

Rally Spurs K. of C. Membership Drive; Degrees Planned

As the membership campaign of the Klumra Council, Knights of Columbus moves successfully forward, new impetus is given each week with talks by Passionist Fathers in different churches throughout the city.

CRUSADER'S PRAYER RECITED AT SESSION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

SAN FRANCISCO. The Crusader's Prayer, composed for the Children's Crusade of Prayer which was recently organized by the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, was recited by the Rev. James T. O'Dowd, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools, at a session here of the American Association of School Administrators.

Bishop Pays Tribute To Slain Seamen

OTTAWA.—Tribute to the memory of the 57 officers and men lost on the Spikeland, Canadian corvette sunk by a torpedo while protecting a convoy, was paid by the Most Rev. Charles L. Nelligan, Principal Catholic Chaplain of the Canadian Armed Forces, at a Requiem High Mass in St. Brigid's Church.

Can Be Proud of Church, Fr. Brien Tells Men's Club

CORNING—Congratulating the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club of Corning and citing the role Catholics have played in the history of this nation, the Rev. William J. Brien, Ph.D., S.T.L., pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, addressed the club at the regular luncheon meeting in Baron Steub. Hotel, Friday, Mar. 6.

Father Brien congratulated the Catholic men of Corning for having initiated something new in the campaign of Catholic Action, for having given impetus to other communities to consider establishment of similar clubs.

He drew attention to the fact that Catholics, for the most part, have not gathered for social intercourse and interchange of ideas as much as they should, considering that they have many reasons for so doing out of pride for the Church to which they belong.

With the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Griffin, pastor emeritus of St. Mary's Church present, a record attendance of 51 heard Father Brien, Eugene Kelley, club president, who had charge of the meeting, named Joseph Herschel, John Farrell, Michael Logue and Acting Fire Chief William Shedy on the attendance committee for Friday's meeting.

Next Speaker Dr. Hugh T. Keenan of this city will be the speaker on Mar. 13. In his address, Father Brien pointed to the fact that there has been much misunderstanding of Catholics in the history of the United States. Sometimes, he said, all too often, the Catholic, at least here and there, has accepted this misunderstanding with the result that he has been considered something alien to the spirit of this country.

Early in our country's history, the speaker said, the Catholic had to own property before he could vote; there was the Know-Nothing Movement of the 1850's, later on toward the end of the century, the A. P. A. movement, and only a few years ago the K. K. K. movement against all foreigners, Catholics, Jews and Negroes.

tributed along all lines to the progress of this country. Although not a Catholic country, the first contribution to religious liberty came from Catholics who originally settled the colony of Maryland. Help from France, Poland and Ireland, all Catholic countries, was very material in the Revolutionary war.

Catholics in Wars Father Brien cited Captain Barry at the head of our navy in the war of 1812. Several generals of the United States headed our armies in the Civil War and he mentioned only a few: Mead, Meagher and Sheridan. American Catholics lined up solidly behind our country in the Spanish-American War, even though our enemy was a Catholic country.

The Elmira pastor cited Catholics in the development of the Western Hemisphere, Columbus, Lief Ericsson and the many missionary Fathers. He cited the founders of universities and printing presses in Latin America long before they were established in the United States.

Father Brien emphasized the fact that the Puritans did not come to North America to contribute the idea of religious freedom to the world. They sought, he said, merely religious freedom for themselves and were intolerant of that freedom for others; so that whatever other ideas they may have contributed to larger ideals of democracy, religious freedom was not an original contribution with them.

That came from the Catholic Lord Calvert who founded the colony of Maryland. Later on John Carroll of Carrollton staked his entire fortune, probably the greatest in the colonies, on the success of the Revolution, solely on the stipulation that religious freedom be one of the essential aims of the new democracy.

"In our country Catholics have played a prominent part in every movement for personal and civic liberty, in outstanding citizenship, in maintaining liberty of conscience, and in every other idea which supports and guarantees the greater idea of a democratic country," Father Brien said.

The Catholic should remember that, now our nation is in a terrible crisis. "We are confident of emerging triumphant in the end, but it is going to be at a great cost in many of the things we hold dear, and it may be after several years of struggle. What has cost so much

Letter From Home

Would Boys In Camp Want Such News? Asks Pastor

CORNING—"One of our former boys wrote from camp last week and told me about their work, the long hours of intensive training and how they like to have a Letter From Home when their day's work is done," the Rev. E. A. Rawlinson, pastor of St. Patrick's Church stated in his parish letter issued last Sunday.

Stretcher Bearers, All Non-Catholics, Sing At Mass

LONDON. (NC) — Twelve stretcher bearers, all non-Catholics, sang the music of the Mass at the Convent of Our Lady of Slon here when the centenary of the conversion of Alphonse Ratisbonne was celebrated.

'GLACIER PRIEST'S' FILMS FOR DEFENSE EDUCATION

SANTA CLARA, Calif. Because of a great demand for war films, the cinema library of the Rev. Bernard R. Hubbard, S.J., well-known "Glacier Priest," at Santa Clara University, has been expanded and is providing many schools and other educational institutions with pictures concerning war-torn countries.

The purpose of providing these sound films is defense on the home front. The films selected to be shown for this purpose deal with war-stricken countries before and during the conflict. Father Hubbard, who is Head of the Department of Geology at the University of Santa Clara, has donated his entire Alaska film library to the Government. In the past 15 years of exploration he has acquired over 1,000,000 feet of motion picture film and more than 100,000 still pictures.

St. Ignatius of Loyola was the first to systematize laymen's retreats and for this reason is patron saint of the retreat movement in the United States.

is worth the while maintaining, and it is for Catholic men to contribute all possible aid to the interests of both their country and their Church, to see that their religion continues to contribute to the ideals of their country, in prayer as well as intelligent leadership, by promoting decency, justice, morality and religion to all that they hold dear in the citizenship."

Father Brien in conclusion reminded his audience that God did not bring on the war—men did—and that it is not a question of which side God is on, it is a question of whether we are on God's side!

Requiescant In Pace

William H. Dalley, 80, of 305 E. Clinton St., died at 8 a. m. Friday, Mar. 6. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Della Seales and Mrs. Margaret Knapp of Elmira and Mrs. Nellie Conner of Waverly. Several nieces and nephews.

Funeral was held Monday at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, at 9 a. m.

Miss Jane Leonard of Blossburg died at her home at 10:15 p. m. Monday Mar. 2. She was a member of St. Andrew's Church and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are five sisters: Sister M. Ignatius of Wilkes-Barre, Mrs. Thomas Kinney of Corning, Mrs. Harold Aber of Montour Falls and Mrs. James Warren and Miss Agnes Leonard of Blossburg; two brothers: John of Susquehanna and Thomas of Buffalo. Funeral was held Thursday at 9 a. m. at St. Andrew's Church Blossburg.

New York Central Veterans' Association and the Carmen's Association. He leaves his wife; two sons, John of Corning and Walter of Rochester; a daughter, Miss Mary Kelley of Corning; a niece, Mrs. James Hart of Ithaca; several grandchildren; two sisters, Miss Mary Kelley and Mrs. Joseph Cronier of Kasong.

Funeral was held at St. Vincent de Paul's Church, Corning.

Mrs. Anna LaVelle of 307 Margolia St., widow of James LaVelle, died Saturday, Mar. 7. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Mary Flahive of Elmira, Mrs. L. V. Hommel of Manhattan, L. I., and Mrs. Terence Soules of Cleveland; seven sons, Michael of Beaver, Pa., Timothy and Eugene of Cleveland, Lawrence C. Joseph F., Patrick J. and Jerome F. LaVelle of Elmira; three sisters, Mrs. Kathryn Reddy of Hudson, Mass., Mrs. Beatrice Wade of Schenectady and Mrs. Elizabeth Tuck of Buffalo; a brother, Owen Murray of Elmira.

She was a member of St. Mary's Church and of the Altar and Rosary Societies. The funeral was held Tuesday at St. Mary's Church.

"From 5:30 a. m. to 10.00 p. m., the course of training is often kept up and they have to answer letters when tired and after that late hour for them in camp.

"Now how would the following do for a letter to one of the soldier boys a letter which would tell the truth:

"Dear Son, or brother or friend or (whatever name his girl calls him when they meet):

"Hope you are well. We are well at home and working hard. Suppose you are too. Pretty busy but it seems our Bishop does not know it. The Bishop in his letter for Lent actually asked us to go to week day Mass. Imagine that. I going to week day Mass when it is so hard for me to get up for the Sunday Mass once a week. I did not listen to the letter tho I was there mother told me about it. And she said the pastor asked the people to pray for you fellows and to remember you in daily Mass and even to go to Communion every day or at least on Sunday for you Son (or brother) that is too much of a good thing. We cannot get your young brother or sister up for Lenten Masses they work too hard in the school to be asked to get up an hour earlier to do something in Lent for some one else. What is the matter with the Bishop or pastor asking us to do all these extra hard things in Lent.

"And some one told me that the NCCW had a Mass sung for you all in our church. It was the late Mass and of course I did not go, in fact I was not attending to the announcements and missed that part of them. I go to the early Mass when the sermon is not too long for I hate sermons, and want to get out as soon as I can from the church.

"Another priest asked his people to make the Stations of the Cross for the welfare of the country and so on. But how can he expect us to make the Stations of the Cross or go to Wednesday evening devotions in church when we have to attend the movies as I do at least a couple of times a week, and then I bowl twice a week and need to meet the fellows sometimes for a game. There is no time for all that kind of stuff.

"Shucks, they make me tired asking for prayers and devotions when I hardly get any time after work for some fun. So our pastor gets my goat when he talks about your hard work in camp and your risking your life for our safety and the welfare of our country. He says maybe some of our boys will land in some concentration camp for months and be half starved and abused in some ways, and in spite of their bravery and good will and loyalty they will perhaps be killed, fighting for our lives at home. That is trash and I wish he would talk about something else. He says too much about being loyal to the Flag and church and saying more prayers for the good of our land. The President has asked us to he says but—it is too much to expect of me.

"Well good luck, take care of yourself, have a good time and think of us sometimes. Ta ta. Your busy father, or brother or friend, or . . ."

"That is the way many parents and relatives treat their own but do not write the truth to their own."

Communist Paper Ban Continued In England

LONDON. — Home Secretary Herbert Morrison has refused to receive a delegation of the editorial board of the banned Communist paper, The Daily Worker. He said, in a letter, that he did not see his way to cancel the ban.

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