Urges Spiritual First Aid With Physical In Accident Cases

DUBUQUE, Ia. — Spiritual as well as physical first aid in cases of accident is urged in an editorial by the Rev. Raymond Kitteldorf published in The Witness, archdiocesan weekly.

To ordinary first aid regulations, Father Kitteldorf would add: "Determine, if possible, the religion of the victim, and summon at once a Catholic priest, a Protestant minister, or a Jewish rabbi, as the case may be."

"The interest of the Catholic Church in the welfare of the body, from the time when her Divine Founder characterized His public life by miraculously curing victims of diverse diseases till the present day when Catholic hospitals and charitable institutions spring up almost simultaneously with church buildings, will not be disputed by any fair-minded historian," the editorial says. "In fact, the corporal works of mercy are of the blood and bone of Catholicism, in so far as charity is of its essence.

"It is always right and reasonable to put first things first; especially is this true when a man is dying or in danger of dying. At such a time it is important to care for the body, to do everything possible to save the victim from death, but it is more important to give him the last chance to save his soul from eternal death.

"First aid, especially now in war-time, has been given increased attention. Classes in First Aid for adults as well as for school children are being conducted from coast to coast. First Aid, since it is concerned chiefly with people in danger of death, should not disregard the spiritual part of the victim, his soul about to meet his divine Judge.

"When a man is in danger of death it is important to summon a doctor at once, as the rules on First Aid prescribe, but at the same time it is important to summon a priest, or as the case may be a minister or a rabbi.

"To those who formulate and teach the regulations for First Aid we therefore urge the following additional rule:

"Determine, if possible, the religion of the victim, and summon at once a Catholic priest, a Protestant minister, or a Jewish rabbi as the case may be."

War Dims Out Great Cross-Beacon Atop Montreal Mountain

MONTREAL—The great cross atop Mount Royal, whose 250 lights could be seen for miles each night, is being dimmed in an effort to save electricity.

Only 90 of the lamps will remain lighted but these will still form the cross. It was not desired by authorities that the cross be entirely blacked out, except in cases of emergency, as the cross, besides being an expression of Montreal's faith, also serves as a guiding beacon for the many planes now training in the Montreal area, warning of the mountain on which it stands.

The Book of Proverbs says: "He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his soul . . he that setteth bounds to his words is knowing and wise."

PLAN SURVEY CATHOLIC NURSES IN SERVICE

Meeting in Toledo, these members of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Catholic Nurses urged a survey of all Catholic nurses in the armed forces, the formation of affiliated military units, and other organizational plans. Pictured, left to right, seated: Sister Helen Jarrell, Chicago; Miss Mary Kelly, Detroit, President; Sister M. Mona, Duluth. Standing: Miss Gertrude Myers, Baltimore; Miss Mary Walton, Pittsburgh; Miss Anna Houck, Toledo; Sister M. Henrietta, St. Louis; Miss Clare Casey, New York. Rev. James P. Logue of Pittsburgh, is Spiritual Director. (N.C.W.C.)

WEDDINGS IN ELMIRA

Cherkis - Blake

Miss Florence Blake, daughter of Mrs. Thelma Blake of Bath, became the bride of Cpl. Peter Cherkis of Ft. Belvoir, Va., son of Nicholas Cherkis of E. Hill, RD 3, Saturday, Oct. 31, 1942, at 11:30 A. M. in St. Nicholas Church, Elmira Heights. The Rev. Waldimir B Dowhovitch performed the ceremony.

Miss Anna Cherkis of E. Hill, sister of the bridegroom, was maid-of-honor. Gerald Cleary was best man.

A reception for the immediate families was given at the home of Mrs. Mary Buschoiz, sister of the bridegroom. Later the couple left for Alexandria, Va., where they will make their home. The bride is a graduate of the Academy. Cpl. Cherkis was an employe of Spaulding Bakeries, Inc., before entering the service.

Robertson - McIntyre

Miss Dorothy Rose McIntyre, 835 Canal St., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew O. McIntyre of Corning, was married to Harry Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton L. Robertson of Burdett in the rectory of St. Anthony's Church Saturday, Oct. 24, 1942, at 10 A. M. The Rev. Bernard C. Hanna performed the ceremony.

Maid-of-honor was Miss Jean Mattison, and Morris Brown, cousin of the bridegroom was best man.

Following the ceremony, a dinner for members of the bridal party took place in Rossi's Tearoom. A reception was held for 75 guests at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rossi, 835 Canal St. After a short wedding trip, the couple went to Burdett, where they are now residing.

The bride attended Corning schools and is a graduate of the Academy. Mr. Robertson was graduated from the Watkins Glen High School.

Kieffer - Steffen

Miss Jeanette Steffen, daughter of Mrs. Margaret M. Steffen, 222 E. Miller St., and Raymond Kieffer, son of Mrs. Techla Kieffer, 207 Crescent Ave., were married Saturday, Nov. 7, 1942, at 9 A. M. in St. Cecelia's Church. The Rev. Richard G. Stanton officiated.

Miss Helen Bednarek was maid-of-honor, and Stephen Bednarek was best man.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was given at the Hotel Langwell. Later the couple left on a two weeks' wedding trip to the Adirondack Mountains. They will reside on Crescent Ave.

HIGHEST ARMY OFFICER ON HAWAIIAN ISLAND IS DAILY COMMUNICANT

MARYKNOLL, N. Y. — The highest army officer on the Island of Maui, Hawaii, is a daily communicant, as is another high-ranking officer, and the highest naval officer there receives the Sacraments frequently, according to the Maryknoll Sisters here.

A letter from Sister Mary Xaveria Wittman, of Erie, Pa., who is stationed at St. Anthony's School at Wailuku, Maui, tells of the fine example of American Catholic soldiers stationed at Maui, saying "the number of service men receiving Communion here each Sunday is a great edification to the parishioners." "Priests in Hilo report the same," the letter states, "saying there has been an increase in the Communions of the local men there owing to the example of the soldiers."

She adds that 500 service men received corporately one Holy Name Sunday. One non-Catholic officer, who goes to Mass at St. Anthony's every Sunday, Sister writes, put the following sign on the bulletin board on Pentecost Sunday: "Say, you Catholic men—one more Sunday to make your Easter duty — get busy." Sister Xaveria adds that this officer was educated in a Catholic school.

The Maryknoll Sisters in Maui serve a breakfast for service men after Sunday's Mass without charge. Besides the school, the Sisters conduct a school at Wailuku. There are 27 Maryknoll Sisters on Maui. They all cooperate with the Catholic army and navy chaplains to provide hospitality and recreation for the boys in service there.

Spirit of Animation

If our country is to prosper and excel, we need men, and many of them, who know how to undertake enterprises of gift and moment, and carry them through in spirit of animation.

CHINESE CATHOLIC CONVERTS

Through the prayers of their children these parents have just recently been received into the Church at the Chinese Catholic Mission of the Paulist Fathers, San Francisco. (Standing), Mrs. Chang Dai, Mr. Harold Lee. (Sitting, left to right), Mrs. A. Choy, Mrs. Ow [illegible]

Priest Marks 50th Year In Jesuit Order

ST. LOUIS — The Rev. Lawrence Leahy, S.J., widely-known member of the St. Louis University High School faculty here, is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into the Society of Jesus.

Before joining the faculty here, Father Leahy taught at Xavier University, Cincinnati, and the University of Detroit, and was Director of the Wahs House, a St. Louis retreat house for laymen.

Man Must Be Liberated From 'Deified State'

LONDON — The declaration that man must be liberated from the false idea of a deified State was made by a Vatican radio speaker in a broadcast to Poland in the Polish language heard here.

"Man must be liberated, and the evil seed, from the root he is worshipping, the Vatican radio speaker said. "This idea is the present-day State, which has put in the place of God. The State is now striving to gain for itself that absolute authority which belongs only to the Creator of the universe.

"The Pope has set himself against this deification of the State in the national sphere he has done so by being the defender of individuals and families; in the international sphere by being the defender of international law. The separation of international law from divine law, so that it might depend entirely on the will of leaders of nations, can mean only removal of all safeguards of public and private morality and abandoning of moral principles to ill-concerted and disturbing influence of private and public interests. And this in turn leads to the attitude which aims simply at the extension of States rights and consequent suppression of rights of others.

Jesuits Obtain Club Property For College

MONTREAL — St. Jean de Brebeuf College, directed by the Jesuits, has purchased the property of the Montreal Hunt Club, believed to be the oldest club of its kind in America. The property joins the present college.

The Montreal Hunt Club was founded in 1826 and moved to its present clubhouse 80 years ago. The Jesuits have not announced what will be done with the clubhouse, but the tennis courts and gardens will be placed at the disposition of the students.

Truth can bear inspection. May it grown brighter and more luminous the more it is subjected to scrutiny.—Cardinal O'Connell.

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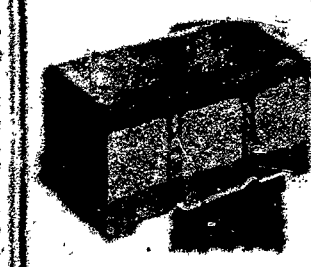
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