

EXTENDING THE FAITH AT HOME



The extensive church building program vigorously prosecuted by the Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States during the past two years is indicated in this group of pictures. Portrayed from the many structures erected with the Society's help are: Center, St. William's School, Durham, N. C. (Raleigh); upper left Immaculate Conception Church, Pulaski, Tenn. (Nashville); upper right, St. John's Church, Oxford, Miss. (Natchez); lower right, St. William's Church, Menominee, Mich. (Marquette); lower left, St. William's Church, Arlington, Texas (Dallas). N.C.W.C.

Priest Writes Christmas Editorial For Rotary Paper

CORNING — The first Catholic priest to belong to the Rotary Club in Jamestown the Rev. William J. Sutherland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron J. Sutherland of Corning, now

assistant pastor of St. John's Parish, Jamestown, recently contributed a Christmas editorial to the Bulletin of the organization there, which was later reprinted in the "Post-Journal" at Jamestown.

Father Sutherland, a graduate of St. Patrick's School and Corning Free Academy, where he was valedictorian of his class, completed his education at Canisius College, Buffalo, and Holy Angel's Seminary, Niagara Falls.

The editorial said: "Perhaps you have heard how many people are saying 'Christmas will not seem the same this year.' We lament the dire circumstances which brought about the change. But we rejoice that the change has come. This is a year of stark reality. Because of this reality—a reality of loss, privation and sacrifice—men are the more willing to return to the simplicity that marked the first Christmas. We are willing to travel the rough road through the dark night of doubt and fear, as the shepherds did long ago.

Real Meaning Hidden

"We had surrounded Christmas with so many gaudy trappings that the real meaning of the Feast was hidden from our eyes. The day, essentially a Holy Day, had become for many of us just another holiday. Fools that we were we saw theinsel and thought that it was gold. Our yes, dazzled by the gleam of worldly fun and pleasure, missed entirely the soft light that shone on us from Heaven's height.

"And now the things wherein we rested our happiness have been stripped from us one by one—our loved ones, our personal possessions, our national pride. And because of that loss men have been on the shifting sands of passing

time to realize the folly of building the foundation of their happiness on things. They have finally become conscious of the fact that the only true happiness comes from above and dwells within us. That joy—neither war, nor loss nor death can destroy. It has been a good thing for us to discover it even though the losses have been a harsh and costly one.

"Are you afraid to face the future with its doubts and dark disappointments? Then go back to Bethlehem and learn lessons from Him. He was not afraid to entrust himself to the care of men even though he knew they would betray the trust and His road of love would lead to the Cross.

Lesson of Humility

"Are you proud of what you have done of what you are, of our national greatness? Then go back to Bethlehem and learn the lesson of humility. He emptied Himself of His divine splendor and took upon Himself the part of a servant. Even the Wise Men had to bow their heads to enter the low door of the stable.

"Are you hesitant about turning to Him because you have neglected Him so long? Then go back to Bethlehem. You will find there not a judge clothed in the majesty and terrible might of His office but a Babe in swaddling clothes. And no one is afraid to pick up a Babe and hold it in his arms and who will hear you if you bow your head to whisper in His ear 'I was wrong, I'm sorry, I have come back?'

"Our earnest and prayerful wish is that each of you whom we love for our fellowship together will know this year the true happiness that comes to those who go back to Bethlehem."

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Weddings in Elmira

Chorney - Procko
Miss Katherine Procko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Procko of Manchester, became the bride of Cpl. Walter Chorney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Chorney, 126 Sheridan Ave., Elmira Heights, on Saturday, Dec. 26, 1942, at noon in St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Elmira Heights. The Rev. W. B. Dowhovitch performed the ceremony.

Miss Gene Chorney, sister of the bridegroom, was attendant. Stephen Cowulich was best man.

A reception for 75 was held at the Chorney home following the ceremony. After a short wedding trip, Mrs. Chorney will live at 302 Sheridan Ave.; her husband will return to Camp Blanding, Fla.

The bride attended Manchester High School and is employed at the Eclipse plant. Cpl. Chorney attended school in the Heights and was formerly employed at the Thatcher Mfg. Co.

Stricker - Swayze
Mrs. Mary Claire Swayze, daughter of Mrs. Jane Swayze of Binghamton, was married to Pvt. William F. Stricker, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Stricker, 1061 Johnson St., in a ceremony performed in the Catholic Chapel, Ft. Riley, Saturday, Dec. 26, 1942. The Rev. J. C. Coyle, S.J., of Louisiana celebrated the Nuptial Mass, assisted by the Rev. H. T. Toby of New Orleans and the Rev. F. Agan, chaplain at the Fort.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Charles Barber of New York City. Mrs. Stricker attended St. Cecilia's School and Southside High School. She is employed in the accounting office at Remington Rand in Westover. Her husband attended St. Casimir's School and the Academy. He was formerly employed at the American-La-France-Foamite Corp.

Vetter - Pabis
Miss Bernice Irene Pabis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pabis,

1063 Magee St., and Herbert K. Vetter, son of Mrs. George Vetter, 267 W. Hudson St., were married at 11 a. m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 1943, in St. Casimir's Church by the Rev. John Cisliniak.

Miss Leona Pabis was her sister's maid of honor and Charles Many was best man.

A reception at the home of the bride's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Max Pabis, followed the ceremony. The couple will reside at 267 W. Hudson St. after a short wedding trip.

Mrs. Vetter attended St. Casimir's School and the Academy. She is employed by Personius and Malone. Her husband is a graduate of Southside High School and the New York State Forest Rangers School, Syracuse University. He is employed at the Merchants' Branch of the Elmira Bank and Trust Co.

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Catholic Layman Addresses Anglican Church Synod

BRISBANE, Australia.—By special invitation of the Anglican Bishop of Ballarat, N.S.W., D.G.M. Jackson, widely known Catholic layman here, was the principal speaker at a luncheon meeting of the diocesan Anglican Synod. His topic was "Christian Collaboration."

Mr. Jackson, who recently attended the Newcastler "Religion and Life Week" called attention to the absence of God in the secularist modern world and pointed out that religion, instead of being the heart of social life as it had been in the Middle Ages, now was regarded as separate from life and alien to it.

Advocating religious instruction in public schools, Mr. Jackson asserted family life was "falling to pieces" because of the diminishing regard of religious sanctions of marriage and family life and because the materialist outlook on life led men to regard economic property, pleasure and social well being as the primary objectives.

Another Belgian Abbey Confiscated By Nazis

LONDON.—The Abbey of St. Andre, near Bruges, Belgium, is the latest religious house in that invaded country to have been confiscated by the German Nazis, according to information published in The Tablet, English Catholic Weekly.

The Abbey, founded in 1001, belongs to the Brazilian Congregation of the Benedictines. It is the Congregation's only house in Europe.

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