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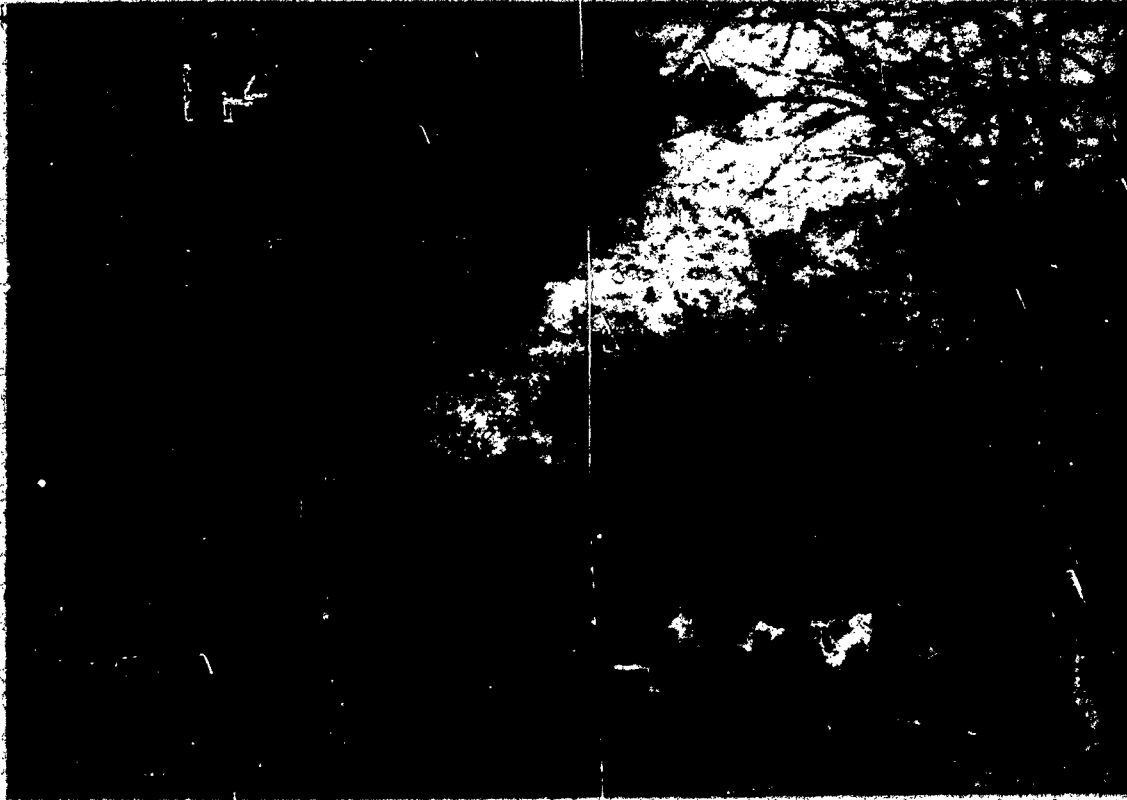
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FIRE COSTING \$50,000 and sweeping through DeSales High School Building was brought swiftly under control by Geneva's firemen. Here students are shown as they successfully salvaged some of the building's contents.

300 Pupils Moved Safely At \$50,000 DeSales High Fire

GENEVA—Fire-drill that proved real brought out of DeSales High School, 300 students in 50 seconds, as fire of undetermined origin wrecked the roof and upper floors of the three-story wooden frame building, consuming one of the school's halls, St. Anthony and High School, Tuesday morning, March 24.

Children of the principal, the Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, and other faculty members, and children rushed into their charges to school in the children reaching the street before burning areas of the fire.

Estimated damage is approximately \$50,000. Firemen, headed by Chief Louis McQuigan, responding promptly to a general alarm from Bell St., which is placed in front of the school, found flames leaping through the roof and for a few minutes it appeared as if the building were doomed.

Six powerful pump streams were brought into speedy action, however, and in approximately thirty minutes, firemen had the blaze under control. The shingled roof of the structure was almost completely wrecked, and pictures, maps and other materials stored in the attic were destroyed. Much credit to the firemen was voiced over their capable handling of the fire.

Slaves of St. Joseph from the school provided the firemen with coffee as they worked.

Practically all of the approximately 7,000 books in the school library, located in a large room on the northeastern corner of the structure were removed through windows in about half an hour by a volunteer student corps operating in a bucket brigade fashion. They were organized under the direction of Father Nolan and William J. O'Brien, and performed yeoman service.

As the students lined up at the window to carry the books, they were sprinkled by broken glass from an upstairs window.

Considerable other valuable equipment was saved but Father Nolan said the school chemistry and science laboratory were practically ruined with damage to equipment alone estimated at approximately \$1,000.

Several persons including Frank Covert, Geneva mortician, and Mrs. Rodney Cook, principal of North Street School, apparently discovered the fire burning on the roof at about the same time. Covert quietly told Sister Panerath and Sister Aled at once informing Father Nolan who was also teaching a class. Father Nolan calmly called a fire-drill over the public address system.

Mrs. Cook saw the smoke rising and called to a passing truck driver who is believed to have arrived in an alarm.

It is doubtful if any of the students knew the building really was

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Fire Destroys Roof of Corpus Christi Church

A fire in the roof of Corpus Christi Church, West Side of Geneva, resulted in damage to the roof estimated at \$1,000. Firemen battled the blaze on the Prince St. side and cement and stone were never endangered. Churchwork was continued without interruption. A fireman's horseback was believed to have been the cause of the fire.

Deanery Scholarships Open At Nazareth

The Rev. Nazareth College School, established in 1928, are again offering one to each Deanery in the Diocese of Rochester. They are full tuition scholarships, \$200 a year for four years.

Scholarships will be awarded to the Catholic student in each of the five Deaneries having the highest average standing in the Regents examinations through January, 1944, following the plan of the State Scholarship.

The application for the scholarship must be accompanied by a recommendation from the Pastor of the applicant, and of the principal of her high school, as to character, ability, maturity and general fitness to pursue a college course. She must have earned an A grade in College Entrance certificate or other state or national studies required by the college for admission.

These entrance requirements may somewhat vary in the colleges in which the student wishes to matriculate. They will be found in the Nazareth College Bulletin, a copy of which will be sent on request.

Applications must be sent to Nazareth College, Office of the Dean, not later than April 1. An interview with the Dean should be arranged.

Blessed Hospice

Mexico City.—The Most Rev. Luis M. Martinez, Archbishop of Mexico, has blessed the John J. Conwell Hospice for Priests, named in honor of the Archbishop of Los Angeles in appreciation of his services in the Mexican war. His spiritual jurisdiction. The keys of the hospice were presented to Archbishop Martinez by the Rev. Agustin de la Cruz.

War Department Certificates For Chaplains' Home Churches

WASHINGTON.—Arrangements have been made whereby churches, colleges, religious communities and similar organizations, which have

lost the services of a clergyman to the chaplain corps of the U. S. Army, may obtain a service certificate denoting this fact. It has been announced by the War Department.

Books on Index

Vatican City.—The Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office has placed on the Index of prohibited books (Index Librorum Prohibitorum) the book "Christian Unity in the Sign of the Cross" by John St. Stephen.

The Rev. St. Stephen, Major, William B. Arnold, Brigadier General and Chief of Army Chaplains, through whose office the announcement was made, stated the certificate contains the name of the church or organization together with the name of the clergyman serving as a chaplain.

Girl Commissioned Dietician in Army With Lieutenant Rank

Miss Elizabeth C. Moxley, daughter of Richard J. Moxley, 216 W. First St., and member of St. Patrick's parish, last Thursday was commissioned second lieutenant in the Army. She will report for duty as dietitian at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., on Tuesday.

The commissioning of dieticians as part of the Army is a practice begun only a few months ago. Dieticians attend to the diet needs of patients and doctors in a service already much in demand, which will be much more so as casualties return from the various fronts. Army dieticians wear a regulation uniform consisting of gulf blouse, tie, topcoat and soft hat.

Miss Moxley was a member of St. Patrick's Sodality and attended St. Patrick's School and Catholic High School. Graduating from Elmira College, she went into training at Grasslands State Hospital at Valhalla, N. Y. When commissioned she was acting as dietician for the Neurological Institute at Columbia University Medical Center in New York.

Hierarchy Same Despite War, Poles Told Via Radio

NEW YORK.—A Polish language broadcast by the Vatican Radio has given assurance that despite the Nazi conquest of the nation and information to the contrary from other sources, the Catholic Hierarchy of Poland remains unchanged, according to advices received by the United Nations Information Office here.

Authority Named

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Alfred Gladstone, widely known Catholic labor leader and educator, has been named by the State Department to serve as a member of a United States mission to Bolivia which will investigate labor economy and conditions there. He is Executive Secretary of the New York State Labor Relations Board.

Laymen plan now to make year-weekend parish retreat at the Wisconsin Retreat Home, Seneca Lake, Geneva.

Tragedy Is 'In Men Dying Unprepared,' Chaplain Tells Elmira Sodalists

"We are roaming the outfields of eternity," said the Rev. Francis J. Pegnam, navy chaplain and former sodality director at St. Patrick's Church, speaking at the annual sodality banquet held on Tuesday, March 23, at the Mark Twain Hotel. "Before every battle front, every

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task-force, eternity is yawning.

... The tragedy of war is not that men are dying, but that men are dying unprepared. We can only carry on if we are sure of your prayers."

Father Pegnam, who was graduated from Norfolk Training School for chaplains only the day before his appearance in Elmira, described his eight weeks training period there in interesting detail. Of his class of 47, seven were Catholic priests, all of them wonderful companions. Among them were Chaplain Farrell, known to Catholics as author of the "Companion to the Summa" of St. Thomas Aquinas, and Dean Kiniry of Boston College Law School.

Speaking of the ceremonial of boarding ship, Father Pegnam told of the traditional salute to the quarterdeck, handed down since the early ages when the Blessed Sacrament was placed on that deck, and when statues of the Blessed Virgin and the saints were thus honored. It is still forbidden to speak or smoke on that deck. Grants General Absolution.

The new experience of distributing general absolution on board an aircraft carrier was a highlight in the new chaplain's training period. Being unable to hear the confessions of the hundreds who died during the 24 hours allotted, Father Pegnam recited an Act of Contrition with the kneeling men and gave them a general absolution. Such absolution is given with the promise of making confession as soon as possible. The "rigging for church" was done by the yeoman, who set up a beautiful portable altar, complete even to the microphone at the pulpit. Only officers are allowed to serve Mass, and many sought traditional honor.

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Pope In St. Peter's On Passion Sunday

VATICAN CITY.—His Holiness Pope Pius XII will go into St. Peter's Basilica on Passion Sunday, April 11, to take part in a ceremony of expiation.

It is the desire of the Holy Father, it was said in connection with this announcement, thus to reaffirm the special importance he attaches to the power and efficacy of prayer at this grave moment. In his traditional address this year to the pastors and Lenten preachers of the churches of the City of Rome, Pope Pius made prayer the subject of his discourse. The Sovereign Pontiff urged the reawakening of the faithful to the pious practice of family prayers.

Archbishop Rides Horse 6 Hours To Reach Parish

PORT-AU-PRINCE.—During a recent episcopal tour, the Most Rev. Joseph Le Guenec, Archbishop of Port-au-Prince, had to travel six hours on horseback to reach the parish of Delices. Enroute he visited two other chapels dedicated to St. Joseph and St. Therese.

The Archbishop visited parish schools throughout the Arcadie section where thousands of children receive their secular as well as religious education.

Vera Cruz Congress

Mexico City.—The Rev. Raymond Lopez, addressing an important gathering of Catholics at Vera Cruz, suggested that a Eucharistic Congress be held there next August as a reinvigoration of Vera Cruzan Catholics which suffered such extensive persecution during the Tejada gubernatorial period. A committee has been appointed to collect funds for the organization.