

## St. Patrick Sodality Lists Harvest Supper

The Sodality of Our Lady of St. Patrick's Church will hold its annual Harvest Supper at Harris Hill, Thursday Sept. 17. Mrs. John Sheehan and Mrs. John Wilmet are co-chairmen in charge of the affair, assisted by the following committee heads:

Tickets: Mrs. Paul Broscher, Mrs. Wilfred Underwood.

Transportation: Mrs. Walter Krav, Mrs. Charles O'Hara.

Tables: Mrs. James Frost, Mrs. John Davlin.

Cards: Games: Mrs. Justin M. Carthy, Mrs. Francis Hanavan.

Publicity: Margaret Shields.

## BROADCAST DISOWNS ATTACK ON BELGIAN KING

LONDON—On the occasion of the second anniversary of the capitulation of the Belgian Army, the French Radio broadcast a solemn declaration disowning the attack made on King Leopold by M. Paul Reynaud, then Premier of France. All homage and respect are due to a sovereign who continues to share the tribulations of his people, the broadcast added.

## Laity's Duty In Wartime Stressed At Action School Impresses Elmirans

Mrs. J. Henry Brown and Miss Dorothy O'Herron recently returned from New York City where they attended the Catholic Summer School as delegates from the Sodality of Our Lady of St. Patrick's Parish. Both women report an interesting and instructive experience.

Mrs. Brown made the following comment for THE CATHOLIC COURIER:

"For one to attend a Summer School of Catholic Action after having been away from school for a number of years is indeed a rigorous interlude and hard work. Such was our impression after attending the school for five days at Fordham University, representing the Sodality of Our Lady of St. Patrick's.

"Not knowing too much of what was required of us, we jumped at the opportunity of learning what we could do to further our own sanctification and that of our neighbors.

The theme of the Summer School this year was What Catholics Must Contribute to American Life. This contribution was emphasized as a guarantee of justice, in other words, the rights of man,

and where there is no Christianity, there is no justice.

Quoting Father Daniel A. Lord, national director of the Sodality of Catholic Action in the participation by the laity in the work of the hierarchy, and this is where most of us Catholics fail in contributing to American life, because we seem to think that the priests and nuns are the only missionaries who should spread the doctrine of Christ. The laity must live in Christ every day in order to give to the world after the war those high ideals we believe in. That is how we Catholics can be patriotic.

"Attending a liturgical Mass every morning made us realize that we are the Mystical Body at work restoring all things in Christ. Father Lord usually opened the day in general sessions and during his talk he could make one's spirits rise to the heights or fall to the stature of an ant. He could be very serious or light-hearted to fit the occasion.

"After the first two sessions we separated into groups for the particular courses we chose. Leaving the gymnasium to look out over the entire campus was delightful, especially on a sunny, breezy day when a person cannot help but smile at life and his fellow beings. Sometimes we felt like the high school students we rubbed elbows with but at the end of a day, we realized how far from one we were after sitting in classes hour after hour.

"Having lunch, cafeteria style, with the priests and nuns was enjoyable and edifying, and perhaps kept us from slipping our soap. Each day we met and talked with different people, and heard experiences as to how they reached the University via subway or trolley.

"It was a vacation from household duties and office but not from work even though of an intellectual nature. However, we would suggest to anyone attending summer school in the future not to try seeing much of New York and shop at the same time unless that person is prepared to take a few days afterwards to regain his equilibrium."

## 30 Join Celebration Of James T. Agan's 75th Birthday

James T. Agan, well-known Elmira security dealer of 663 College Ave., was honored by his family and friends last Sunday at Harris Hill in anticipation of his 75th birthday which he celebrated Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Eight of his nine children and 14 of his grandchildren were included in the gathering of 30 who felicitated the septuagenarian guest of honor.

Mr. Agan is still active in business in association with his son, Eugene F. Agan, lecturer of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus. The elder Mr. Agan has been a resident of Elmira for 40 years, coming here from Penn. Yan. He has been a member of St. Patrick's Parish for 17 years and prior to that was affiliated with St. Cecilia's Parish.

Mr. Agan was born in Loretta, Pa., and there he married Elizabeth Litzinger. Mrs. Agan died in 1931. She was a classmate in her school days of the late Charles M. Schwab, noted steel magnate.

The Agan family has observed the custom of feting their father at a formal gathering on his birthday at five-year intervals, the previous reception having been on his 70th birthday. This time one son, Charles Agan, and family of four children were unable to be present as the former's employment with the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. was recently transferred to Bellville, N. J.

Those present at Sunday's gathering were:

Miss Mary Agan, Miss Sarah Agan, Mrs. Agnes P. Spahn and children, Henry and Mary Teresa; Mr. and Mrs. John T. Malley and children, Thomas and Rita Ann; Mr. and Mrs. John Agan and children, Mary Catherine, John Jr., Robert, Daniel, Richard and Gerald. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Agan and children, Eugene F. Jr., Thomas, James and Susan; Mr. and Mrs. James T. Agan, Jr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Hara. Also attending from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Litzinger of Sayre, Mrs. Ellen C. Gulick and Miss Lillian Agan of Penn. Yan.

## CIVIC GROUP HONORS NUN FOR WORKS OF CHARITY

BOGOTA—The Rev. Mother Margarita Fonseca received by unanimous decision the Gonzalo Jimenez de Quesada award of the Society for Civic Betterment, here, in recognition of her 20 years' work in behalf of the underprivileged classes. The decoration was conferred by the wife of the President at a ceremony held in the Quintade Bolivar.

Mother Margarita, in 1918, founded what was then called the Charity Association but later became a religious congregation, the Servants of the Holy Family. The original purpose of the organization was the rehabilitation of destitute women, but the work of the congregation has been extended to care of youth, the establishment of farm colonies, refectories for workers, maternity homes and training schools.

## BISHOP CONFIRMS CLASS OF JAPANESE REFUGEES

PUYALLUP, Wash.—Addressing a congregation of more than 500 Japanese, many of them non-Catholics, at Camp Harmony, internment center here, the Most Rev. Gerald Shaughnessy, S.M., Bishop of Seattle, urged the necessity of bearing the crosses in life in the spirit of the Apostles.

Earlier in the afternoon the Bishop confirmed a class of 19 candidates, of whom two were baptized that morning. The Bishop assured the Japanese internees of daily remembrance in his prayers, thoughts and Masses.

In preparation for the visit of the Bishop the Japanese Catholics in the camp were permitted to assist at a Mass at the center.

Smiles cost less than electric light and they make the home much brighter.

## C. D. A. To Send Playing Cards To Servicemen

Miss Mary Gavin and Mrs. Frances Hogan have been appointed chairman of a committee to arrange for a social hour of the Catholic Daughters of America following the regular business meeting of Court St. Rita Sept. 14, at 8 P. M.

Each member of the court is asked to bring playing cards which will be sent to the boys in service. Refreshments will be served. The committee is also planning a rummage sale to be held the latter part of September.

The following ladies have been designated to assist in arranging for the month's activities:

Mrs. Mary Gannon, Mrs. Elizabeth Goodman, Mrs. Florence Gallagher, Mrs. William C. Gill, Miss Mary Gavin, Miss Elizabeth Garvey, Miss Nellie Grady, Mrs. Rose Gelsa, Miss Anne Graham, Miss Mary Hayes, Mrs. Elizabeth Hennessy, Miss Margaret Hanifen, Mrs. Anna Hahn, Miss Mae Hoisey, Mrs. Nellie Hanrahan, Mrs. Gertrude Holleran, Mrs. Elizabeth Hemingway, Miss Elizabeth Ho-

gan, Miss Nellie Hogan, Mrs. Frances Hogan, Mrs. Anna Hoffman, Mrs. Anna Holleran, Mrs. Madelyn Hughes, Mrs. Regina Hannon, Miss Kathryn Honan, Miss Elizabeth R. Holleran.

## Benedictines Open New Boys' School

WASHINGTON—The Benedictine Fathers of St. Anselm's Priory here will open a new boys' high school next September, according to an announcement just made.

The school, which will be located on the priory grounds, will be conducted "along the lines of Benedictine tradition in secondary education." It is stated that the classes will be small and the curriculum integrated, featuring individual instruction, supervised study, educational, vocational and religious guidance, and physical training. Admission will be on the basis of examination.

The headmaster will be Dom Austin McNamee, O.S.B.

## STUDENT HONORS PRECEPTOR



The Right Rev. Msgr. John A. Ryan, Director of the Social Action Department, N. C. W. C., guided the academic footsteps of the Rev. Jerome L. Toner, O. S. B. (right), of St. Martin's College, Olympia, Wash., when the latter was at the Catholic University of America. Father Toner is shown presenting the Monsignor with a special copy of his book, "The Closed Shop," which he has dedicated to Monsignor Ryan. (N.C.W.C.)

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