## Brilliant Daytime Meteor Passes Over Palestine

JERUSALEM — (Delayed) — An interplanetary visitor in the form of an exceptionally large meteorite drew wide attention when it passed over northwest Palestine and was clearly visible in the full daylight of late afternoon. The event occurred on Pentecost Sunday.

The incandescent meteorite shone with great brilliance, burning first red and then green, and left behind it a trail of meteoric ash as it neared the earth. For several hours after the meteorite's passage the ash remained suspended high in the atmosphere and stratosphere. Long after the sun had set it shone like a vast mirage, still reflecting the sun's high rays as the earth darkened below. Popular rumor spread that a "sword of fire" had appeared over Haifa.

## Conducts Boy Scouts On Overnight Hike

The Rev. Ralph Nagel, assistant pastor of St. Cecilia's Parish, Elmira, and scoutmaster, conducted boys of the parish on an overnight hike to East Hill Monday. They were accompanied by John Shaughnessy.

INVEST IN WAR BONDS

# Women's Service Institute Opened At Geneva Meeting

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lic Charities, Washington, D. C.; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish in Geneva, Rev. William H. McPadden, pastor of St. Stephen's parish, and Rev. Raymond Nolan, principal of De Sales High School.

**Welcomed by Msgr. Lee**

Miss Irma Piepho, field secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women, Washington, D. C., was the speaker at the morning session. After the formal opening and the introduction of the national president, Mrs. Angelo, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish, extended a welcome to the visitors. He stressed particularly the importance of volunteer work at this time, emphasizing that "charity embraces a love and neighborly spirit toward those in distress." He advised the women to "lend assistance in any way in the volunteer work now under way."

Miss Cecilia M. Yawman, president of the Rochester Council of the N. C. C. W., then addressed the assembly briefly expressing her pleasure at the fine attendance and the hope that the women would receive much valuable information in regard to participation in volunteer services.

Opening her informal talk with a definition of Catholic Action as "Participation of the laity in the apostolate of the hierarchy," as Pope Pius defined it, or in "working under the direction of the pastor or spiritual director," which she termed "the essence of Catholic Action," Miss Piepho said:

"You have come together here, today, to find your common problems and to study them jointly and to learn how to solve them."

**Outlines Departments**

As a fitting introduction to the work of the National Council of Catholic Women, a department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, she then outlined the various departments of the Conference, including the education department, the press department, Catholic Action study department, the executive department, social action, legal and youth departments and the general objectives of the organization.

"The National Catholic Welfare Conference," she said, "was founded in the midst of the last World War. Catholic workers were needed to care for Catholic boys in France. Before the end of the war, there were about 130 trained workers, who later helped in the work of rehabilitation."

So much benefit resulted from the unification that the organization known as the National War Council later became the National Catholic Welfare Conference."

During the morning, highlights of the programs of the National Council of Catholic Women and the various parish societies were related by leaders of the organizations.

With the outline of the national program as a fitting background for further constructive work, the conference was adjourned for luncheon at noon.

The topic for the afternoon meeting was "Opportunities for Volunteer Women's Organizations in the Field of Charity — Within the Parish; Within the Diocese."

**Women in War Work**

Care and proper supervision of the children of working mothers and the assistance which may be rendered by volunteers was the first topic discussed by Rev. Gerald Lambert, Diocesan Director of the Rochester Diocesan Agency of Catholic Charities.

"We are not encouraging the mothers of children working, but in spite of this, we have about 1,000 families in Rochester where mothers or responsible persons are working and leaving the children without supervision," Father Lambert said.

Continuing Father Lambert described the various methods used in meeting this problem in Rochester, such as the establishment of two settlement houses, day camps and a new plan called the block plan which is now being worked out. By this method, the parish is divided into blocks and then the committees find the number of children within that block who are not receiving proper care or supervision because the mother is working. Volunteers are then assigned to the work, certain women devoting a day a week to this care. The "block plan" is an experiment being tried in the parish where the need is most pressing and will require many volunteers, he said.

The subject of foster homes for children was also brought up and Father Lambert called attention to the fact that women have not interested themselves sufficiently in this work. Canteen service for the children of the parish who need this type of service was also mentioned.

**Other Opportunities**

The next speaker on the afternoon program was Mrs. Leo Kenny, National chairman of the Committee on Cooperating with Catholic Charities, National Council of Catholic Women. She reviewed the many opportunities for volunteer service within the parish and community and advised the discussion of plans with the pastor in order to avoid duplication of work.

"Start your programs gradually and develop them thoroughly," she said, advising against undue haste and over-enthusiasm. "Have a definite objective and work towards that. Then keep some kind of a record in order that at the end of a certain period you may know you are progressing," she continued.

"It is important that you become interested in community projects," Mrs. Kenny said, stressing also the need for a personal service to those in the hospitals and homes for the aged. "We should visit the sick and the aged in a simple, democratic and Christian way," she said.

**Notes USO Center**

"We must be alert to those opportunities peculiar to our own communities," she continued, calling attention to the proposed establishment of a U. S. O. center in Geneva and to other opportunities where many volunteers will be needed to assist in the programs.

In conclusion, Mrs. Kenny pointed out that if the women of the country do their utmost in this Volunteer war work and service program "there will be no spiritual black-out in this country."

Rt. Rev. Msgr. John O'Grady, executive secretary of the Catholic Charities, Washington, D. C., then led in a discussion on the subject of visiting the sick and the aged in homes and hospitals.

Findings of the entire program were then summed up by Miss Irma Piepho, field secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women, who was the principal speaker at the morning session.

Over 100 women attended the one-day conference yesterday including those from Canandaigua, Rochester, Seneca Falls, Waterloo and neighboring communities.

Three other one-day conferences will be held in this area this week, one in Rochester on Tuesday, another in Auburn on Thursday, July 16, and the final one in Elmira on Friday, July 17.

Mrs. Joseph W. McElroy, president of the Geneva unit of the National Council of Catholic Women was in charge of local arrangements for the conference.

Assisting on the committee were: Miss Cora Sweeney and Miss Elizabeth Kane who were in charge of the registration; Mrs. Thomas A. Kane, chairman of the reception committee; Mrs. Thomas J. Bolger, hall arrangements; Miss Regina Sweeney, communications.

Acting as pages for the conference were John McCafferty and Suzanne Bolton. Barbara Dinan and Jane Comisky were the ushers.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish, and Rev. William H. McPadden, pastor of St. Stephen's parish, represented the two local churches at the conference.

## Summer School Opens For Chinese Catholics

CHICAGO.—A Chinese Catholic summer school has been opened in Chicago's Chinatown under the direction of the Rev. John T. S. Mao, pastor of St. Therese's Chinese Church, who invited all Chinese children regardless of religious belief to attend. Five Notre Dame Sisters and three lay teachers conduct the school.

## Reconsecrate People To Sacred Heart

QUITO.—At the request of the Most Rev. Carlos Maria della Torre, Archbishop of Quito, preparations are being made for the solemn renewal of the consecration of the people of Ecuador to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Spiritual retreats and other pious acts, including a Communion of Reparation, will be a part of the program.


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