

St. Mary's (Watkins Glen)

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION

WATKINS GLEN — Sunday, August 18, the Parish of St. Mary's of the Lake, Watkins Glen, N. Y., will joyfully celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of the Parish.

Celebration of the feast, occurring on Saturday, was postponed to Sunday for the convenience and spiritual benefit of the parishioners who would not have had the opportunity to attend the ceremonies.

At 9:30 a. m. a Solemn High Mass, followed by Solemn Benediction, will take place. Parishioners are all requested to receive the Holy Eucharist. To make this possible the Reverend Pastor, Father Thomas J. Carroll, has provided a priest who masters the Italian as well as the English language, thus giving everyone the opportunity to receive the Holy Sacraments.

Extensive plans have also been made by the parishioners for a parish picnic to be held in the afternoon at Lakeside Park. A full dinner will be served to all who attend. Various amusements will

be held for both adults and children.

Committees from the Church Organizations have diligently cooperated to make this affair a great success.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR SISTER M. WALBURGA

Sister M. Walburga F.R.S., of the order of the Sisters of St. Joseph, died Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Nazareth Convent, Pittsford. She was in the 51st year of her religious life.

Sister Walburga taught in several schools in the Rochester Diocese, including St. Francis Xavier School.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 o'clock at Nazareth Convent Chapel. Burial was in the Sisters' Plot in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Blesses College

Victoriaville, Que. — The new \$200,000 Sacred Heart College directed by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, was blessed by the Most Rev. Albini Lafortune, Bishop of Nicolet, at an impressive ceremony.

Urges Recollection Day For Youth Groups

NEW ORLEANS — Writing to pastors on the Day of Recollection for members of the Catholic Youth Organization at Holy Angels Academy for girls and at Holy Cross College for boys, the Most Rev. Joseph E. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, said:

"We should remember that we are living in a critical time, and that our young people are exposed to exceptional dangers and temptations. Every means should be taken advantage of to strengthen them spiritually and morally, so that they may be prepared to cope successfully with the problems and anxieties that harass their souls and endanger their sanctification. Hence, it is hoped that from every parish there will be in attendance at these recollection exercises a representative group of young people who will, in turn, carry home with them such spiritual and moral strength that they will become edifying examples for others."

In himself, small and feeble though he is, the child is destined to be all. He is the future. He is the family, the society, the Church.

ST. PATRICK'S, Owego

C. B. A. PICNIC

By Mary C. Browne
OWEGO — The annual picnic of the Catholic Daughters of America was held on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Helen Maher in the town of Toga. Several of the members who were able to go in the afternoon enjoyed several games of cards which were played in the yard and on the spacious porch where tables and chairs had been arranged. A delicious picnic supper was served at 8:30 o'clock and this was enjoyed by a large number of the Court. Following the supper the August business meeting was held.

There has been reported that Pvt. Robert T. Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Andrews, who is stationed at Fort Lee, Va., and who recently returned to his emergency operation in view of the stomach in operating area, suddenly fell while on his way to Mass on Sunday, July 27, and was rushed to the Army Hospital where an operation was performed immediately. His parents were notified at once and they left that night for Petersburg, Va., near where the camp is situated. His mother is remaining at Petersburg while he is recuperating. His twin brother, Edward L. Andrews, is also stationed at Camp Lee, both boys having left Owego with the July contingent.

Honor Holy Father

Brisbane, Australia — Members of the Legion of Mary in Australia, on the occasion of the silver jubilee of the consecration of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, sent to the Holy Father a spiritual bouquet composed of 18,780 Masses, 4,373 Holy Communions, 13,780 Rosaries, 4,377 Benedictions and 4,430 Stations of the Cross.

Ithaca Weddings

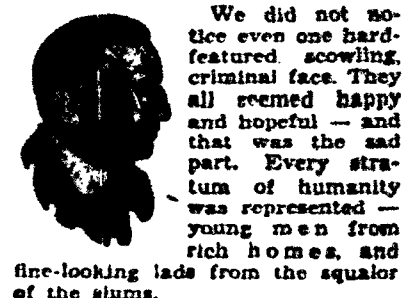
Mrs. Emily Moss, 121 East St. Ithaca, formerly of Elmira, and Edwin Bernard of Keosauqua, Wis., of Saginaw, Mich. Central University, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kierman of New Orleans, La., were married Thursday, Aug. 7, 1947, at 8 P. M. at the Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca. The Rev. William Byrne performed the ceremony. Mrs. Moss is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Stephens of Acorn, Pa.
Mrs. Anna J. Neway of Elmira was the bride's only attendant. Edwin Frederick Olin, Ithaca, was best man.
A wedding dinner was served at the Ithaca Hotel for members of the wedding party. Edwin and Mrs. Kierman left on a trip to Chicago, Ill., where they will make their home.
Edwin Kierman is a graduate of Tulane University, New Orleans, and the United States Naval Reserve. Counsel at Cornell University.

Barbarous Babies

By Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter M. H. Wynhoeven
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LYING AND STEALING

We just returned from a day's visit to the Atlanta penitentiary. The institution impressed us very favorably; the inmates, about 3000, made us feel sad. Most of them are young men. Practically all of them smiled when we walked around and talked to them.



We did not notice even one hard-featured scowling, criminal face. They all seemed happy and hopeful — and that was the sad part. Every stratum of humanity was represented — young men from rich homes, and fine-looking lads from the squalor of the slums.

Why are they there? It is useless to enumerate their crimes; the important thing is the "why" behind them. The fundamental cause of their incarceration for from two to 10 years is, in practically all cases, their parents' own faulty training, or the wrong environment in their childhood and adolescence. These are menaces in a child's life that can be eliminated or guarded against, even among the poverty-stricken, struggling masses, just as they may be allowed to creep into the wealthiest homes. No matter what excuse may be adduced for the wrong behavior of a youngster, parents are largely to blame.

Bringing up children without respect for the moral code, without obedience and discipline, without regard for the rights of others, is bound to spell failure and may mean jail eventually. Therefore, wrong tendencies in little children should never be passed over lightly; detrimental influences must be carefully watched for and if present, judiciously removed.

The old saying is, "He who lies will steal." Lying and stealing both are acts of dishonesty — one in word, the other in deed. Children who have little regard for the truth soon will lose respect for honesty, in their behavior, they will become tricky. A little boy came sneaking hurriedly into the house. His father saw that he had a golf ball in his hand.

"Where did you get that, Son?" the father asked.

"I found it. It is a lost ball."

"Are you sure it is a lost ball?" the father persisted.

"Yea," the smart young one answered brightly. "The man and the caddy are still looking for it in the grass across the road."

Whatever the cause of this undesirable trait, it should be discovered and eradicated by convincing the child of the wrong, in itself, and the evil results that follow deceit in any form. Punishment should not be resorted to immediately. Public humiliation must be avoided, for this will tend to make the child lose confidence and self-respect. For the mentally abnormal child who lies, professional advice should be sought.

The type that should be closely watched and taken sharply to task is the one who will tell an untruth for personal gain, especially in detriment to others; such a one is well on his way to stealing. Now, inclination to theft can have its several causes, as lying has. The moral wrong may not have been clearly defined by the parents in the child's mind; on the contrary, an undue lust for acquisition, without due regard for the means, may have been emphasized. Children sometimes have a craving for things for which they do not have the purchase price; the desire may become so strong that they forget themselves and steal the coveted goods. Poor health or unhappy home environment may get them started off badly. They fall at school, play hooky, get in with a gang, and, either for gain or for excitement, petty thieving is commenced.

One little dishonest act, if successfully carried out, will lead to another more serious. Later on, "muggles," "dope" and drink will be used to stimulate courage. Street corners, poolrooms and the resorts of night life become routine social haunts. Then they are on their way to Atlanta, for they are bound, eventually, to be caught in one of their crimes.

Whatever makes a child be dishonest should be discovered, and steps must be taken to remove that cause. Spiritual advice and help will be of great value. If he has an undue desire for things which he cannot obtain under normal conditions, his parents should create opportunities whereby he can earn his right to the coveted possessions by legitimate means.

If that is not practicable, the stumbling block may be removed from his path of good behavior by the substitution of something else that will be equally satisfying and is possible of attainment; in any event, the threatening condition must be corrected.

Children in large families or groups may contract the habit of helping themselves to whatever they see around the place which strikes their fancy, no matter to whom it belongs. Correct them of this by pointing out that ownership must be respected, and that, therefore, they never should take anything without asking the owner's consent. In this way, evil tendencies will be curbed, and the idea of personal rights of possession will be established.

Famed 'Flying Tigers' Hail Catholic Church Mission

CHUNGKING, China — Wishing to give their own testimony to the universality of the Catholic Church, non-Catholic members of the famed American Volunteer Group — the celebrated "Flying Tigers" — called it "the United Nations Church."

The American air fighters whose volunteer service with the Chinese Army won them world-wide fame

for their daring and ability, were highly pleased with the warm and hospitable reception accorded them at Catholic Missions everywhere. The non-Catholic members of the Group marveled that priests from so many different countries taught the same doctrine, and this prompted them to show their admiration by coinng the designation "the United Nations Church."

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