

Named For Marine

Albany, N. Y. A destroyer escort vessel named after Paul S. Prudent, U. S. Marine Corps Chaplain's mate, formerly of Sacred Heart parish, Chicago, who

died a hero in the Battle of the Solomons, will be launched at the Bethlehem shipyards in Quincy, Mass., on July 1. Prudent's name appears on the Honor Roll of Heroic Dead of The Evangelist, official diocesan newspaper here.

A National Farm School

A release of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, 3801 Grand Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

By Msgr. L. G. Liquid. Catholic boys in a Jewish school? Yes—and don't blame them either. If a Catholic boy wants to take a course in Agriculture, he can search up and down, in apt out Catholic colleges and universities—not a single course in Agriculture is offered by any such Catholic institutions—so Catholic boys have to attend a Jewish School.

Location: The school is located in Bucks County, one of the richest agricultural districts in Pennsylvania, 25 miles north of Philadelphia on Route 202, between Washington and New York. It is about one mile west of historic Doylestown.

Purpose: The charter granted The National Farm School states: "The purpose for which it is formed is the training of youth to become scientific and practical agriculturists." The school aims to attract worthy young men who are eager to do themselves for a career in agriculture.

History: The National Farm School is the outgrowth of the vision of the late Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, D.D., of Philadelphia, who saw the need for giving city boys of limited means an opportunity to procure a practical and scientific training in agriculture, and thus benefit them and the country at large. The union of the man and the land has resulted in an institution which is considered by educators and agricultural leaders the ideal type of educating city youth for the farm.

BEGIN WITH YOUNG In 1904 Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, Rabbi of Congregation Keneseth Israel of Philadelphia, on a trip to Russia, primarily made to study the conditions of the Jews, met Count Leo Tolstoy. Together they visited the Jewish agricultural school in Odessa, where they were impressed by the ardor and zeal displayed by the students. Tolstoy had already become known as the prophet of the simple life and it is quite probable that his words set the spark to the thought that had lain dormant in Krauskopf's mind for some time. Lead the tens of thousands of people of your cities to your idle fertile lands and you will bless not only them, but also your country and spread a good name for your people throughout the land; for all the world honors and protects the bread provider and is eager to welcome him. Begin with the young and the old will follow. Inspired by Tolstoy's exhortation, Krauskopf lost no time in translating thought into deed, into building something which, next to his calling, was to become the consuming passion of his life.

Our Catholic educational system is indeed admirable, but it is not complete. Is it a sin to be a farmer? Our Catholic school system prepares our boys and girls for every type of work under the sun, but rarely a place where a boy can learn farming under Catholic auspices—rare a place where a girl can prepare herself to become a quaker in a home on the land. We might imitate the magnificent Scandinavian schools—but we can also look to Ireland, Italy, Quebec and other Catholic countries for splendid examples of "practical schools" for Catholic boys and girls.

No, we do not advocate competing with Cornell, Ames, Champaign, or Manhattan, but there is a field open for the small Diocesan regional "Home on the Land" schools with a relatively small investment, a limited faculty, and low overhead. We believe such a school could fully pay for itself.

May the day soon come when our Catholic educational system will be more complete!

Prayer For Priests

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep these Thy servants within the shelter of Thy heart, where none may harm them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Thy Sacred Body. Keep unguilted the lips purpled with Thy Precious Blood. Keep pure and unceasingly their hearts, sealed with the sublime marks of Thy glorious priesthood. Let Thy holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister be here below their joy and consolation, and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Take It Easy For A While!

Have you ever felt that the hurry-hurry of your everyday life was driving you ga-ga? You get up in the morning at the last minute, eat your breakfast, rush for the trolley, and then spend the busiest kind of a day under extremely heavy pressure. You hardly have time to eat lunch. Then comes twilight and the evening wash home again. By the time you've read the paper, you're so tired out that you can hardly talk to your wife—so you go to bed.

You're on a treadmill! You've been walking the same path for years, getting nowhere. You know you've bought a home and put the kids through college; your insurance is paid up to date, and you have a little stack of dollars tucked away—but what's the point? Where's it all going to end? Some day you're going to drop over with a stroke or a heart attack, or go down with a swift case of pneumonia, and then what? Where will you be?

Why not take a few days off to think things over? That's what many thousands of your fellow Catholics will be doing this summer. We go off to a quiet place, like a monastery, say, or a vacation

boarding school; we leave on a Friday night and get back on a Sunday evening. With us we bring pajamas and a toothbrush—little else. And there we have peace—no telephone, no doorbell, no papers, no radio, nothing to quiet us which to think things over.

Like artists, we have to stand back from our work every once in a while to get a good view. We can't see the whole picture while we have our noses in the paint!

It's what we call "making a retreat." On a retreat, we are helped by an experienced priest, one who has had much practice in solving human problems. This priest also gives talks at different times during the day, pointing out fundamental truths which we should never forget: God made us to know, love, and serve Him, here and forever.

In the light of these truths, we take a fresh look at our aims, straighten out our queer plans, and put everything right with God.

If you should be interested, ask your pastor for details. He'll gladly answer your questions and give you the address of the closest place in which you can relax and think things over.—Rev. Richard Glinder.

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Transportation to Camp Stella Maris

Diocesan Camp For Boys and Girls Bus leaves Blue Bus Terminal, 83 South Avenue, Rochester, at 7 P. M. Sunday evening. Bus leaves camp for Rochester on Saturday at 3:17 P. M. Arrives in Rochester at 4:10 P. M. ROUND TRIP \$1.21 For full information regarding camping dates, call or write camp secretary. Camp Stella Maris 50 Chestnut St. Stone 1492

MODERN STREET-PREACHING BAND



A street-preaching program, directed especially toward non-Catholics and fallen-away Catholics, has been inaugurated in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. A priest and two seminarians, traveling in the seminary station-wagon, equipped with a public address system, comprise the mission enterprise, which is sponsored by the San Antonio Council of Catholic Men, a unit of the N. C. C. M. Members: Rev. Patrick O'Brien, C.M., professor at St. John's Seminary; seminarians Anthony Costantino and Robert Schell. (N.C.W.C.)

Quiz Corner

Is it true that George Washington, while he was on his death-bed, called for a Catholic priest? There is a tradition to the effect that the Father of our country called for the Jesuit, Father Meale, and that the priest stayed with him for about forty. What took place during that visit has not been revealed, so far as we know. It is significant that no Protestant clergyman attended Washington in his last moments.

When, if ever, was St. Patrick canonized? The method of canonization has varied with the progress of time, and the strict procedure now followed was not enforced in earlier days. In St. Patrick's age, holy men were canonized by common consent of the faithful, and this verdict was then ratified by the Church in some official act. In this way, St. Patrick was most certainly canonized like so many of the early British and Irish Saints.

Could a non-Catholic man who has been married to a non-Catholic become a Catholic? They separated because she did not want a family. She since has divorced him and has remarried. If it is possible, I think this man will secure day join the Catholic Church. If this person takes instructions and wishes to join the Church, there is no reason why he cannot do so. Joining the Church, however, will not dissolve his previous marriage, if it is valid.

Is it permissible for a Protestant to be sponsor for a Catholic child at Baptism? It is evident that a non-Catholic sponsor would not be likely to provide for the Catholic upbringing of the child, if perchance the parents fail in their duty. No outsider has a right to participate in the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. A Protestant cannot be sponsor for a Catholic child at its Baptism.

Five and Ten Years Ago

(From the Files of the CATHOLIC COURIER) From June 29, 1938 Edition That Catholic Press Association members be more vigilant in checking on anti-Catholic radio broadcasts, and wherever possible, use the influence of local members—for their elimination, was urged at the Chicago convention of the Catholic editors. From June 24, 1938 Edition Dedicating the new Catholic Chapel at Elmira Reformatory, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney urged religious instruction for children in public schools of the state. His Excellency said that it was "unfortunate that the state must wait until men have fallen before it can take religion into their lives."