

Selectees Farewell Party Conducted At Elmira K. of C. Home

As a measure of their cooperation with the Mayor's Committee for Service Men, the Elmira Knights of Columbus Tuesday night made available the complete facilities of Columbus Center for the farewell party of the July contingent of Servicemen.

Immediately after Pearl Harbor the local Council advised the Channing County Defense Council that the K. of C. Home was available for meetings or any other purpose which the Defense authorities saw fit to make of it.

Coming events were announced at a meeting of the K. of C. Council Monday night. Nearly 100 members were in attendance.

The Council voted to participate in an open air meeting of Corning Council Aug. 13 at the Fish and Game Farm near Hornby. Corning Knights Frank Schroder and Thomas Moore extended the invitation on behalf of their Council.

A party will be held in Columbus Center, Aug. 17, honoring the 175 members of the Bishop Kearney Class which was initiated last April. This class was the third largest in the state as part of an international campaign.

MSGR. WYNHOVEN AIDS MOVE TO SAVE STATE HOSPITAL

NEW ORLEANS. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter M. H. Wynhoven, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and a past president of the Catholic Press Association of the United States, has been named chairman of the public relations committee of the citizens' committee seeking a solution of the financial troubles said to threaten the closing of the Louisiana State Charity Hospital here.

Sacred Heart Image In Editorial Offices

BOGOTA Colombia. An image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was enthroned with solemn ceremonies in the editorial office of La Patria, Manizales daily. Dr. Joaquin Estrada Monsalvo, one of the editors, spoke on the "Divine Person of Jesus." "Above all," he said, "Christ is Peace—the Prince of Peace. Men resort to the sword only when they have forgotten His mandates and have abandoned His law. There is no dispute among men or nations that could not be settled peacefully by following the ways of His doctrine and the indications of His truth."

Nazis Suppress Dutch Catholic Paper

NEW YORK. Do Nieuwe Eeuw (The New Age), important Netherlands Catholic weekly, has been suppressed by the Nazi occupation authorities, according to the Netherlands Information Bureau here. Organized some 16 years ago, Do Nieuwe Eeuw was the magazine of the younger generation. All of its editors were Catholic laymen. The leading magazine of the Catholic intellectual. It had taken a firm stand against the Nazi ideology and was an outstanding organ of Catholic thought in social and economic affairs and the arts.

Winifred Cunningham In Memoriam

By Mary E. Fitzgerald

I met her just two years ago but I had known of her for many months. Elara was a name which it had not been my happy privilege to link with a personal meeting until that day.

Here and there I had often heard of her quiet piety, her unassuming goodness, her charity to God's sick and lonely and her generous contributions to His Church.

The occasion of my first meeting with her was the eve of the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul—the place was the little church where our Ladies of Charity were to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass the following day in honor of their Patron Saint. She was the acolyte there and I had brought her some flowers to be used on the altar the next morning. With her usual spirit of self-effacement, she insisted that I arrange the bouquets around His Tabernacle Home. It was a hot sultry July afternoon—the eve of a feast particularly associated with gentle ministrations to others—a time appropriate and a fitting setting for Miss Winifred Cunningham.

Humbly I look back to that meeting. Always will I remember my immediate consciousness of her deep spirituality, my sense of walking close to one of God's chosen souls. I came out of the quiet peacefulness of the sanctuary into the bright glare of the mid-afternoon sun, bringing with me an inner calmness, a sensation of tranquility, such as sometimes permeates our thoughtful moments at the close of a retreat or during a visit to a new chapel.

Somewhat apologetically I had approached her about a membership in the Ladies of Charity. Apologetically because she was already practicing all the virtues, especially recommended for members of our organization but approach her I did. I knew that she could bring much of her dignity and true Vincentian spirit to us, who were just starting on the road of service which she had traveled for so long. And so a few weeks later on the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady, Winifred Cunningham knelt at the altar railing and received the little silver crucifix which is the emblem of a Lady of Charity, where she received her Lord and God in Holy Communion morning after morning.

It was there that I saw her just a few days before her death and again I looked at her and felt as though I were in the presence of a Saint. As always I was a little awed as one is in moments of deep spiritual well-being and no one would have been more surprised than Winifred herself had she known it. She was indeed a Lady of Charity but she walked the ways of St.

Vincent and St. Louise de Marillac. Many of our Ladies of Charity never knew her because here was never a public ministrations. She took but little part in the few social events of the Society and she told but little of her many deeds of charitable charity. Now she has been called to render an account of her stewardship as a member of the Church Militant, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Ladies of Charity and we who know her can think of no greater eulogy than the silent tribute of the loving hearts of those whom she visited as the co-founders of the Ladies of Charity visited their brothers and sisters in Christ.

We shall miss her from her place in St. Charles Church at Elmira Heights and from her corner in the monthly meetings which she attended faithfully although her reports were as modest as her entire life had always been. It was never from her that we learned of the good she did every day of her life.

Thinking of her in memoriam we can only pray that we may some day be as truly Ladies of Charity as was she, many years before she was formally received into the organization. And reverently we murmur in the words of "Learning Christ"—remembering that she learned and practiced it:

"Teach me My Lord to be sweet and gentle in all the events of life— Let me put myself aside, to think of the happiness of others. May no one be less good for having come within my influence."

REMAINS OF ANCIENT VAULTS FOUND IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM.—In Jerusalem in particular and the Holy Land in general, it is next to impossible to turn a spadeful of earth without finding at least an old coin or some other relic of by-gone ages.

While repairing a drain in the Old City here, diggers have come upon some archaeological discoveries which have been classed as of the first order. In one place well preserved vaults and walls of houses may be seen 20 to 30 feet below the present ground level—buried perhaps by earthquake, perhaps by war, many centuries ago. Nearby an ancient drainage canal was found.

Dr. G. T. Connelly Reports For Duty In Army Air Corps

One of Elmira's prominent Catholic physicians reported recently for active duty in the Medical Corps of Uncle Sam's Air Force. He is Dr. Gerald T. Connelly who reported at Westover Field, Charlotte Falls, Mass.

Prelate Blesses Surgery Institute

BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA.—In the presence of national and provincial officials, the Most Rev. Jean Chaminade, Archbishop of La Plata, blessed the Institute of Surgery of Hands in the Province of Buenos Aires.

International administration of the Institute has been entrusted to the Argentine Congregation of the Servite Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. This Community, which is in charge of several hospitals in the Capital and elsewhere in this Province, was founded by Marie Benita Ariza whose beatification cause is in process.

Convention Theme Set By Rural Life

PROBIA, Ill.—"Land & Home—Democracy's Weapons" will be the theme of the twentieth annual convention of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference to be held in this city under the patronage of the Most Rev. Joseph H. Schlarman, Bishop of Peoria, Oct. 3 to 6. Mass meetings will be held each day at 10 A. M., with the afternoon devoted to national meetings. The convention headquarters will be in the Hotel Peoria, Mass. guests.

Dr. Connelly was a member of St. Joseph's class. He is married and has two children, a son and a daughter. He is a son of T. J. Connelly, prominent Elmira lawyer for many years and a charter member of the Knights of Columbus. A brother, Dr. Raymond H. Connelly, is a prominent Medical dentist.

Nuns In Novena For Servicemen

CINCINNATI.—True to their vocation of remembering those who have a special need for prayer, the Dominican Nuns of Perpetual Adoration in the Monastery of the Holy Names here, have begun a novena to Our Lady of Victory for the safety of men in the armed forces.

At the public services of the novena, which are held every Monday evening, the Chapel is filled with parents, friends and members of Ohio soldiers and sailors. Every Monday morning a Mass is offered for the hundreds of men whose names have been given to the Nuns. During the week these names are remembered night and day by each Sister as she begins her vigil before her "Eucharistic King," as well as by the community in the chanting of the Divine Office.

Great talks were given last night of this. But the habit of silence gives rise to recollection and to union with God.

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