

Catholic Optimism Need Cited By Speaker

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ture in Cambridge, delivered to the men who, now in middle-age, are running the affairs of the world.

They were exhorted to be realistic to realize that there is no such thing as supernaturalism, that there is nothing in the after-life, that death is the end. And they were urged to school themselves, that when the end came and their resistance was lowered, when friends and relatives sought to turn them to thoughts of supernaturalism, that they might "go out into the darkness with the courage you have had all your life, knowing that there is nothing ahead of you."

To the accusation that Catholics are not realists, Father Cannon declared that Catholic optimism has no false delusions that the world is perfect. Catholics know that there are wars in which men sink to the lowest of brutality; there always will be wars as long as men are men. "We can't tell the poor man that his ship will come in; most ships never do come in; most roads have no turning; most men are uncomfortably poor. But knowing these things, Catholic optimism sees only one unforgivable folly and that is the doctrine of despair."

"We may be facing a more serious crisis than we realize. This may very possibly be the end of a civilization. Other peoples may look back at our time as we look back upon the Roman civilization. But we know that whatever was good, whatever was noble in our civilization came to us from a Power which is eternal, is all-wise, and all-powerful. At any time in the future of His own will He can bring back the golden age. That is the basis of our optimism."

Prays For Servicemen Following Father Cannon's talk, the Most Rev. James H. Keane, Bishop of Rochester, expressed his thanks to the speakers and to Catholic Charities. He offered a word of encouragement to those present with friends or relatives in the service, saying that he offered a Mass daily for the boys' care and protection.

"No matter what happens to these boys, we know that it is not blind chance. Every experience is a part of God's fabric for his life. We cannot see the pattern in which it is woven, but we know that the same God who followed his destiny through his tender years is following him now every inch of the way. We must pray incessantly, not that God will take care of him for God will take care of him but that no influence will enter his life that will make him cease to take care of God and his relations to God. Let us pray that they will always remain as close to God as you trained them to remain. May God bless them all."

Toastmaster Dr. John F. Lynch, Executive chairman of the Board of Directors for Catholic Charities, introduced the guests at the speakers table. He spoke of the interest indicated by the large attendance and congratulated the committee for their work.

Paints' Charities Work Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, Executive Director of Elmira Catholic Charities, gave, as she said, a "painting" of the work of the Catholic Charities, since for better understanding, the work must be seen as an undivided whole. Although the decrease in unemployment and the consequent lessening of the necessity for relief would make an easing of the work of Catholic Charities seem logical, Miss Fitzgerald said that there have never been so many calls for service as there are at this time. She spoke of the necessity for kindly understanding and sympathy in consultations, and then sketched in briefly the work of the various committees, who serve in the Catholic Charities, with a special mention of the volunteer services without which the Catholic Charities work would lose so much in effectiveness. She expressed the hope the audience would paint in the rest of the details "just as we hope that the Master Artist will gloss over the mistakes which we have made, and whisper 'Well done.'"

A closing prayer was offered by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney for the repose of the souls of the men who have died in the service of their country.

We are fighting under colors that have never known defeat.



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SCOUT SCRAPPERS—Boys of St. Andrew's parish Boy Scout troop pile up scrap collected by their troop for the drive. They are (from left) Donald Gaddard, Paul Cantabile, William Cluffe and Gerald Duffless who were aided by Earl Benwitz and Myron Amico.

AT AQUINAS INSTITUTE

By ROGER TRABOLD

Canisius High 13 Aquinas 0

Bowling to a powerful Canisius High eleven by a 13-0 score, the Aquinas gridsters suffered their first defeat of the season, last Saturday, Oct. 24, at Buffalo.

The Canisius Propetors, taking advantage of Aquinas' fumbled, scored a touchdown in both the first and second periods. Recovering the ball on the Irish 35, these Buffalo lads marched on to score, just eight plays after they had kicked off. Their second touchdown drive was also started from the visitor's 35, after they had recovered a punt fumble.

Aquinas, on its part, threatened seriously three times, penetrating deep into Canisius territory. In one drive they moved the ball to the opponent's 30 only to lose the opportunity on a fumble. Another time the Irish penetrated to the home team's 6, but failed to score in four downs after Bill Reynolds had been thrown for a five-yard loss. Their last threat was squelched in the fourth quarter when Canisius intercepted a pass, ending a sustained drive.

Next Saturday, Oct. 31, Elmira High will invade Edgemoor Park for one of the toughest games on the Aquinas schedule. Last year Johnny Sullivan's boys suffered their only defeat at the hands of this school, and consequently they are eagerly waiting to get revenge in this coming tussle.

Society Sponsors Spaghetti Supper

Members of the Ladies Altar Society of St. Francis Xavier Church will serve a Spaghetti Supper in the Church Hall, Bay St. (tonight) Thursday, Oct. 29, between 5 and 8 o'clock.

Parishioners and the public are invited to this affair the proceeds of which will go towards the church funds.

The English language is spoken by more than 270,000,000 people, of which over half are Americans.

Signal Corps Training Open

Another group of trainees of the new Army Signal Corps Training School was graduated on Oct. 26 from the schools in Troy, Paul Smith's and New York City. These men are the forerunners of other groups who will complete their training periods and will then enter the Army with valuable skills.

However, with the scope and extent of the present conflict, many more men are urgently needed for that branch of the Army whose purpose is "to get the message through."

The Signal Corps Training Schools are intended to train men between the ages of 18 and 44, in the installation, maintenance and repair of Army Signal Corps Radio Equipment, and to meet the demand for large numbers of radio repairmen and technicians for service with the Signal Corps. Trainees are paid while learning, "mechanic learners" at the rate of \$1,850 per year and "junior radio repairmen" at the rate of \$1,440 per year. The training courses are for periods of three months each. No previous experience with

Bowling CATHOLIC LEAGUE

(Scores of Friday, October 23)

Holy Apostles	127 183 124	St. John's, No. 1	215 181 192
Vander's	147 174 200	Helfrich	161 173 189
Nichols	141 141 141	Wells	140 150 150
Keyes	142 183 140	Knapp	137 138 155
Delaney	150 150 150	McCarthy	137 141 170
Seibitz			

Total	146 858 948	Total	593 668 665
St. John's, No. 2	169 197 175	St. John's, Green 2	176 181 174
Chelowski	143 141 172	Preobin	160 167 174
Trybulski	143 141 172	O'Dea	139 161 159
Weyers	143 141 172	McCarthy	137 141 170
Wojcik	143 141 172	Perkins	150 158 165
Yonina			

Total	161 843 818	Total	718 637 709
St. Mary's, No. 1	203 181 151	St. Mary's, Green 2	140 178 133
Kohler	212 216 185	Herman	144 170 177
Schwind	157 186 194	Johnson	133 153 151
Speck	146 150 141	Wells	134 204 181
Minetti	153 223 138	Wentz	162 141 223
Hassan			

Total	870 1021 771	Total	736 946 833
Holy Family, No. 1	151 152 172	St. Mary's	123 155 154
Hassan	151 152 172	Finck	123 155 154
Cole	177 187 174	Sorata	95 122 122
Gross	156 189 182	Schroepfl	130 191 149
D Frank	137 158 173	Cudde	160 204 167

Total	735 748 610	Total	652 848 704
O. L. P. H.	149 145 128	St. Basil's, No. 2	157 209 155
Blind	159 150 150	Goodwin	201 144 191
Muh	145 111 124	C. Dett	141 144 191
Blind	160 150 150	Stee	133 145 150
Frank	189 209 169	F. Dett	164 204 160

Total	819 708 744	Total	796 833 710
Corpus Christi	182 182 182	St. John's, No. 3	158 148 179
Granger	179 169 184	St. John's	159
Walsh	180 173 173	Digle	191 200
Neitling	215 189 183	Knoble	236 157 214
Stevins	375 375 320	Schiefer	156 224 178
		Roni	209 189 184
			15 15 15

Total	828 843 921	Total	861 916 970
St. John's, Green 2	143 141 140	St. Mary's, No. 1	141 144 203
Mastros	143 141 140	St. Mary's	141 144 203
LaFore	143 141 140	Mambert	142 184 219
Belton	143 141 140	White	142 137 182
Friedrich	143 141 140	Hart	190 145 180
Greus	143 141 140	Utter	203 183 160

Total	973 812 920	Total	961 863 971
Holy Family, No. 2	151 160 182	Thomas	221 277 195
G. Schmitz	146 174 160	Niemi	200 310 262
Volkmar	157 174 183	Winters	182 190 169
Ornd	192 145 178	Tabini	236 192 161
R. Schmitz	168 149 191	Mezzini	194 191 240
Kevely	13 13 13		

Total	880 861 920	Total	1943 1031 261
Laughter is an enemy to malice a foe to scandal and a friend to virtue.			

Blesses Sacred Heart Statue At St. Agnes High School

Through the generosity of a friend, St. Agnes High School has received and placed in its chapel a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The unusual treatment of the subject by the sculptor presents a strikingly beautiful and devotional image of Christ under this title.

With solemn ceremony the new addition to the equipment of the school chapel was blessed yesterday by Monsignor William M. Hart, V.G., assisted by the Rev. Roy B. Morphy and the Rev. John D. Malley. In speaking to the girls of the school after the blessing, Monsignor Hart referred to the words of the actual in which all present pray that while we view this Statue of the Sacred Heart with the eyes of our body, we may with the eyes of our soul see the life and the salutary acts of Christ; and so secure present blessings that may lead us eventually to those that are eternal through the devotion these thoughts will engender.

The student body attended in their new white academic gowns, with sashes of red silk, matching caps of the same material and color. St. Agnes now offers a standard high school course of three years, with the prospect of adding soon the fourth year that will establish it as a fully equipped High School for Catholic girls.

"Wisdom is knowing what to do next Skill is knowing how to do it, and Virtue is doing it."

Holy Childhood Association Rev. John S. Randall DIRECTOR

In the Holy Father's Name: Apostolic Delegation, United States of America, Sept. 3, 1942.

The Very Rev. Richard Ackerman, C.S.S.P., National Director, Association of the Holy Childhood, Pittsburgh, Penna.

Very Reverend and Dear Father I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the beautifully prepared Spiritual Bouquet presented to His Holiness on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of his Episcopal Consecration by the members of the Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood. I shall be happy to transmit this splendid tribute of affection to His Holiness as promptly as possible.

While awaiting the time when I may be able to transmit to you an expression of appreciation from the Holy Father, allow me to assure you even now of the profound gratitude of the Sovereign Pontiff for this generous offering of prayer and sacrifice which will most assuredly comfort, console and strengthen him greatly in those troublous times. This manifestation of attachment and loyalty will

SODAL TALK

The Rochester Sodality Union is sponsoring a scrap drive. Of course, all the metal scrap is being used for defense but any paper scrap on which is written news of Rochester Sodality activities will be welcomed. The Sodalist collecting the most material for the Union scrapbook will be offered a prize. The deadline is the December meeting but don't wait until the night before the Boy Scouts might get there first.

What could be a more fitting way to honor Our Lady during October than to form a Living Rosary? St. Michael's Sodality always seems to bring things out at the right time.

Hay straw is cheaper and grass is free—but St. Michael's have picked the most expensive of the three and are going to have a hayride on Nov. 6, followed by a belated Halloween party in the church hall.

It is a custom of American Sodality to present the Holy Father with a Spiritual Bouquet on the feast of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8. It does seem far away but it is not too early to begin a triduum for this intention. This information will be sent to The Queen's Work and then forwarded to Our Holy Father.

One of the particular tasks of Sodality is to publicize the work of

The Week At— ROCHESTER NIAGARA U

Niagara University Day Visitation Club will bow to the changing times when for the first time in its history, the group will induct two feminine members at its annual banquet and initiation to be held at Caruso's restaurant Monday evening, Nov. 2. Induction of over 15 new members will take place. The committee in charge is headed by Herbert Peck.

The Senior Class has announced the committee chosen for their annual banquet and ball to be held Dec. 12. Leonid Bohdanow and Charles Schwartz were named co-chairmen. The various other committees were named as follows: Arrangements, Herbert Peck and George Hagenbach; Publicity, Benjamin Salzman and Freeman Kerry; Tickets, Dino Agostinelli and Eugene Roth; Decorations, Al Klemmer and Elmer Taylor; Reception, Leo Muldoon and Sebastian Fichera.

be all the more acceptable to His Holiness, coming as it does from an Association whose glory it is to have him as its venerated Supreme Head and Protector.

With sentiments of esteem, and with a word of congratulation to the good Sister who is responsible for the artistic preparation of the Bouquet, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ, A. G. GIOGNANI, Archbishop of Lacedias, Apostolic Delegate.

Watch next week's CATHOLIC COURIER for the Holy Childhood Column. All those whose adoptions or dues report or mission activity has not yet been reported will appear in that issue. The work during the past two weeks has been splendid and we are preparing our report to appear in next week's issue.

For those who sent in compositions on the Mission Sunday Poster our thanks. We are reading them with interest and appreciation. It is a real pleasure to know that you boys and girls have shown such an enthusiasm and interest in Mission Sunday and the Missions generally.

Ithaca K. of C. Open Radio Series On 'Crisis' Sunday

ITHACA — A radio series on the general theme "The Cross and the Crisis" will be sponsored by Ithaca Council, Knights of Columbus over Station WECU, the Cornell University station opening Sunday, Nov. 1.

The opening speaker who will be heard at 1:15 p. m. will be the Rev. Vincent Donovan, O.P., brother of Colonel William Donovan. The series will present other widely known speakers. After the opening talk, the series will be heard each Sunday night at 8:15 p. m.

The program, those in charge state, will attempt to present the Catholic viewpoint on current topics, such as education, family life, social justice, war and peace.

A man's forgiving faculty is in proportion to the greatness of his soul. Little men cannot pardon.