

Mark 110 Years

Victimsburg, Miss. Two nuns of the Sisters of Mercy, here, have observed anniversaries which

marked a total of 110 years given to the religious life. Sister Mary Ursula celebrated her 60th anniversary and Sister Mary Cornelia marked her 50th anniversary.

NUNS ANNIVERSARY

Yarmouth, N. S.—Sister Mary Perpetua, 80-year-old member of the Sisters of Charity, has celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of her profession as a nun at St. Ambrose Convent, here.

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Clergy, Religious Customs in Mexico Impress Jesuit

QUERENC—The Rev. Joseph Ledt, S. J., professor of theology at Loyola University, has returned from Mexico City where he gave a series of lectures to the faculty of philosophy of the Catholic University Centre, incorporated with the national University of Mexico. The noted Jesuit said that in theory anti-religious laws still exist in Mexico, but not fully in practice. Among these laws is one which prohibits public worship other than within a church. There is not one priest wearing a sash in the streets, he said, and some wear the Roman collar but the majority wear ordinary ties.

"During the six weeks of my visit I did not see one nun in religious garb. However, they are numerous. One day I was invited to give a talk before a number of teachers. When I entered the hall I noticed that practically all were attired in dark clothes. Only two wore light-colored clothes. Later I learned that all but two in that gathering were nuns," Father Ledt stated.

He recalled that two nuns from an American house passing through Mexico appeared on the street in their religious costume. They caused a sensation, he said, and were advised that as a matter of prudence they should conform to the attire custom of the country. For some reason, it may have been because their luggage had not arrived, they were unable to do so. However, they suffered no inconvenience and were shown great respect, he added.

Father Ledt said the Most Rev. Luis Maria Martinez, Archbishop of Mexico, had instructed his priests to wear dark or subdued clothes.

Latin Americans Form Legion of Decency

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Panamanian Catholic Action, says that the Legion of Decency crusade "affords Catholic Action a propitious field for demonstrating its zeal."

Suggests Black Lists
The Catholic weekly of Salvador, Criterio, which bears the same name as the Argentine magazine which launched the new crusade, says: "When a country is attacked, it employs 'black lists' to protect itself. We Catholics ought to employ 'black lists' to protect our religion, our morals, and our patrimony."

"It is essential," continues the Salvadoran weekly, "that all Catholics of Spanish-America wage a campaign like that of the United States, forcing producers to change their attitude. And if they will not do it for moral and patriotic reasons, they may be brought to a reasonable attitude by economic means when it is proved that, as a result of the campaign, immoral films are not productive."

The Legion of Decency was organized in the United States in 1934. In an encyclical addressed to the American Bishops in June, 1936, on the subject of motion picture entertainment, the late Pope Pius XI commended the crusade of American Catholics and urged its continuance.

An important point made by the great Pontiff, as the Rev. Joseph Husslein, S. J., points out, "is that we must not rest content with merely striving to render innocuous a power of such tremendous potency as the motion picture. Every effort should be made to utilize it to the utmost in the work of the salvation of souls and the promotion of God's Kingdom upon earth."

Convent in England Again Hit By Bomb

LONDON—The Convent of the Daughters of the Cross at Ramsgate has for a second time been hit by raiders' bombs. The nuns left the place some time ago, however. Until their move they ran a home for delicate children.

The Benedictines at Ramsgate announce in their local magazine that "the persons and property of the community are still intact."

Three things it is best to avoid: a strange dog, a fool, and a man who thinks he is wise. — Welsh Proverb.

Missionary in Navy



Father John Brendan Callan, M. M., of Boston, who was a prisoner of the Japanese in Hongkong and later repatriated, has been commissioned a Lieutenant, senior grade, in the U. S. Navy Chaplain Corps and has been assigned to duties in the Pacific area... (N.C.W.C.)

On Guard!

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The statistical genius of Mr. Babson discovered another startling fact about our declining birth rate.

"Higher education is raising havoc," says Statistician Babson, "with our birth rate. Take two sisters for example; one sister goes to college and usually has no children or perhaps one; while the other, who does not go to college, raises a good family of three or four."

Why should higher education affect our birth rate? If a young woman attends four years of college, possibly adds a couple of years of post-graduate study, and then wishes to cash in on her educational investment by pursuing a career and a life of single blessedness, it is most evident that she is jeopardizing her chances of a normal married life and of raising a family.

If, however, a young woman marries immediately after graduation from college or shortly thereafter, as many do, she certainly is young enough to have in the providence of God a normally large family.

If higher education has any connection with our falling birth rate—and statistician Babson bluntly insists upon this point—we suspect that the real explanation is that our young collegians, both men and women, are often the victims of vicious birth control doctrine brazenly handed out by their professors.

How much affect has the bad example of college presidents and professors publicly championing Birth Control had upon the marital life of our college graduates?

When we realize that professors openly promote contraceptive practices in their classrooms, it is easy to understand Mr. Babson when he says that our birth decline "is greatest among those most fit to raise good children."

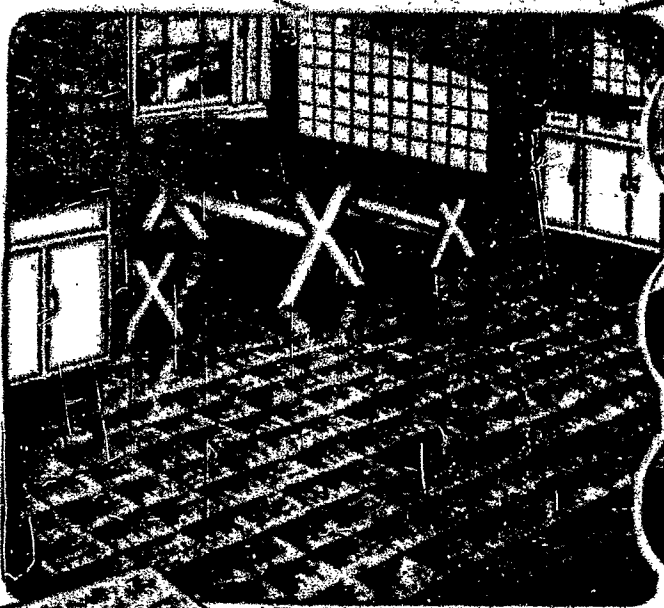
When the college graduate comes home carrying in his suitcase a book, recommended by his professor, of false and lustful sex information, then maybe we can understand why, as Mr. Babson has discovered, "higher education is raising havoc with our birth rate."

CHICAGO CATHOLIC LABOR GROUP INAUGURATES PAPER

CHICAGO—Work, Chicago's new Catholic labor paper, a four-page tabloid, published by the Catholic Labor Alliance, has just made its appearance week.

The paper will cover and analyze news which affect workers and their welfare regardless of the religious affiliations of the workers. Offices are located at 3 E. Chicago Ave., and the Rev. John Quinn assistant at Holy Name Cathedral is in charge of the project.

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