

U. S. NAVY'S SEABEES AT FIELD MASS



Father Daniel F. Mehan, of Montclair, N. J., Lieutenant Chaplain of the Seabees (U. S. Naval Construction Battalions), gives Holy Communion at a field Mass for his men at Bradford, Va. Following the Mass his men moved off en route to an island in the Pacific where they will build an air base. Highly trained specialists, members of the Seabees are enlisted to build advance bases for the Navy all over the world. They are given an intensive course at the Naval Construction Training Center, Norfolk. (N.C.W.C.)

AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITY LAUDS LEGION OF DECENCY

MELBOURNE — Retiring after 17 years as Chief Film Censor of the Australian Commonwealth, Cresswell O'Reilly, a non-Catholic, asserts that the marked improvement he has noted in the moral standards of motion pictures during his tenure of office has been due largely to the compelling influence of the Legion of Decency. Whereas it was found necessary to reject the film or make a major cut in it in 35 per cent of the motion pictures that came through his office in 1925, Mr O'Reilly said, this action was necessary in only 13 per cent of the cases in 1941.



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2 Reasons Why

(A guest column by a 19-year old farmer, President of a Catholic Action Chapter, Woodward, Iowa)

I was born a farmer's son, a farmer I am now (even if only with my dad), and I always expect to be one. I'll give you two solid reasons why.

First, farming fills a prescription it's what the doctor ordered for good health and a long life. For good health and a long life a man needs good blood and good vitality. This means he needs to be born healthy. The farmer's son is born of a tribe of workings. Why should I wear less for my children and grand children than I have been given.

For good health and a long life a man needs good food, fresh vegetables, fruits, good meat, he needs rain-washed and wind-swept fresh air, unadulterated sunshine, good water; he needs mental stimulation, plenty of exercise, restful sleep. Farm life and the country afford all these in good measure. I think I know what I mean. I've eaten in restaurants, I've eaten things out of cans. I've stood on city street corners and wiped soot out of my eyes. City dirt you soak with soap and wash off, country dirt comes off with plain water. I know what I mean. I've put in my bid for a night's rest in the city. The country's the place! Farming is the beautiful occupation! At this point I am reminded of some verse written by a country girl from South Dakota come to the city. Remember how down on the farm the rooster's crowing woke us every day—

Now, when the street car's rumbling wakes us, The rooster's still a sleeping in the hay.

—Eather McMurtry

Maybe it's true that the average city child would make a more perfect score in a health contest than the average rural child (we don't believe it but that's what the statisticians tell us). But you just leave the high scoring average city child in the city and by the time he's fifty, I think you will find that his health score has dropped out of sight. The farmer at fifty has hardly begun the decline down. Hard work, fresh air, sunshine, good food, the peace and quiet of the countryside have kept him young.

Second, farming fills the natural need for work. It's what God ordered when he made man. "Man is born to work and the bird to fly." The man who does not have enough work or the right kind of work is not a happy man just as the bird who cannot fly is not a happy bird.

One time when I was about ten, my brother and I caught some pigeons and made a coop for them with a small wire-enclosed space built around it. It was not big enough for them to fly much. After a week or so they became droopy, they wouldn't eat or drink. We turned them loose again lest they would die.

You take a farmer out of the country and coop him up in a crowded city where he puts in his time at an office or factory with no work beside maybe mowing a lawn or shoveling snow off a sidewalk, and you will soon find that the man has gone out of him. He experiences his first sense of uselessness. He becomes soft he grows pale. It must almost be done with him as with the pigeons "let be die." Pigeons were not made to be cooped up. Nor was a man made to be tied down to luxury and idleness.

A man is not a man unless his hands are calloused his muscles hard, and his mind in tune with his work—all three of them Joe Gillan.

ELMER COOPERATIVE

Collegeville, Minn. — A cooperative society unusual among such organizations in that its membership is composed of seminarians and members of a seminary staff has been established at St. John's Abbey here. It is the St. John's Seminary Cooperative Society.

Archbishop Lauds U.S. Aid To Australia

BRISBANE, Australia — Appreciation of all Australians at the generous extent of the aid being sent to Australia from our great friend on the other side of the Pacific was voiced by the Most Rev. James Duhan, Archbishop of Brisbane, in the course of a sermon at St. Stephen's Cathedral, here. Declaring that, now that the censorship restrictions have been raised on the matter of United States aid, it is possible publicly to speak of the assistance received from our American Allies. His Grace declared: "They have come to us in great numbers, with ample equipment and abundant stores, and above all with a great heart, to join Australia's sons in waging a war for victory. There have been few so happy combinations in modern times as this one of Australia and America, that we find an established fact today." The Archbishop added that American aid "will go down in history as the most friendly act ever done by one country to another."

Corning Weddings

Sullivan - Gaisa. CORNING — The marriage of Miss Jane Catherine Gaisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Charles Gaisa, 116 W. Fourth St., and Walter Daily Sullivan of Buffalo, son of Mr and Mrs. Walter A. Sullivan, 373 Lyons St., Elmira, took place Saturday, July 11, at 9:30 a. m. at St. Mary's Church. The Rev. John A. Smith, pastor performed the ceremony and celebrated the Nuptial Mass.

Attending the bride were Miss Mary T. Krebs as maid of honor and little Miss Christine Eleanor Graf of Bloomfield, N. J., cousin of the bride, as junior bridesmaid. Daniel Sullivan of Elmira acted as best man for his brother and the ushers were C. A. Loomis Jr. Elmira, William Wells, Syracuse, Robert M. Makin, Buffalo and Pvt. Francis J. Gaisa, Camp Edwards, Mass., brother of the bride.

A breakfast was served at the Baron Steuben Hotel for the immediate families of the couple after which a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr and Mrs. Sullivan left on a motor trip and will later make their home at 236 Linwood Ave., Buffalo.

The bride is a graduate of St. Mary's School, Corning Free Academy and Elmira College. Class of 1940. For the past two years she has been employed as teacher of commerce at Cassadaga.

Mr Sullivan received his education at St. Mary's School, Elmira, the Southside High School and the University of Notre Dame. He is employed as a liaison engineer at the Bell Aircraft Co., in Buffalo.

Murphy - Stradley. Miss Ruth Gladys Stradley, 64 E. Erie Ave., became the bride of Clergent Joseph Murphy, 81 E. Erie

True Divinity and Genuine Humanity United In Christ

By Linus Riordan

Of all the millions who have walked on this earth since God longs ages ago first promised Adam and Eve to send a Deliverer to save mankind there is only one in whom have

been fulfilled with absolute certainty all the signs that were foretold of the Messiah by the prophets. Jesus of Nazareth the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity true God and true man.

Because God willed to save man and at the same time demanded reparation appropriate to the offense it was necessary that the Son of God take unto Himself the cloak of humanity. An infinite God had been injured by Adam's sin and therefore to redeem man it was imperative that God should become man. As God only, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity could not suffer as man only. He could not redeem; therefore He assumed humanity so that one and the same Mediator between God and man could repay in full the debt owed to infinite majesty of the Almighty. This union of Divinity and humanity is known as the mystery of the Incarnation.

The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity always remained God even though He became man, by the Incarnation He lost none of His Divinity. He assumed a human body and a human soul and united His humanity to His Divinity without mingling the Divine with the human. By a birth wonderfully unique the Second Person of the Trinity conceived in the womb of a virgin, became incarnate "and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1, 14) and He was called Jesus Christ, the Saviour of man.

Jesus is true God and true man because two natures, the Divine and the human each distinct and unchanged in everything that is proper to itself, are united substantially and indissolubly in the single Divine Person of the Word, the only Son of God. Jesus is both God and man, He is God from all eternity and became man in time. This we know and this we believe without doubt because Revelation teaches that the Eternal Son of

God the Father assumed a human nature with a body and a soul, and all else that pertains essentially to man, and was born of the Virgin Mary through the operation of the Holy Spirit.

As a man Christ resembled all other men in everything except sin. He had a human body and a human soul. His soul, of course, differs from other men's in the marvelous perfections and graces with which it is enriched. In His Body He was subject to the same sufferings of hunger, thirst, fatigue, and the pains caused by wounds and death as you. He had a human intellect: "And Jesus advanced in wisdom" (Luke 11, 32) and He had a human will: "I seek not My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (John 5, 30).

Although there are two natures in Christ, there is but one Person. God and man are one in Christ, just as the rational soul and flesh are one in man. There is a human nature in Christ, but not a human person, for, in the Incarnation, Christ assumed the human nature to His Divine Person in a personal, or hypostatic union, so that there is only one Person, the Divine Person of the Word, the Eternal Son of the Father. The human nature in Christ is not endowed with personality as in other men, but it has the privilege of belonging to the infinite Person of the Word and of being governed by Him. By the very fact that it is completed by a Divine rather than a human personality, the human nature of Christ is more perfect than that in other men.

By the Incarnation, however, the Divinity of Christ was not transformed into His humanity nor was His humanity changed into His Divinity. Both natures remained intact. Thus it is that the same Person is God and man, the Lord of Creation and the crucified One, the Author of Life yet a sufferer of death.

This great mystery of faith in which we believe that in Christ there is neither humanity without true Divinity nor Divinity without true humanity manifests in a wonderful manner the principal attributes of God: His Divine power, by uniting in Christ the infinite and the finite. His wisdom, by bridging over the chasm that separates man and God, through the union of the uncreated and the created natures in Jesus. His goodness, by giving His only begotten Son to man as the Redeemer; His justice, by demanding atonement commensurate with the offense. By the incarnation all members of the human family have acquired a special dignity, for by it all men can claim God as their Brother. "Oh, what a wondrous redemption is that where man is as it were put on a par with God," wrote St. Hilary.—The Western Catholic

Native Clergy

Vatican City A new Vicariate Apostolic of Fungshingfu has been erected in China and entrusted to the Friars Minor of the native Chinese Province. The Rev. Philip Wangtaonan has been named Vicar Apostolic and Titular Bishop of Atrihis by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Ave., formerly of Santa Anna, Calif. In a ceremony performed by the Rev. John A. Smith, pastor, at St. Mary's Rectory, Saturday, July 12, at 10:30 a. m.

Attending the couple were Mrs. Rita Walling, sister of the bride, and Merle E. Murphy.

A breakfast for the immediate members of the families was held at the home of the bride.

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