

NATIONAL NEWS

Two and A Half Century Old Cup Unearthed Near Holcomb Presents Identity Mystery

Unearthing of an exquisitely decorated wooden cup at an Indian site near Holcomb by Herman G. Hetzler, prominent Rochester industrialist and enthusiastic preserver of relics recalling early Jesuit and Franciscan missionary activity in this area has presented a mystery for him and others grounded in archeology and history to solve.

Mr. Hetzler, a keen student of local history when he is not spending up the production of castings for gun mounts, submarines and destroyers in this city, has had his historical interest lead him to erect many monuments to the men and the events of the dawn of history when the pioneer missionaries visited the Indians. His collection of relics of that era fills many cases, his motive being to save these priceless relics for future generations and to keep alive Catholic interest in missionaries to the savages in this country.

The cup discovered as a result of Mr. Hetzler's activities, is an art object of the first magnitude. It was discovered in the bony fingers of a young Indian girl who died over two and a half centuries ago. The name of "Fr. Manio" or "Fr. Manos" appears on the base of the cup.

CUP OF FR. MANIO

Mr. Hetzler refers to his latest find as "The Cup of Fr. Manio." It is the result of this summer's exploration on the farm of Mr. John E. Redman, some two miles east of Holcomb near Canaruga Creek, where the Old Road crosses the Mud Creek known in early days as Canaruga Creek.

The former owner of this site refused to have crops interfered with, but in the spring and fall on Sunday, diggers would creep in and open a few graves which they rarely bothered to fill, with the result that this material was becoming scattered over the surface.

As this was realized, the work of excavation was started by Mr. Harry Schoff, an archeologist, for Mr. Hetzler. Mr. Schoff found that the site was scattered from the early white settlers who dug out the sunken graves to obtain the iron of the guns buried with the Indians, as well as their axes, the dreaded tomahawk, which, with a little sharpening, became serviceable. These settlers had no interest in the Indian pipes and pots which they saw and generally left them in a broken condition.

SITE IDENTIFIED
For many years the place was known as "The Old Indian Burying Ground" and was shunned by the white man. Rumors of ghosts aided by the wildness of the creek bottom land, added to this and the stage coach travelers must have welcomed the lights of a magnificent lantern of Joel Steel which stood on the hill to the west, after bumping across the Corduroy Road at the ford of the Creek.

This site has been identified after a year's work, and in the manner of the Jesuit Mission of St. Michel, where Christianity was first preached in the Genesee region. Three towns made up this site.

One was burned up in a drunken orgy of the Indians, one was abandoned because of epidemic, and the third town, the one actually unearthed by Mr. Hetzler, was destroyed by the French army under Marquis de Denonville in 1687 when he sought to destroy the Seneca Nation. Many captives in this town were Indians from Huronia, situated between Lake Simcoe and Lake Huron, whose race had been almost exterminated by the savage Senecas.

Mr. Hetzler believes the cup he found might have been a treasured possession of a captive Indian maiden who had been converted to Christianity in Huronia. Thousands of these Hurons were burned at the stake and tortured on their way to this Seneca Village.

CUP DESCRIBED
The cup of Manio unearthed by Mr. Schoff under the direction of Mr. Hetzler, is a wooden vase or cup of the finest quality. It is about six inches in height, and about three inches in diameter. Its sides are inlaid with pieces of gourd, which are in a most artistic manner. Around the neck are arranged twelve faces of remarkable artistry in carving.

The talent which is manifested in this extraordinary production indicates that its maker was a person of unusual artistic taste and ability. The cup was found tightly clasped in the bony fingers of a young Indian girl who died over two and a half centuries ago. It had evidently become the treasure of this young girl.

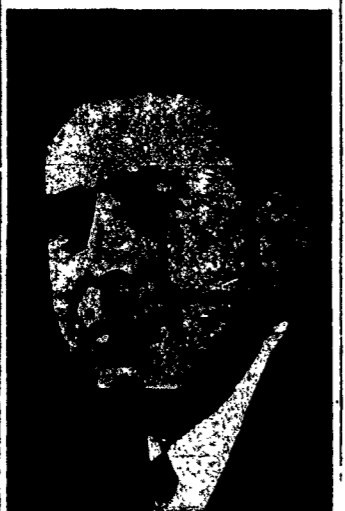
Mr. Hetzler suggests that perhaps she knew the twining smiling faces by name, perhaps they had been taught to her by Father Chaumonot, who brightened the gloom of many dingy, dirty cabins. Or, Mr. Hetzler thinks, it might even have been brought from their home in Huronia when they emigrated to Seneca County as captives of the Senecas.

Apparently when the child died, it was natural that her beloved cup should be buried with her. A copper kettle filled with food, a metal spoon, whose handle ended in a human figure, possibly that of the Virgin Mary, and the beloved cup formed the most precious and accompanied her on her last trip to eternity.

WELL PRESERVED
The copper salts from the kettle preserved the wood of the cup in a remarkable manner. The top of the cup which was probably eight inches high by four inches in diameter, had rotted away, but enough remains to help visualize the original formation. The bottom of the cup was engraved with the words, "Fr. Manio" or "Fr. Manos." Theories about this name were expressed by Mr. Hetzler, this week.

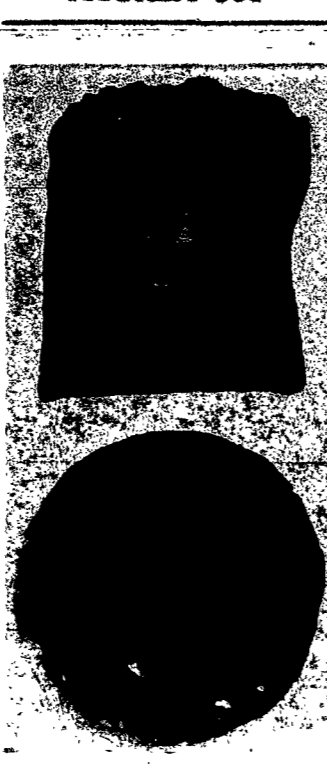
"Mancaux" (pronounced Manio) might be the name for the spelling "Manio." At this time the German letter "F" was generally used as a letter "S." The preceding "Fr" could stand for Frater, Frater Francis of Canaruga. In Thwaites' "Relations of a Franciscan Missionary" was listed the name "Monis" in Parkman's "La Salle" an Indian chief who held council on the Illinois River was named "Monis." Another theory of Mr. Hetzler's is that the early Franciscan missionaries who called in the Jesuit Black Robes only because of the lack of Franciscan priests at that time may have had Fr. Manfredo or Manos of Spanish descent working among the Hurons who could have given the cup to the Indian maiden.

Franciscan historians are busily engaged now in research of these early records both from within and without this country to give Mr. Hetzler definite and authentic information, he states. Any information concerning the cup will be welcomed by Mr. Hetzler who resides at 34 Lake View Park, Rochester.



Herman G. Hetzler

MYSTERY CUP



Here is a reproduction of the beautifully wrought wooden cup unearthed by Harry Schoff, archeologist, for Herman G. Hetzler, historian. Top photo is a side view of the cup. Lower is a reproduction of the base upon which is inscribed "Fr. Manio."

Build Seminary

Los Angeles — Construction of the new Dominguez Seminary of the Claretian Fathers at Campion is now under way. Initial difficulties in securing essential materials and in securing a site, have been overcome. Architect's plans call for a central administration building, parlor and reception room, library and reading room, a chapel and living quarters for priests and Brothers.

We must not trust too much in ourselves.

'Catholic Hour' Message

Man Drifts First From "God" By "Sham Indifference"

NEW YORK — (N. C.) — By "sham indifference" man drifts away from God and into the bondage of Satan, declared the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Martin J. O'Connor, Vicar General of the Diocese of Scranton, in his address over the "Catholic Hour" Sunday Sept. 28. The address on "Independence" was the last in Monsignor O'Connor's series of four.

Vatican 'Mission' Still Unknown

WASHINGTON — The State Department, in response to specific inquiries by the N. C. W. C. News Service, said it knew nothing of the three man mission which a secular press report said was to go to the Vatican.

The State Department, it is understood, has had similar inquiries from a number of other sources, and to all has replied that it knows nothing of the mission.

A secular press report said Charles F. West, former Under Secretary of the Interior and Charles F. Williams and William Cullen Safford, both of Cincinnati, were to go to the Vatican. The report said the "preliminary" diplomatic currier in Washington was that the men plan to continue the U. S. - Vatican conversations begun by Myron Taylor, the President's personal envoy to the Pope.

LEGION OF DECENCY FILM REVIEWERS ATTEND MASS

NEW YORK — Members of the Motion Picture Department of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, the reviewing group for the Legion of Decency, attended a special Votive Mass in honor of the Holy Ghost at the Lady Chapel, St. Patrick's Cathedral, today.

The Mass was offered by the Rev. John J. McCafferty, Executive Secretary of the National Legion of Decency. Among the many present were Mrs. James F. Looman, Chairman of the Motion Picture Department, Mrs. George H. Bradford, President of the I. F. C. A. Miss Mary Sheridan, of the Executive Committee of the Department, Mrs. Thomas J. Bannin, Chairman of the Film Review Sub-Committee, and Mrs. Richard Auspitzer, of the Executive Committee.

APPLICATION OF CATECHISM TRUTHS IS AID TO PEACE

ST. LOUIS — Commenting on the Holy Father's recent request for prayers for a larger knowledge of Christian doctrine, the Rev. Aloysius J. Heeg, S. J., National Director of Children's Sodality Reviews in the current issue of The Faculty Adviser, published by The Queen's Work here, American Sodality secretariate, that the application of the truths in the Catechism would restore world peace.

Rotary Club Holds Memorial For Priest

BALTIMORE — The Rotary Club of Baltimore set aside its weekly luncheon meeting as a memorial session in commemoration of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Morrissey, pastor of St. Ann's Church, here, who died Sept. 17. Tribute was paid at the meeting to Monsignor Morrissey by Rabbi William Rosenau, an admirer and friend of the late priest.

PRINTED FILTH IS MAJOR DANGER TO U. S. SAYS PRELATE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — There is no influence in America so pernicious to both faith and morals as the flood of printed filth, and a real crusade, country-wide, with activity units in every community, is needed to overcome it, the Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, told the session on Libraries and Literature at the mid-west regional conference of the National Council of Catholic Women here this week.

"If the welfare of the nation depends primarily on the moral sense and the virtuous living of its citizens, then those things calculated to destroy that moral sense are the nation's outstanding peril," Bishop Noll said. "Since a moral sense is not innate, it must be cultivated. It is not being cultivated through the public school system in the hearts of 80,000,000 of the nation's future citizens. Since the previous 30,000,000 similarly neglected, and now ranging between eighteen and thirty years of age, are the principal patrons of salacious magazines and books, I leave it to you to determine the sort of polluted society of which your children will be a part unless the traffic in low-down is checked."

Need of Christian Homes
Mrs. John M. Robb, President of the Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, explained the "Preparation and Planning of a Diocesan Campaign against Indecent Literature." Mrs. James Russell of Indianapolis, led the discussion that followed.

Christian homes, the need of which has been stressed in nearly all sessions of the conference, were described by the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmiedeler, O.S.B., Director of the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, as "homes where the natural and supernatural are so closely fused that they appear as one, homes that are serving as true guides and aids unflinching on the road to our heavenly home."

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Famed New York Layman To Receive St. Bona Catholic Action Award

ST. BONAVENTURE — Sir John Stephen Burke, New York City, who has been selected to receive the 1941 Catholic Action Medal during ceremonies at the College on Saturday in connection with the observance of St. Francis Day has been outstanding in lay charity and educational activities.

He is well-known as a generous benefactor of many Catholic movements, having served for a number of years as a member of the Cardinal's, and later, the Archbishop's Committee of the Lally in various Catholic Charities campaigns. At the present time he is vice-president of the Archbishop's Committee of the Lally.

In recognition of his efforts in behalf of worthy Catholic movements, Mr. Burke was awarded the Cardinal Chamberlain Medal in 1932 by His Eminence Cardinal Hays, at the same time former Governor Alfred E. Smith and John T. Smith were invested with the same honor. Governor Smith was the first recipient of the St. Bonaventure Catholic Action Medal, when the award was established in 1934.

A native of Norwich, Conn., Mr. Burke became affiliated with E. Altman Co., New York City, immediately after his graduation from Yale University. He is now president of the company, be-

Provincial Renamed
London — The Servites here have re-elected the Very Rev. Francis M. McEnaney, O.S.M., as their Provincial.