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WOMEN'S WORLD

NCCW 'Call To Youth' Radio Addresses Individualism Hit As 'Arch Saboteur of American Spirit'

Individualism was called "the arch-saboteur of the American spirit" by the Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Buffalo, in the "Call to Youth" broadcast of the National Council of Catholic Women on Feb. 22.

The "Call to Youth" program a broadcast over Station WHAM and the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company and sponsored by the N. C. C. W. Youth Committee.

Taking as his topic "Banned Aids" Bishop Duffy cited the labor and sacrifices of George Washington and his contemporaries to found the United States, asserting that the stability of the nation thus built depends upon the quality and good will of its citizens.

"To you the youthful citizens of our country this trust will pass Bishop Duffy went on. "To you therefore we make appeal to cultivate the faith and the virtues which are the strength of our nation. We beseech you to be true to yourselves and to balance your rights by your responsibility to others. Peace belongs to men of good will. Cultivate this good will and a fine sense of justice towards all is this too much to ask? I grant you it will challenge all the enthusiasm and ardor of your youth. But in the effort you will often fail and fail as others have done before you. Men alas, are but humans after all. None the less in the effort of doing the best you have to give for the standard of the future must be sure and strong and in their faith in God and in the principle of man's brotherhood under God, strong in maintaining the faith and the principle against every devastating foe.

Mothers' Role Draws Record Attendance

A record attendance of between 200 and 250 expectant mothers presented themselves for the unique Ceremony of the Church Blessing and Consecration to Our Blessed Mother at St. Joseph's Church, Feb. 20, in spite of stormy weather.

This attendance was said by those in charge to have exceeded the number all last year. This public ceremony was begun in October, 1939, with the permission of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, and is conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers.

"If there had been any doubt as to the benefits derived from this ceremony, declared those in charge, noting the great increase in attendance, "this should be ample proof to warrant its continuance. This ceremony is one answer to the artificial birth control propaganda so prevalent at this time."

Mothers came from various sections of the diocese as far as Buffalo to participate in the blessing. Mrs. Michael J. Kleemann, C.S.S.R., who conducted the services in his discourse told the mothers that at this time, as always in the past, Holy Mother the Church by her love for her children, provides extraordinary help to carry her members through a time of crisis.

"At this time more than ever in the world's history, the Church needs mothers of heroic sanctity," said Father Kleemann, "because children of the future will be called upon with a faith, a loyalty and courage inspired by a great love of God to bring great glory to the Church in working for the salvation of souls."

He admonished the mothers to avail themselves of every opportunity to be at Mass and to participate in the Sacraments as necessary for all graces to fulfill their duties as mothers. By doing this, he said, they will be enabled to overcome all difficulties encountered in their everyday lives.

Another ceremony was held at St. Joseph's Church on Feb. 21, when the Rev. Father Kleemann spoke briefly on another ceremony and in the Old Law that of Churching after child-birth. He explained that Our Blessed Mother could have been exempt from this ceremony because she was sinless and had no need of purification but as an example to mothers of all times she fulfilled the obligation to purify mothers of the New Law to comply with the law of the new Church which her Son had founded.

The Churching of Mothers is a prayer of Thanksgiving for a safe delivery and to thank God that another child has been born into the world.

The customary offering of a candle signifies Christ the Light of the World and this should inspire them, the Redemptorist Father pointed out, to be other Christs and Lights in necessary to bring the True Light into a world darkened by the terrible scourge of war and other sins dominant in the world today.

Those in charge of the ceremony announced that prayers and literature are available to all mothers, Catholic, Protestant and Jews, and will be sent to everyone requesting them by calling or writing Mrs. L. A. Weder, 831 Westfall Road, or phone Monroe 1351-W.

Date of the next Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be given in the CATHOLIC COURIER. Credit is given the diocesan newspaper for the large increase in mothers attending the ceremony.

College Awards High Honor To Sigrid Undset

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MOTHERS' CEREMONY YOUTH FIFTH COLUMN

Gets Christian Culture Award



The Christian Culture Medal, of Assumption College, Worcester, Ont., has been awarded to Madame Sigrid Undset, Norwegian author and Catholic convert. She is pictured here with Rev. Christianen, Council General of Norway in New York at a recent ceremony in her honor. (N.C.W.C.)

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Academy Alumnae Set Retreat At Nazareth College

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Now as a matter of fact the signs of neuritis and of neuritis may be the same because the same nerves are affected. However, neuritis causes pain without altering the structure of the nerve tissue whereas in neuritis there is a actual damage to the nerve tissue that can be seen under the microscope. In neuritis you may have power in the muscles and you can use it if you are willing to bear the pain. However, in neuritis where the nerve tissue is damaged there is a true neuritis there is a wasting of muscle.

Now a true neuritis due to some infection comes on just like any other infection. There is a slight rise in temperature, a sick feeling, and a slight chill. Following this is the pain in the muscles with loss of power and a gradual wasting of muscle.

It would be safe to say that teeth, gums and nose are responsible for most of it. Infection from the intestine is supposed to cause the rest of it. The first thing to remember is that the damage is done. Trying to "work out" the pain from the muscle is a mistake, if understood at once. Rest is the first and big factor, along with the proper clearing of the digestive system. If the attack is a severe one you can make up your mind that it will be worse before the cure should be started. Then most heat, gentle massage and slight movement will be helpful to restore normal strength and size to the infected muscles.

L.C.B.A. Elects Mrs. Ryan

Election of officers and preliminary plans for the national convention opening July 8 in Atlantic City occupied the Rochester Ad. Victory Society, Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association, meeting in Columbus Civic Centre, Monday night.

Mrs. Anna L. Ryan was re-elected president. Named with her were: First Vice-President, Mrs. Cecilia Frey; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Mary Gallagher; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Rosemary Croston; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Mary Kloss; Treasurer, Mrs. Theresa Wolffert; Marshal, Miss Mary Hickey; Guard, Mr. Margaret Klein.

Birthrate In Germany Continues Increase

GENEVA.—The birthrate in Germany has continued its upward movement according to the statistical year-book of the League of Nations for 1939-40 just off the press. In 1939 it reached 20.3 per thousand as against 17.1 in 1938 in the Reich proper, and 20.9 per thousand in Austria as against 12.9 in 1937.

The year-book states that there are some decreases in the birth rates of the United States, Denmark, Hungary and the Balkan countries, but a rise in the Union of South Africa, in Oceania, Sweden and Norway. In the past decades there has been a general decline in mortality unprecedented in history. Every year millions of lives have been saved as a result of the progress in public health and welfare work.

Italy's Royal Academy Honors Woman Poet

VATICAN CITY.—The Royal Academy of Italy has for the first time in history accepted a woman for membership. She is the poet Ada Negri.

Gifted with an extremely sensitive heart, Ada Negri was impressed in her youth by the social injustices she witnessed and often her compositions constituted songs of rebellion against these conditions.

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