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Auburn Knights Attend Lake Placid Meeting

AUBURN — Patrick J Mullally, grand knight; Francis C. Cuddy, secretary and past grand knight; J Raymond Davis, lecturer, Avery Neagle, bulletin editor, and Thomas Neville represented the Auburn Council at the annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus which was held at Lake Placid in the Adirondacks. The convention Mass was held on Friday morning at St Agnes Church with the Most Rev James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester and state chaplain of the Knights of Columbus presiding. The convention headquarters were at Lakeside Inn and the sessions were held at the Olympic Arena. The convention came to a close with the celebration of Mass on the shores of Lake Placid on Sunday morning.

PRIEST CALLS CHAPLAINS' CORPS 'SOCIETY FOR THE RETURN OF THE FAITH'

NEW YORK — (NC) — The Society for the Return of the Faith" is the designation given the chaplains corps of the American armed forces by the Rev. August F. Gearhead an Air Corps Chaplain at Hamilton Field, Calif

In a letter to the National Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Father Gearhead, who is a Colonel, writes that the armed forces present a promising new field for missionary endeavor.

"I would call the Chaplain Corps," Father Gearhead writes, "The Society for the return of the Faith. If there is a mission field ripe and ready for the harvest it is the Army. What makes the work so consoling is the ease with which men will return to the Sacraments if they are only asked. The prayers of our good people are bringing the grace of God to these men, and I cannot tell you how much I enjoy the work."

Totaled 116 Years

Three Rivers Que The Diocese of Three Rivers has lost in death two priests whose sacerdotal careers totaled 116 years The Rev Amadee Boucher who passed away in his eighty-sixth year and the sixty-third year of his sacerdotal life The Rev J Pierre Boulay aged 77 was ordained 53 years ago

150 YEARS OF SERVICE IN RELIGION

A century and a half of service in the religious life is represented by the three members of the Society of Mary (Marianists) pictured above with their provincial, Very Rev. Sylvester T. Juergens, S. M., at St Mary's University, San Antonio, They are, left to right: Rev. Bro. John C. Kreke, S. M., of Covington, Ky. Very Rev Joseph C. Ell, S. M., of Pittsburgh; Father Juergens; and Rev. Bro. Paul Roemer, S. M., of Toledo. (N.C.W.C.)

Civilian Protection Work Wins Pastor's Praise As Air Raid Wardens Meet

St. Alphonsus

AUBURN — Zone One Air Raid Wardens assembled in Recreation Hall on Monday evening for their weekly instruction under the direction of Ralph Hoyt and Lambert Collver and Zone Warden Sergt. Michael Lissenbach. It was a lifting and carrying drill with the Red Cross experts showing the proper way to lift an unconscious person.

The careful three-man carry also was demonstrated but it took more than three men to carry the Rev. Frederick G. Straub, who is one of the most active men at the Zone One Meeting. Assistant Warden Rev. Walter Fischer read the roll call and announced that all the theaters in Auburn are prepared to flash near the screen the yellow alert for the benefit of wardens who may be in the theaters on the night of a blackout. The session closed with a written test on First Aid.

St. Mary

The Zone Air Raid Wardens celebrated the completion of their First Aid Course with a dinner in the Osborne Hotel on Monday evening. Third Ward Supervisor Henry Tamburo was toastmaster for the occasion. Mrs. Joseph Harrington, Mrs. John Davis and Sol Newman received remembrances in appreciation of the service which they rendered to the men of Zone 3. Brief remarks were made by Police Captain Edward L. Arnold, chief zone warden; Rev. Dennis W. Hickey, assistant zone warden; Albert Thompson and Mr. Newman, Zone Adjutant Alfred Fairlie, Chief Adjutant Edward G. Selk, T. Joseph Coffey and Jack Dempsey, captain and lieutenant respectively of the auxiliary police of Zone 3.

The principal address was given by Rev. Dr. William E. Cowan, pastor of St. Mary's Church who said in part:

"It is a great pleasure to be with you men and it affords me an opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the things you have been doing for home defense, and for the comfort of our citizens of this community. It has not been easy for in the beginning many people were indifferent. Some regarded it as unnecessary and others viewed it cynically as a game of make believe. One of your first tasks was to educate the people and create a sympathetic understanding of the matter of Home Defense and the means necessary for its practical realization.

"You have been assiduously in earnest in attending your meetings and in doing your utmost to fit yourself by practical knowledge to meet that responsibility. There is still a very long road to travel, much work to be done and drilling to be gone through with. But your sense of responsibility, your love of country and for your city will carry you through satisfactorily. It has been fortunate indeed that these plans for defense have been under the direction of the Police Department.

"This department has the confidence of the citizens, a wide experience and power of organization. You men of Zone Three have been indeed fortunate to have had Captain Arnold as your leader. No man in this zone has been more active and more interested or more thoroughly in earnest in this matter. You men of Zone Three have won a proud place for yourself and I trust you will go on in this great devotion to your work. I think every community united and organized and animated by unselfish devotion to our just and worthy cause would bring us to victory and a just peace."

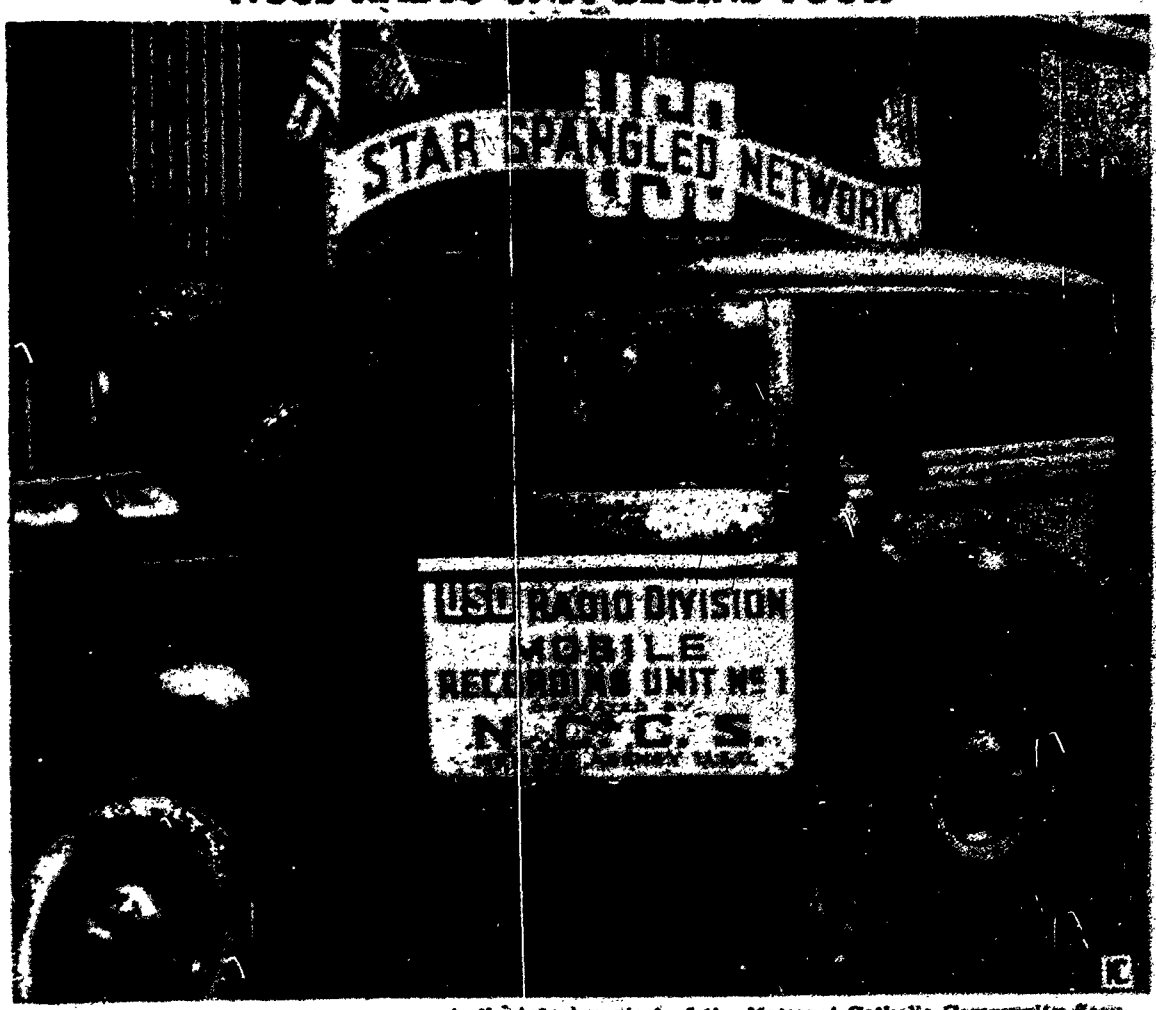
CHURCH GROUPS ORGANIZE PRESS ADVISORY BODY TO AID DEFENSE BOND SALES

WASHINGTON — Representatives of groups in the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish churches have organized a press advisory committee to assist the Press Section of the War Savings Staff here in the promotion of sales of United States War Savings Bonds and Stamps.

Members of the committee are Donald T. Sheehan, Director of Public Relations of the National Catholic Community Service; John L. Fortson, Director of Public Relations of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and Bernard Postol, Publicity Director of B'nai B'rith.

Mr. Sheehan, a native of Winsted, Conn., was Director of the Bureau of Information, National Catholic Welfare Conference, and was loaned by that organization to the N.C.C.B.

NCCS RADIO UNIT BEGINS TOUR



"Hello, Folks!" in the modern manner is the latest project of the National Catholic Community Service, USO member agency, for closer contact between the men in the armed services and the "folks back home." It is the USO Mobile Recording Unit No. 1, operated and devised by the NCCS Program department. The mobile unit, now on tour of the Eastern seaboard, will make recordings of the soldiers' voices which will be broadcast on local radio stations in their home towns. Shown inspecting the unit before it left Washington are, left to right, Pvt. Fred Castegliane, Fort Belvoir, Va.; Pvt. Howard Moody, Camp Gordon, Ga., and Miss Clare Hardesty. (N.C.W.C.)

Nurse Alumnae Plan Benefit For Hospital

AUBURN — The Nurse Alumnae Association of Mercy Hospital held their annual meeting on Wednesday evening at Burgess's Inn. Miss Helen Brennan and Miss Irma Creevy were co-chairmen of the affair.

Rev. Frederick G. Straub, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, was a guest, and the address entitled "Rheumatic Fever" was delivered by Dr. Roland J. Walker, head of the medical staff of Mercy Hospital.

Plans were discussed for the annual Mercy Hospital Alumnae Dance which will be held on Friday evening, June 12, at the Osborne Hotel. All proceeds realized from the dance will be given to Mercy Hospital. Mrs. Alice Kane was were chosen general chairmen of the committee.

The annual election took place immediately after the banquet and the following members of the Association will act in an official capacity for the year 1942-43: President, Mrs. Loretta Viggiani; first vice-president, Mrs. Nellie Clark; second vice-president, Mrs. Sylvia Fleig; secretary, Mrs. Florence Johnson; treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Taylor; directors, Miss Mary McGrath and Miss Evelyn A[illegible]

Cuban K. of C. Condemn Evil Presentations

SANTIAGO, Cuba — (NC) — Some 300 delegates attended the nineteenth annual convention of the Cuban Knights of Columbus, which was held here with the Most Rev. Valentin Zubizarreta, Archbishop of Santiago, presiding. A prayers Communion Mass was celebrated in the National Sanctuary of the Virgin of Charity, Patroness of Cuba. A wreath in memory of the "Martyrs of Independence" was placed at the tomb of Jose Marti.

Sensational press and publications and the theater and screen that goes to extremes in presenting infidelity, crimes of passion and immoral living in general, were condemned in a resolution which recommends a "Christian reaction" against such undesirable publicity. The Convention voted to establish a fund for the encouragement of large families, and to create a Labor Bureau, under the control of the State Council, for the service of persons or organizations desiring to secure competent employes of good moral character. It was voted that annually on the Feast of St. John Baptist Vianney, the beloved Cure d'Ars, collections will be taken up in all the parishes for the support of the Cuban seminaries.

Restoration of Dunkerque Church Held Impossible

MARSEILLE — The Historical Commission of the North, it has been learned here, has decided that it will be impossible to restore the St. Eloi Church at Dunkerque which was so badly damaged during the battle in June, 1940. The people of the city, however, still hope that his edifice, so intimately associated with the history of the town, may yet be saved. The walls stand, as well as the 40 beautiful interior columns, and its general architectural lines are preserved. The tomb of Jean Bart (1650-1702), the French hero who was a native of Dunkerque, is near the main altar.

PRAY FOR PEACE

San Francisco — Five hundred girls of the Catholic high schools of San Francisco gathered in St. Mary's Cathedral and offered their Mass and Holy Communion "for a just and lasting peace and for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the men in the armed forces."

GUGGENHEIM AWARD

St. Paul, Minn.—The Rev. Vincent J. Flynn, Chairman of the English Department at the College of St. Thomas here is one of the 32 Americans and Canadians awarded John Simon Guggenheim memorial fellowships for research and literary work in the coming year.