang.

Jack Kinney has had a hard game from the Pirates while Warren Hill and his Puritans reversed the procedure of the past few weeks by taking a decision from Jack Kinney and his hapless band of Klites. The league standings announced by Secretary Billy Staub shows the Santos and Pintars leading the procession with 11 wins and 7 losses each. Pintars in second spot with 12 wins and 6 losses followed by the Nuns with 11 and 10, Guards 11 and 10, Indians 10 and 11, Klites 7 and 15 and the Puritans 6 and 15.

Jerry Weinhart had high three game total with 12 wins and 9 losses followed by Warren Hill with 11 and 10, Guards 11 and 10, Indians 10 and 11, Klites 7 and 15 and the Puritans 6 and 15.

High single games were recorded by Jerry Weinhart with 26 and 21-0, Jack Blum 24, Warren Hill 22-27, St. 22, Austin 20, Kazady 20-6, Joe Steimes, two-g man from Dutchman, 20-5; Steve Nicolsia 20, Charlie Geyer 20, Tom Ward 20 and Bob Ward 20.

Mission Day Set At Mercy

Plans have been completed for Mercy High School's greatest Mission Day, which will be held Friday, Nov. 25. The sale of tags by the Mission Committee will open the annual event.

Raising funds for home and foreign missions is the goal of every mission-minded person. This will be accomplished through the sale of tickets, and at many unique booths.

General Chairman Mary Grace Gould is in charge of all selected events. Members of the Mission Committee and all other Committee chairmen will assist her. Cakes, candy and groceries may be purchased from booths conducted by committees of the Sodality of Our Lady. At still another booth beautiful gifts will be sold for only a penny.

Beginning at approximately 2 o'clock, a Card Party will be held for mothers and friends of the students. Unusual gifts will be given to the winner at each table.

Refresh yourself



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