

### Columbus Day Rites In Schools Note War

The first year two Columbus Day to occur in 22 years was observed in all the Catholic schools by an appropriate patriotic program on Friday, Oct. 9, acting on the recommendation of Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Schools. This year such a program carried a special significance because of our country's participation in the most terrifying of all wars.

The ceremonies consisted of the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and other patriotic songs and was climaxed by the transfer of flags.

The honor of standard bearer is given to the seventh grader who is outstanding in character, scholarship and citizenship. Standard Bearers

old and new standard bearers, respectively, are as follows: Blessed Sacrament, Robert Pfaff and Joseph O'Shaughnessy; Good Counsel, Robert Ingley and Richard Munnighan; St. Andrew, Edward Hahn and Charles Bauerachmidt; Holy Cross, Daniel Torney, Joseph Watkins, Carol Hotzler and Helen Foss.

Immaculate Conception, Rhinhardt Lockmeyer and Rudolph Donofrio, Mt. Carmel, Samuel Moleg and Richard Lataasa; St. Ambrose, Charles Costich and Richard Munnighan; St. Andrew, Edward Hahn and Charles Bauerachmidt; St. Augustine, William Marco and John Haug; St. John's, Raymond DiPasquale and William Maloy; St. Mary's, Edward Healy and Richard Mulcahy; St. Michael's, Leo Schwind and Andrew Spott; St. Monica's, Charles Kuhn and Edward May; St. Peter and Paul, John Bonatti and Thomas Spinnelli; St. Stanislaus, Edward Szczep and Edward Dziukowski; St. Theresa's, Thaddaus Palias and Raymond Palias.

### IRISH MISSIONERS ROBBED, HOSPITAL BURNED IN CHINA

CHUNGKING, China. Word has been received here that the Most Rev. Patrick Cleary, Vicar Apostolic of Nancheng, and missionaries of the Society of St. Columbanus for the Chinese Missions who remained in Kiangsi trusting to their Irish nationality, have suffered the loss of four missions and a hospital burned. The missionaries, the message stated, were robbed of money, clothing and medicines. Further details, it was stated, would be sent here later.

"And Jesus said, 'Father forgive them for they know not what they do.'"

### Pastor - 'Master' Of Tales For Children Pens Another

#### Publisher Releases 'The Good Bad Boy' By Father Brennan

Pastor's duties are generally believed to be inconducive to writing books. However, the Rev. Gerald T. Brennan, pastor of St. Bridget's parish, Rochester, disproves the generalization. His fifth juvenile book in four years, "The Good Bad Boy" was released this week by the Bruce Publishing Company, Milwaukee.

When he first began writing Father Brennan tried sermons for children but his editors felt that he had stories in these sermons which would lend themselves to direct reading by children. Acting upon this advice, Father Brennan found they were right. For 17 years, Father Brennan has been telling and collecting stories for his young readers all over the country. The author himself learned the secret of firing their young minds and hearts by speaking to them on their own level in language they will understand and capitalize on this faculty. He adapted his stories to the needs of juvenile book writing, found an enthusiastic publisher, and has become one of the better known Catholic juvenile writers. As a result of his writing, Father Brennan has come to be known as "the Master of the subtle moral in stories for children. His books have all sold into numerous printings.



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Rev. Gerald T. Brennan. Books from his pen include: Angel City, Angel Food, The Ghost of Kingdom Come, and the Man Who Bared a King. A native of Rochester, Father Brennan is a graduate of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries here. When he was ordained in 1923 he was appointed assistant at Mount Carmel church. Nine years later he was appointed pastor. Five years ago he was transferred to the parsonage of St. Bridget's where he is now stationed.

By the way - BUY WAR BONDS

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Communism, its biological form in Nazism, its political form in Fascism and its dynamic imperialistic form in Japanese imperialism.

Secondly there is the sensual, secular culture of the Western World which has attempted to build great values on a non-Christian basis and thereby Christianity as found in the Church. Follow In Succession. These cultures, the speaker explained, have evolved from one another: the Christian, to the sensual, to the totalitarian. Christianity reached its peak in the Middle Ages when all civilization directed its belief in God to a realization that one day all must render an account of his stewardship. Up to this time no one was outside the Church.

There could not be any such thing as a Protestant Reformation rather, it should have been called a Religious Revolution. A revolution signifies that something needed reform, either the faith or morals of the people. There was nothing wrong with faith. Men's morals were going astray. Men merely placed infallibility in the individual and took it away from the Vicar of Christ.

They concluded their illogical reasoning by saying, therefore, each man could infallibly interpret the Scriptures. The world at the beginning of the sensual, secularist culture in which we live, men sought a new ground of unity and appealed to the natural laws.

"These laws," said Monsignor Sheen, "they misunderstood, thinking them not as a reflection of the will of God, but that of physical nature." Some monarchs became despots and the doctrines of Rousseau, Adam Smith and the Mills were turned to. Men were saying that "Man is naturally good" but man is not so. These aims became imperialistic, finally ending in the peralistic wars as evidenced by World War I.

"Today we face a double task," said the speaker. One is to beat the Axis which we are sure of doing, the other is to sprout from the Western World this sensual, secularist culture. Remove Barriers. Comparing democracy to a ship carrying a cargo of freedom, a cargo full of things which make us proud to be Americans, Monsignor Sheen said the ship has gathered many barriers, false notions of progress and the utter belief in science, which must be removed.

Progress, he said depends upon a fixed goal. The only progress that can be made is in the diminution of the traces of original sin about us. Certifying science that which was intended to be our servant has become our master. Modern intelligence says that there is no difference between right and wrong. We have a double war to win: that on the battlefield and that on the home front. We can defeat the enemy from without, but can we conquer him from within? "In the world," Monsignor Sheen said, "we can get along without a particular economic system; we can do without a certain kind of education. We are on the right side in this war - the good side. We

### Holy Childhood Association Rev. John S. Randall DIRECTOR

#### Mission Sunday Essay

We were delighted to read in the Parish Weekly of Blessed Sacrament Church a short essay by Mary Bush of the Eighth Grade on Mission Sunday. We feel it deserves printing in this column.

"In the CATHOLIC COURIER, issue of Sept. 14 I read an article on 'The Society for the Propagation of the Faith.' It was from this article and from the Catholic Mission magazine of September and October that I have taken the idea for my essay. In these articles the Missions were discussed. Sunday, Oct. 13, is Mission Sun-

### COLUMBUS DAY MARKED AT NAZARETH HALL

The epochal event of the 450th Anniversary of Columbus Discovery of the New World was commemorated by a patriotic program at Nazareth Hall School on Friday afternoon, October 9.

Edward Dakin gave a vivid description of the valor and perseverance of Columbus. He told his companions how necessary it is during these times of strife that they too should show their valor by praying earnestly for peace for the world.

The transfer of the school flag was also a part of the program. Eugene Myler transferred the flag to Gerard Guerinot. Gerard said he accepted the guardianship of the flag with pride and joy. He also gave a beautiful poem in the honor of the flag. Patriotic songs and a pledge to the flag by the entire school closed the program. Each boy returned to his classroom with the conviction "It is grand to be an American citizen."

### Form 'Floating Sodality' On American Warship

ST. LOUIS. What is believed to be the first "floating Sodality" under the American flag has been organized by officers and enlisted men on the U.S.S. "Ranger."

The men have applied for affiliation with the Prima Primaria in Rome through the Queen's Work here national Sodality secretary. The application shows the Sodality has been canonically erected by the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.B.C., Military Delegate. It has been named "Our Lady of Loretto." The Spiritual Director is the Rev. J. T. O'Callahan, S.J., Catholic chaplain on the ship. Of the more than 12,000 Sodalities listed at the Queen's Work, no other one gives a nautical locale.

### Auburn Grand Knight Names K. of C. Aides

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Burns, Nate Jones, J. Joseph Flynn and Joseph Shaw. Public Relations Committee, Albert I. Moore, chairman, Herbert T. Anderson, Anthony J. Contiguglia, James D. Saylor, Joseph Conroy and Jack Procino.

Publicity Committee, Dr. Paul J. Nolan, chairman, George Pinckney, Edward T. Boyle, James M. Maroney, Henry Pfeiffer and John Karpinski.

Stationery, Printing and Postage Committee, George B. Shamon, chairman, Francis C. Cuddy, John McGrath, Henry Tamburo, William E. Bouley and John V. O'Keefe.

Grand Knight George Shamon also appointed Rev. Gerard J. Goffel, Father-Prior for the Columbian Squires, and Rev. Frederick C. Straub as chief counselor and Francis C. Cuddy, George P. Payne, Joseph E. Heiseck and John J. Hyland as counselors.

The Knights are planning to receive Corporate Communion on Sunday, Oct. 23, the Feast of Christ the King, and Joseph J. Hickey is in charge of arrangements.

should make ourselves worthy to be God's agents in administering justice. We have been indifferent spectators to the Crucifixion going on throughout the world in Germany, Mexico and Russia. "Military conscription has forced us to take up the cross now or never. We do not realize who are carrying for we are fighting for something nobler than we know, than we deserve. This is the Crisis in Christendom."

day. Once each year a day is set aside for the work of the Missions. It is a day of prayer and of doing something for this great cause. The priests and Sisters in missionary lands are busy from morning until night, administering aid to the sick - caring for homeless children, the aged, giving spiritual care, providing boys and girls with free education.

In these trying days it is very difficult for our missionaries to preach the gospel of Christ. In some places priests and Sisters have been forced to give up their work, and have been placed in concentration camps. Others, much against their will, have been sent home.

"We, the Catholics of America, are the main support of the Catholic Foreign Missions. If the people in America fail to help the poor missionaries in the war-torn East and in other places, then what results will follow? If we keep praying and contribute for Christ's missionaries, it will mean the saving of more souls. The soldiers of Christ can win the struggle against the powers of darkness - only on condition that they are supported by their friends at home.

"We Catholics are justly proud of the work that these missionaries are doing. On Mission Sunday, Oct. 13, therefore, give and give most generously, and it certainly will not be a cause of regret for any one who contributes to so worthy a cause."

#### The Mail Bag:

Nazareth Hall is opening up its mission barrage of adoptions. Two letters came in this week from the Fifth and the Seventh Grades. According to Capt. Thomas Statt, the Fifth Grade has divided up into two teams and his team came out this time the winner. As a result the boys would like a little Hawaiian baby to be called Michael Aloysius. The Fifth Grade is shooting at a high ideal an adoption a month. Best of good luck, boys!

The Seventh Grade is leading the school in the mission work so far. The pupils have requested twins to be baptized Theresa Marie and John Thomas. That is a fine start and we shall do our best to carry out instructions. Inasmuch as they have not designated the country we shall give it to China. There are hundreds of little war orphans there who would be delighted to be adopted by their American friends.

St. Andrew's keeps us busy with the requests for adoptions and the payment of dues. Their record sheet for the past week adds up to this fine total.

#### ADOPTIONS:

- Fifth Grade South, Eskimo baby, Madeline Louise Carterotto. Eighth Grade South, Indian baby, Philip Wiegand. Eighth Grade North, Chinese baby, Mary Dorothea. Sixth Grade North, Chinese baby, Frederick Shortall. Eighth Grade South, Chinese baby, Mary Celine. Sixth Grade North, Chinese baby, Mary Teresa. Fifth Grade South, Chinese baby, Barbara Marie.

#### DUES:

- Eighth Grade South, \$4.70. Seventh Grade South, \$3.50. Sixth Grade South, \$3.70.

As the song says, "I'm breathless." I don't know what to say to thank you adequately. God bless you all for your sacrifices and your mission zeal.

The pupils of the Sixth Grade of St. Mary's School, Corning, have written in to request the ransom of a Chinese baby to be called William. It was good to hear from our little friends at St. Mary's and we are looking forward to their next letter, for they tell us that they are about ready to send in their dues.

The pupils of St. Aloysius School, Auburn, have sent us in a check for \$37 in payment of dues. We are proud to credit them with full-fledged membership in the Holy Childhood Association and thank them one and all.

#### One Last Word:

We are depending upon the boys and girls of the Holy Childhood Association in the diocese of Rochester to help us to observe Mission Sunday. We are asking them to remember on Oct. 13 to pray for the Missions. If at all possible, we hope that they will offer their Children's Mass and their Communion on that day for the spread of the Faith in Mission Lands. We are sure that we can count upon them to carry out this plan.