

Soldier Serves Priest In Texas As He Did In Auburn

AUBURN—Two former Auburn boys, one a priest and the other a soldier in the army of Uncle Sam, both graduates of St. Mary's Parochial School and both former Altar Boys of St. Mary's Parish met in Houston, Tex., last week. The priest is Rev. John F. Lane, assistant pastor at Assumption Church, 1818 Texas Ave., Houston, Tex., and the soldier is Pvt. James O'Toole, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. O'Toole of Baker Ave.

Private O'Toole met Father Lane while he was attending services at his church last Sunday and at that time Father Lane asked him if he would serve his Mass on Sunday. When Father Lane celebrated his first Mass at St. Mary's in St. Mary's Church on June 9, 1939, Private O'Toole laid his twin brother, Pvt. John O'Toole, who is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., took

part in the ceremonies. Father Lane had two brothers in the service of Uncle Sam. One, Charles James C. Lane, who is stationed somewhere with the Army Corps in Africa, and the other, Joseph A. Lane, a prominent Rochester physician, who is present is stationed at the Sampson Naval Training Station near Geneva. The Lane boys are sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Luke J. Lane.

Donate Blood

Chicago—Blessed Sacrament Circle, Daughters of Isabella, went in a body to the Red Cross Blood Honor center in a loop skyscraper on Apr. 2 to give a pint of blood each to the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Restore Love Of Children To Combat World's Evils, Urges Culture Lecturer

By Helen Macchia

Love of children must be restored in the modern world if true happiness and peace are to be found. This message was left with a capacity audience by the Rev. Leonard J. Feeney.

Author, poet, lecturer, editor of the Christian Culture Review for the current season at Rochester Chamber of Commerce, Sunday evening.

The lecture, which furnished all advance notice in the program, ability and wit, was followed by an expression of appreciation for the whole series by His Excellency, Bishop Keane. The Bishop thanked the Rev. Hugh Hickey, C.S.B., founder and director of the series, and the audience who had supported the lectures. His Excellency expressed the desire that the Christian Culture Lectures become a permanent establishment in Rochester.

"Love the Child" "We cannot have Christianity unless we love the child," said Father Feeney opening his address. "Christ came to us as a Babe on the first Christmas Day, for He knew that man loves children, and if He came in the form of a child, He would be most acceptable to him."

The speaker explained that true happiness is found if children in their simple trust, faith, hope, loyalty and spirit of forgiveness, are imitated.

"Something has happened in the world to outlaw our love of the child," Father Feeney pointed out in his talk on "Pattern for Happiness." "However," he said, "we are victims of the culture in which we live, not the cause of it."

In the sixteenth century, there began a slow process, then unnoticeable, which caused us to lose our hold on the child. This process began insidiously and subtly in England. After Henry VIII had divorced a number of wives and after he had died, divorce was not immediately popular, but the seeds nevertheless were sown.

"Divorce did harm to the child," Marriage, he said, was meant to be three things ideally, a delight, a duty and a devotion. Even if only one man in this world realized this fact it would be worth keeping the ideal. Marriage is the means by which each partner aids the other to reach God.

Real Altruism God meant marriage to be one. Oneness is a real attribute of God. But, divorce clipped marriage's oneness. This evil left delight and duty alone in marriage. Woman came to be no longer adored religiously; she just kept her head high and considered it her duty to do so. Marriage went on to become a drudge, a sad aspect of love.

"But woman is far greater than man," continued the lecturer. "Due to the gateway through which God came to man, and she is also the gateway through which man goes to God."

"In this new society, what happens to the child? Even if we found no actual divorce within the family. The principle is still there. The child, in the case, becomes a nuisance. The child began to feel that he was not wanted and, in the unfamiliar atmosphere, began to call his father, 'Sir,' and his mother, 'Mater.' Father Feeney cited Calverton's novels as proof for this statement.

Then, eugenics, the cult of the super in the child, the emulation of the strong, athletic, beautiful or genius in a child, came to play an important part in family life.

In the sixteenth century, we also had the idea offered of production without merit. The practice of usury came into vogue and the popular goal of society was "perpetual wealth without labor."

With the advance made by divorce, eugenics and usury, what chance has the child in the world? the speaker asked. Of course, he has none; he is not wanted and the movement for birth control grows ever stronger.

It is most pertinent that we ask ourselves, "What value do we put on the child?" the speaker said. The child can teach us so much with regard to what is right and wrong, what is beneficial or detrimental to mankind, that unless we love him, we should terminate all our talking and discussing about peace plans for the future.

We are faced with an immediate problem—that of loving the child once more, of giving him the right love.

"If we love him, we shall love God and God will in turn love us," Father Feeney declared.

Third Order Of St. Francis

The next meeting of the Third Order of St. Francis will take place at St. Patrick's Church, Plymouth Ave. North, at 1:30 P. M. on Easter Sunday.

All those who have completed a full year's novitiate will make their profession at that time. They should sit in the front pews and retain their notification cards to be presented to the Masters or Mistress of Novices. No one who has not received such a notification should present himself for profession without making special arrangements beforehand.

Twenty-five new members were received into the order in April. They joined the ranks with Popes, Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Kings, Queens, rich and poor, married and unmarried, who have followed the Little Poor Man of Assisi.

There are 3,000,000 Tertiaris in the world today. Over 300 Tertiaris have been officially declared Saints by the Catholic Church. Among them are: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Francis Xavier, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, St. John of Arc, St. Jeanne Baptiste Vianney, St. Thomas More, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. John Bosco, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Angela Merici and St. Jane Frances de Chantal.

All that is required of a candidate is that he be over 14 years of age; that he be of good character, peace-loving, loyal to the Faith and to the Holy Father; that he wear the scapular and cord habitually unless legitimately excused; and that he make one year's probation before profession.

The good example, good works, and prayers of the Third Order can bring the world back to Christ and His Church. Merit was the Franciscan spirit needed more. Anyone interested is invited to come to any meeting and learn more about the Third Order.


100,000 Lithuanians, Many Girls, Forced Into Nazi Labor Army

CHICAGO—Approximately 100,000 Lithuanians, including numerous young girls, have been forced into labor battalions by the Nazis and have been reported to Germany, according to information received here at the headquarters of the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation.

In addition, the Federation announced it had learned that certain divisions have been mobilized from among Belgians, Latvians, Lithuanians and other nations under the Nazi yoke. The Lithuanians, according to report, refused to take an oath of allegiance to the German Fuehrer and the Nazis had to be content to let them swear allegiance to their own flag. The Lithuanian military units, the reports stated, at times have refused to obey commands of German officers and resultant clashes have left many dead on both sides, including approximately 200 Lithuanians.

Forty is a gift of God; we can gain it and preserve it only by care and diligence in avoiding all that may prove an incentive of sin.

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