

PRIEST GIVEN AGRICULTURE DEGREE BY STATE COLLEGE

PARKY, N. Y. At commencement exercises here, the Rev. Joseph L. Hylden received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the State College of Agriculture and Forestry.

LET'S PLAY

A release of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, 2801 Grand Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

By AL BRUKING (In "Land and Home")

The need for organized recreation in taken for granted in urban areas, but this is not always the case in rural communities. In a study, the writer attempted to present the complete recreational programs of a select group of rural parishes, and to give a composite picture of the efforts of the pastor and his parishioners, working in cooperation with other groups or agencies, be they religious, fraternal, commercial, or governmental in character.

RESULTS OF STUDY

The term "rural," as used here, refers to all centers of population up to 2500 persons and to the open country. The rural parishes mentioned in the study number from 31 to 200 families and are located in towns having populations ranging from 25 to 2500 persons.

Parish programs, as a rule, were begun with more than one activity. Dancing and athletics were most frequently used as initiatory activities. Less important in this regard were dramatics, musicals and parties. Sixty-five per cent of the programs in the nascent period included the young people of the parish from high school age to 25 years of age and accommodated from 5 to 150 participants.

Twenty different groups, at least two being found in each rural parish, ranging from the Boy Scouts to University Extension Divisions, help in one way or another to provide parish recreation. For example, in one-fourth of the parishes Boy Scout Troops, 4-H Clubs, and Socialites will be found to cooperate in this manner.

VARIED ACTIVITY

While an almost endless number of activities are found in the parish programs under the six general headings of Athletics and Sports, Arts and Crafts, Dramatics and Public Speaking, Music, Social Recreation, Nature - Gardening and Outings, only those activities which appear most frequently bear mention here. Card playing ranks as the most popular activity. Other favored forms of recreation are parish picnics and Altar Boy outings, bazaars and Home-talent plays, baseball and softball, ballroom and folk-dancing, square dancing and ice cream socials.

The cost of the parish programs varies from \$3 to \$400 per year, depending upon their nature and scope. The principal sources of revenue are admissions, membership dues, and the return from the sale of the products made in the program.

B. K. of C. Aides in Sicily With Canadian Armed Forces

OTTAWA - Headquarters of the Knights of Columbus Canadian Army Huts, here, announced that eight K. of C. supervisors are attached to the Canadian Expeditionary Force, now in action in Sicily. They are: J. T. Carolan, Toronto; Roy Roe, of Chatham, Ont.; E. F. McCallion, of Vancouver; B. C. J. A. Walsh, of Waterloo, Ont.; W. J. Gagnon, of Saskatoon, Sask.; G. E. Lacourne, of Limonou, Que.; A. P. Carosell, of Charlottetown, P. E. I.; and J. R. Louis, of Saskatoon. Mr. Carolan is the senior supervisor.



SOCIETY LEADER - Mrs. Mildred McKinnis of Mississippi, Miss., has been named National Chairman of the Parish Sodality Advisory Board. It is announced by the Rev. Dennis A. Laed, S.J., National Sodality Director.

QUERIES and REPLIES

Why Must The Forces Of Christendom Be So Divided? The sad spectacle of a divided Christendom is due chiefly to the Protestant denial of a Visible Church. Unity cannot be maintained without visible authority.

Praise-worthy as all efforts at the restoration of a united Christianity may be, there is only one way in which this desirable result may be accomplished: and that is by the whole-hearted acceptance of a divinely instituted, religious authority functioning through a Visible Church.

That Christian unity is a chimera if it be not a unity centering around Peter and his successors and embodied in the historical Church of the Ages is plain and patent to every one who has observed the futile efforts at unity put forth by those outside the Catholic Church during the past few years. Nor could we expect otherwise. In the words of St. Cyprian, written in the year 250: "God is one, and Christ one; one the Church, and one the Chair founded by our Lord upon Peter. Whosoever gathers elsewhere, scattereth" (Epi. 40, Ad Fleb.).

I Am An American

Thank God I am American born. That I can talk and act in an American way. That I can see an American sunrise in early morn. And an American sunset at the end of a day. That the air I breathe is of my native land. That the people I know are my people, too. That the children I raise are the American brand. Taught to be Americans through and through. That the soil I tread and the dust I raise is the same my American heroes have trod. All the days I live are American days. For making me an American, I thank my God, Ephpheta.

WE LEND OUR MONEY - THEY GIVE THEIR LIVES

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

TIMELY ETERNALS

By Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter M. H. Wynhoven Editor-in-Chief, Catholic Action of the South RISING SHADOW

During days of crisis and consequent public hysteria, we must expect the exceptional, which, most of the time, lends little comfort to anybody, while it actually does harm in general. While whisperers would make it appear that this country is facing a grave and somewhat imminent danger from the ranks of our Colored citizens.

The propitious time for justice to prevail, in this instance, is God's own good time, which cannot be pushed ahead of schedule by vitriolic speeches and imprudent actions. A well-dressed Negro couple walked recently into a New Orleans church for the white, and insisted on seating themselves in the middle aisle among the local parishioners.

Nor does it serve much purpose, at this time, to exclaim in holy enthusiasm that there is not another group of people in which Christ can be so clearly seen - Christ humiliated, Christ buffeted, Christ denied, Christ courageously shouldering the cross, Christ unjustly condemned to death.

But, what of it? If we look for prevalent injustice, there are millions of poor white people in this country, outnumbering the Negroes, who likewise live in equivalent conditions of poverty and humiliation. Again, what of it? Where is justice done to God Himself in this country? Only 35 per cent of our American population openly acknowledge His rights.

Violence on the part of Negroes, in these times of stress and distress, would be suicidal to their legitimate aims and rightful claims. These hotheads should remember that they represent only 10 per cent of the American population.

Another guess we can safely make is that not 35 per cent of our free Colored population, especially in the South, would have anything to do with an irrational racial disturbance. Hence, these talks and threats and aggressive attitudes of a few should be curbed and stopped, for it is too non-sensical to entertain, even for a moment, the idea that such behavior will yield good results.

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