

# Priest Tells of Alaskan Highway In Men's Club Talk

CORNING—The Rev. Andrew L. Maloney, pastor of St. Thomas' Church, Elkland, Pa., was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Catholic Men's Club Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Baron Steuben Hotel.

Speaking on the Alaskan Highway Father Maloney said: "Since the nation recently has celebrated its first anniversary of the entry into this great war attention has been directed towards the Alaskan Islands where successive struggles are being fought, and to the much discussed Alaskan Highway which has recently been completed."

"Some few years ago Donald MacFarland recommended protecting Alaska's 1,700 miles of coast line. Later Washington, observing the paw of the Russian Bear descending on Big Diomedes Island in the center of the 56 mile Bering Straits which separate this coast from Asia, recalled this warning and construction began about 18 months ago."

### An Urgent Matter

"Not that ravaging hordes overrun the East Indies, and war approaches Siberia and Alaska, the new land door highway to Alaska becomes an urgent matter. The destruction of a section of Siberia or Alaska has become increasingly vital to the Japanese self preservation. Japan must know that so long as Vladivostok and Kamchatka Peninsula remains in Russian hands, backed by American forces in Alaska and the Aleutians, they constitute dangers aimed at her very heart. And the logical time for Japan to attempt to eliminate this menace is while Germany is all-out against Russia."

"To guard this region from attack by the Japanese, the United States started to spend 45 million dollars on Alaska defenses. Formerly 300 soldiers stationed at Chitchat, was thought to be sufficient protection for the one-half million square miles of Alaska. This idea has been cast aside for the new defense scheme."

"The islands stretch one thousand miles west from the Alaskan mainland to within 200 miles of Russia's sub-marine base at Kamandorskie or 700 miles from Japan's outpost, Paramushiro."

### Indian Origin

"Alaska itself, from its name of Indian origin, means Great Land. Mr. Brooks of the United States Society of Geological Survey says, 'If a map of Alaska be laid on a diagram of the United States, the southern extremity of the coast strip will fall at San Francisco, while the main part of the territory fills a rectangle extending from Oklahoma to Lake of the Woods, and from Chicago to the

### Mortal Infallibility

No ordinary mortal is infallible. The only object a man can have in posing as one who is never in the wrong is to create a blind confidence in his unvarying reliability. But since no one can really believe him to be always right, the pose ends by defeating its own object, and he is marked out as untrustworthy."

eastern border of Colorado.' The late survey gives Alaska an area of 584,000 square miles. The Arctic Coast is a tundra region of swamps and moors. And in this region are mountain peaks and the famous lower Yukon River. Like Asia, this section is frozen to great depths. Only in the summer does the surface thaw out for two or three feet."

"Hence the famous river of the gold rush days and the Dangerous Sam McCles and the forests that lie in the interior reminds us that these people are engaged in hunting and fishing."

"The islands are treeless yet grass and shrubs are found on the Aleutians which extend along the Pacific Coast for a distance of a thousand miles. Over 60 of these are of volcanic origin."

"Anchorage, Alaska's summer seaport, finds its population increased. Most of the newcomers are engaged in military and naval projects. Searchlights and anti-aircraft batteries have already been installed."

"Fairbanks is the commercial capital. Here a number of troops are housed and have their movies, clubs, canteens, swimming pools and bowling alleys underground to protect them from the cold and enemy bombs."

"Dutch Harbor, midway in the string of Aleutians, a vast air base is being completed. The new 24 foot crushed rock motor road, east of the Rocky Mountains will follow the 'Bomber Road' for the defense of Alaska. Some of these 2,000 miles of wilderness were untouched even by trappers' snowshoes but are inhabited by bear, big horn sheep and nomad band of Indians."

"Several air bases were established and mechanical cranes brought thousands of tons of equipment through forests and over log roads built by settlers. The 1200 miles musketry was made into a road safe for large loads that may be conveyed from the middle west to the west coast. This highway is 500 miles inland as a protection from coastal and bombing dangers."

"Canada may benefit in innumerable ways from this highway to Alaska. Uncle Sam will have a back door highway over which American doughboys, guns, tanks and war equipment could be hauled in a hurry by motorized transport to strategic Alaska bases should Japan temporarily control the sea lands of the North Pacific."

"When peace descends the new highway may conceivably link the United States and Canada with Central Europe and the 66 mile tunnel under the Bering Straits, envisioned by Edward H. Harriman, pioneer railroad builder may join highways of the new and old world."

Announcement was made at this meeting by Robert Hallahan, president, that meetings would be suspended until Jan. 6.

# He Was the "Millionth Guest"



The millionth serviceman to enter the NCCS-operated USO Club in New Orleans, Pvt. Jackson R. Hume, U. S. A., of Sanger, Calif., was surprised to be feted as the guest of honor at the club which is used by 150,000 men a month. He is shown looking over the "Home State Registry," one of the many popular features at the club. (N.G.W.C.)

# Plan Christmas Crib In Railroad Stations

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hoping that the Christ Child may be guided on His way and even perhaps enter our abode. And we do forget the promise of that same Christ Child, for He has said, "Wherever two or more are gathered together in My Name, there I am in the midst of you."

It should be our ambition to entertain that Guest in every Catholic home this year, and how easily it can be done by erecting a Crib or a Shrine in His honor and gathering the family around that Crib each night to say the rosary and family prayers; and we can remember to offer a fervent plea to our Guest to take care of our loved ones who are absent defending our homes and liberties; and that He will give to every home and every land a just and lasting peace."

Make Shrines and Crib a special feature of your Christmas this year and may it be a very happy and blessed one.

So—May the Christ Child ever be Throughout thy days

The guiding light for thine and thee

In all life's ways, And bring thee safe

Where shadows pass And thou shalt see,

Not as now darkly through a glass

But perfectly

—Miss Mary Newsome

# CANADIAN CATHOLIC NAMED MINISTER TO EXILED

OTTAWA—Brigadier George Philip Vanier who was educated at Loyola College and Laval University has been named Canadian Minister to the exiled governments of Czechoslovakia, Greece, Norway, Poland, Yugoslavia, Belgium and the Netherlands.

It is the first time Canada has had a Minister to the first five of this group of United Nations.

# Latin America Sends First Social Worker To Train With Catholic Charities

In the vanguard of ten social-workers coming from Central and South America to take a year's In-Service Training under auspices of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, Senorita Catalina Stoduto of Asuncion, Paraguay, is now established in the Family and Children's Division of Rochester Catholic Charities.

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The 21-year-old visitor came to Rochester on Tuesday, while her companion, Senora Albertina de Lughesti of Venezuela, went on to Buffalo to complete a year's social work training with the Buffalo Catholic Charities. They arrived at Miami on Dec. 6.

The girl from Asuncion is a graduate of the Paraguay Institute of Sociology and will continue social welfare studies with the Rochester Catholic Charities and at Nazareth College where she will room in the John Fisher Dormitory.

Other Catholic social workers from Latin-America selected to study under the In-Service Training Program have not yet arrived in the United States.

Rochester Selected The Catholic Charities offices of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, New York, St. Louis, St. Paul and Washington and the Dioceses of Buffalo, Cleveland and Rochester have already been chosen for participation in the project.

In the Diocese of Rochester, the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, Director of Catholic Charities, took up the project with His Excellency Bishop Kearney and received enthusiastic endorsement of the undertaking as did directors in the other selected archdioceses and dioceses.

The In-Service Training Program is designed to meet the desire of social welfare agencies in Latin-America for a greater contact with Catholic social agencies in the United States.

In the past most of the outside influence in social agencies in Latin-America came from Europe. However, Catholic programs observed by social workers from Latin-America who visited cities in this country during the summer of 1941 impressed them very favorably. They expressed the conviction that Catholic social work in the United States has much to offer them in the way of training opportunities.

At present social work in Latin-America is largely individualistic and it has been agreed that workers coming to the United States can profit most by learning the broad community relationships as actually carried out by centrally organized diocesan charities offices.

Director of the Family and Children's Division of Rochester Catholic Charities where Senorita Stoduto is located is the Rev. Arthur F. Ratzigan.

Kindergarten: A kind of school where little kids are sent to give their poor mothers a rest. Boston Traveler.

# Bowling In Elmira

### Catholic Church League

St. Cecilia's	All-Stars	St. Peter & Paul	St. Patrick
Sullivan 158 140 139	Morgan 155 170 158	Chase 156 283 165	Hanna 158 147 158
Cesare 159 134 144	Berrigan 154 197 137	McMahon 154 172 159	Johnson 163 151 158
Porary 154 145 160	Flacher 153 170 146	McGann 148 159 155	Kelly 159 142 151
Fr. Steno's 107 195 193	Lutz 153 158	Mar 154 158 159	Toney 158 202 152
Hall 158 169 163	Precht 140 168	Connolly 163 157 155	Clump 158 154 155
	Ryan 159 163		
Total 1188 136 136	Total 1162 117 114	Total 911 935 951	Total 998 942 956
St. Patrick's No. 2	Our Lady of Lourdes	St. John's	St. Anthony
McIlvren 113 145 159	Fr. Sch'b 160 161 166	DeKozzo 187 211 156	
Margaret 116 135 170	Hawley 119 147 119	Schlefen 171 142 147	
Doran 149 115 117	Fr. Gard 150 117 163	Hacke 144 145 146	
Ryll 163 143 145	Mahette 163 152	Rohde 165 195 157	
McGill 161 135 142	Grant 171 129 143	Ruhmel 178 154 169	
	Mar. 143 164 164		
Total 1178 178 178	Total 863 826 814	Total 847 1402 863	

# FAMOUS CLOSE SHAVES By Barber Sol



SERGEANT BILLY C. GRIBBLE REPAIRED THE RETRACTABLE LANDING GEAR OF HIS BOMBER HANGING HEAD DOWN FOR OVER AN HOUR WHILE TWO OF HIS MATES HELD HIS LEGS. THE FEAT AVERTED A CRASH LANDING AND SAVED THE CREW OF SEVEN.

WITH A PHARMACIST'S MATE THE KEY OBSERVER, A CREW OF FIVE SEAMEN SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED AN APPENDECTOMY ABOARD A U.S. SUB-MARINE SIMPLY BECAUSE IT WAS DO OR DIE. THE SUB WAS IN THE FAR PACIFIC HUNTING JAPS.



BELIEVING IT AN ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE, A BOSTON POLICEMAN WALKED 10 FEET ALONG A NARROW LEDGE AND LED EDWARD ROCHE, SLEEPWALKER TO SAFETY. ROCHE COULD NOT RECALL HIS JAUNT.

BARBER SOL SAYS: ROHMEL'S ON THE RUN WE KNOW BUT THERE'S STILL MORE IN THIS BIG SHOW. BUY STAMPS, BUY MOOSE BONDS.

# Urges All To Do Mailing For Christmas By Dec. 15

Some of the public—but not enough—are heeding the warnings of the Post Office Department that Christmas gifts must be mailed this year earlier than ever before, if reports from seven of the largest post offices in the United States prove to be typical. Six of these offices, queried on Christmas mailings, reported that gift parcels had started moving through the mails from 10 to 12 days earlier than in previous years. The seventh reported some 4000 in parcel post but no broad gain in Christmas mailings. Christmas cards, one of the most difficult problems because of the public's habit of mailing them in a last-minute deluge, also have started to move, but in only small numbers.

But postal officials warn, the early mailings are not yet in sufficient volume to prevent delay in deliveries of gifts until after Christmas unless mailings are increased sharply at once, and practically completed by Dec. 15. War-time burdens on transportation and on the postal service make it essential that the peak of mailings be far earlier than in normal times.

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, who has held repeated

conferences with high officials of his Department on the Christmas mail problem, again called attention to the absolute necessity of public cooperation. "My Department is handling a variety of big wartime tasks in addition to the distribution of civilian mail," he said. "We handle a vast amount of Army and Navy mail within this country until it reaches military and naval stations or embarkation ports, where it is taken over for delivery by the Army and Navy. We write many millions of dollars worth of war bonds, sell immense numbers of war stamps handle a huge volume of official correspondence and printed matter. Our service is burdened with war work and so is the transportation system that carries the mails."

"There has never been a time in the history of the postal service when there was more necessity for the public to mail parcels and cards early if delivery is to be made by Christmas."