

# State Verein Head Issues Call For Elmira Gathering

Sounding the call for the 1942 Convention of the New York State Branch, Catholic Central Verein of America, to be held in Elmira, Sept. 4 to 6, Richard F. Hennerslein, president, in a statement to members throughout the state, sets forth the importance of the sessions to be held.

## Fr. Brennan's Book Goes Into 3rd Edition

One of the latest books by the Rev. Gerald T. Brennan, pastor with a pen, who has devoted all his talents to writing religious stories for children, "The Good Bad Boy," is going into its third printing in less than a year since it was published by the Bruce Publishing Company, Milwaukee. Nationally recognized for his juvenile literature, Father Brennan, pastor of St. Bridget's Church, has written the books in less than five years. His latest book, "For Heaven's Sake," was the first juvenile book to ever be listed in the "Book List" monthly listing of "what Catholics are reading," prepared by the American magazine.

A review contest sponsored last fall to introduce "The Good Bad Boy" was participated in by over 100,000 school children from all over the country. Father Brennan's books have gained such wide popularity primarily because of the genial, fatherly close understanding and long experience with children. His books of children's sermons for children's Masses were the pioneers in this field of juvenile literature and have been the inspiration for more volumes of this type of other authors during the past two years.

## JOHN L. RYAN FINAL RITES CONDUCTED AT IMMACULATE

High Mass of Requiem was offered for John L. Ryan, brother of Sister M. Corona of St. Ambrose School, in Immaculate Conception Church, Saturday morning, July 3.

The Mass, celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron, pastor, followed services at Henry B. Halloran and Sons, 211 Plymouth Ave. South.

Mr. Ryan, 75, a retired motor-man who had worked on the old street cars for 45 years, died July 1, 1942, at his home, 61 Columbia Ave. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of Immaculate Conception Church and of the Street Railway Employees' Union. He was highly esteemed as a Catholic father and layman.

In the Sanctuary for the Mass were the Rev. John S. Randall, the Rev. Frank W. Mason, the Rev. John J. Burke, the Rev. Roy P. Hingerty and the Rev. William P. Nolan.

Survivors were: Thomas O'Connor, Paul Houck and Robert O'Connor, grandsons, and Emanuel Dwyer, Joseph Ryan and Joseph Foster, grandnephews.

Mr. Ryan is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marie M. Ryan; four sons, Robert A., William J., and Thomas F., all of Rochester; Pvt. Richard H. Ryan of Fort Wingard; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas H. O'Connor and Mrs. Theodora J. Hauker; one brother, Edward L. Ryan; four sisters, Sister M. Corona of the Congregation of St. Joseph; Mrs. Anna Crovetz, Mrs. Patricia A. Dwyer and Mrs. Mary J. Ryan and 12 grandchildren, including Pte. John T. O'Connor, of New York.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where the final blessing was imparted by the Rev. Leo V. Smith of St. Bernard's Seminary.

## 'Just Sign It'—Says OPA

"Just sign it"—that's all you have to do.

This is the answer OPA officials in the Rochester district office are daily giving the public as more copies of War Ration Book Three are distributed by post offices in this area.

On the front cover of the new ration book, OPA pointed out, is space for the signature and address of each holder of War Book Three. All each person has to do is to sign it and hold the book for use when stamps in War Books One and Two expire around the first of September. Exact dates will be announced later.

Validity stamps have already been imprinted in the upper right-hand corner of all Ration Books distributed through the mails by

The Men's Branch will meet at the same time as the New York State Branch, National Catholic Warants Union.

The President in his message stated:

To the Reverend Clergy, Officers and Members of Our Local Branches and Affiliated Societies, and Associate Members:

Greetings: "It is time again to concern ourselves with the subject of our annual convention. Ought we to meet this year, in the face of conditions created by the war, or ought we to forego our convention and hopefully await the future days of peace? These are pertinent questions.

Our answer, however, has already been given us. We have it clearly in the stirring words of our Holy Father addressed to the world in his memorable Christmas message of 1942: "The call of the moment is not lamentation but action; not lamentation over what has been, but reconstruction of what is to arise and must arise for the good of society. It is for the best and most distinguished members of the Christian family, filled with the enthusiasm of Crusaders, to unite in a spirit of truth, justice and love to the cause God wills it!"

"This we most certainly accept, and in order to emphasize our determination to respond, we adopt this passage as our motto and call upon our members throughout the State to convene in the city of Elmira from September 4 to 6 to work for that cause. "The war must not deter us, no more than it did in Buffalo last year. As a matter of fact, it is because of the war that we must resolve to take active part in the Catholic program. If God wills our activity it is reasonable to conclude that He will give us the grace to carry out our program. It is reasonable to conclude, also, that He will give our members who are of good will the means and the opportunities they need, particularly now, in the way of time and transportation facilities, to allow their presence for three days in the convention city. Remember that what we do today and in the critical days ahead is bound to have a direct effect in determining the kind of world we shall have to live in during the post-war years to come.

"Every society, therefore, is expected to send a full quota of delegates; every loyal member is expected to make an earnest effort, yet, even a great sacrifice, if necessary, to contribute by his presence and active participation to the success our united efforts are bound to produce. Remember what the Holy Father says: "Why He Who seeks our labors bless our resolution and may His choicest blessings be showered in abundance upon you and yours."

Festernally yours, Richard F. Hennerslein, President.

## Wins Hero Award

Wichita. — The Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and extraordinary achievement against the enemy in the Solomon Islands area last August has been awarded to Ensign Robert L. Price, 32-year-old Navy fighter pilot, according to advices received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo R. Price.

the New York mail center. This stamp makes your ration book good for the purchase of all rationed commodities in the near future.

If you do not receive your new ration book by the first of August, OPA said, take the identification stub of your original application to your local rationing board, make out a new application and you will receive your book as soon as records are checked.

Anyone who did not mail an application by June 10 may secure the number of Books Three required by applying directly to his rationing board after August 1. No applications will be received before that date, but this will give plenty of time to obtain War Book Three, OPA stressed.

## NUN ENTERED RELIGION AT 61



Enjoying a family reunion in New Orleans, with some of her nine living children, two of them nuns, Mother Theresa, 73, of the Missionary Servants of Christ the Master and St. Anthony is pictured with her daughters, Sister Teresita and Sister de Lourdes, both members of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Mother Theresa, who entered religion at 61, is stationed at the motherhouse at Cementville, Tex. New Orleans States photo. (N.C.W.C.)

## Nun Who Fulfilled Vocation At 61, Visits Grandchildren

NEW ORLEANS. — Seventy-three-year-old Mother Theresa, Cementville, Tex., who is called "Mother" by the close order members of her community, the Missionary Servants of Christ the Master and St. Anthony, and "Mama" by the hundreds of Mexicans among whom she works, is visiting five of her seven children, to whom she is "Mama," and some of her 30 grandchildren, to whom she is plain "Grandma." She has also three great-grandchildren.

Two of the daughters she is visiting are Sister Teresita and Sister de Lourdes, both members of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. This is Mother Theresa's first visit to her native New Orleans since 1936, when because of ill health, she went to San Antonio. The next year, at the age of 61, she was invited as a member of the new community founded by the Rev. Peter M. A. Baque, a Calaisian.

### Received As Nun

As Miss Eugenia Olliver of New Orleans, when 15 years old, she wanted to become a nun, but she was considered delicate and her father persuaded her not to. At the age of 21 she was married to Daniel Edwards and in 15 years had eleven children. She was left a widow at the age of 36 and soon after that was in such poor health the doctors gave her only a short time to live. With one of her daughters she went to San Antonio and when there learned of the work Father Baque was doing among the poor Mexicans of that city. A year later, her health restored, she was received into the community.

Just before Father Baque died, in 1933, he called her to his bedside and told her to take the administration of the Order to her.

Mother Theresa and three other members of the order are stationed at the motherhouse at Cementville, near San Antonio. The 30 Mexicans whom they serve include 12 children of St. Anthony's Shrine School. Two members of the community have charge of St. Anthony's Home for Mexican Working Girls and the other three are in charge of St. Anthony's Day Nursery. Seven doctors give their services for the care of the sick who come under the Sisters' supervision.

## NOTHING TO DO IN TOWN?

By LUCIA MALLORY

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"We can't go to the lakes this summer, and I don't know what Ned and Harlan are going to do!" wailed my friend, Marcia Stern. "There's nothing to occupy a boy in a small city lot."

"Would you like to know what the Harveys did last summer?" I inquired. "Their back yard is no more than fifty feet square, but they spent their whole vacation there. I believe they were busy and happy every minute."

"I'd like to hear about anything that would make it easier for my children to give up their usual summer outing," Marcia responded.

"Harold and Tom Harter made a playhouse for their little sister, Joan. I do not think the project began directly as a substitute for a summer in the country, but that is what it proved to be. Their mother told me all about it when I called there one hot July day. The boys were hard at work in the back yard, entirely oblivious of the heat.

"Joan had wanted a playhouse for a long time. One day Harold asked his father if he and Tom couldn't make one for her. Tom, Senior, thought at first that the cost of materials might be prohibitive. Finally he decided to let the boys draw a plan for the playhouse and make a careful estimate of the cost.

"That phase of the work occupied the boys for a week. They went to the library for books on carpentry and home planning. They visited the lumber yards and found out the prices of different grades of material.

"After selecting a number of pretentious plans, they decided on the tiny playhouse that is now the delight of its owner.

"When their father saw that the boys were in earnest, he went over the plan with them and agreed to furnish the building material on condition that they use no more than the original estimate called for.

"Of course the boys made some mistakes and had to do parts of the work a second time, but with their father to counsel them, they managed to keep within their budget.

"A neighbor who had been painting his house offered them some leftover paint at half price. With his own money Harold purchased enough to paint the new playhouse inside and out.

"Tom bought some odds and ends of lumber to put with what they had left from the building and they used these to make some chairs and tables.

"Before they had finished all the furniture they wanted to make, their vacation came to an end. School has claimed most of their time for the past nine months.

"This summer Tom and Harold want to build a workshop for themselves. They are already talking over plans for it with their father.

If Hitler was really assassinated as was claimed in a book published years ago, then all we've got to say is that his ghost is the champion when it comes to haunting people.—Tacoma Times.



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