Gasoling Rationing Plus Generosity Of Woman Convert Equal Parish

CLEVELAND—Gasoline and tire rationing plus the generosity of Mrs. Samuel E. Strong, a convert to the Catholic faith, are responsible for the parish of St. Francis of Assisi in the neighboring Gates Mills community. The Church is located in the spacious home of Mrs. Strong.

Before rationing, residents of the Gates Mills community motored to Mass in Chardon or in South Euclid. When rationing came, Mrs. Strong was equal to the problem and offered to house a church in her home. The offer was accepted by the Most Rev. Archbishop Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, and the church was located in the spacious library of the Strong home, it was opened a year ago with the Very Rev. Joseph Lamontagne, S.S.S., and other Blessed Sacrament Fathers caring for the spiritual needs of the community.

Dies In Prison Camp

LONDON.—The Rev. Leon Puciata, professor of theology at Stefan Batory University in Vilno, Poland, died in a German prison camp last June, according to word received here by KAP, Polish Catholic Press Agency. Father Puciata is reported to have been arrested in August, 1941, and to have remained in the prison camp until his death.

Australia supplies the greater part of the food rations used by U. S. forces stationed there.

Christian World Looks To Vatican, Declares Pontiff

VATICAN CITY.—Speaking at the conclusion of a retreat His Holiness Pope Pius XII gave a notable discourse on the Church's spirituality and indefectibility, and referred particularly to the grave obligations of priests in the present troubled times.

The Holy Father stated that the eyes of the Christian world are at this moment directed toward the Roman Curia and Vatican City.

Not only the doctrine and government of the Church proceed therefrom, His Holiness said, but also the spirit and the example of charity and sacrifice amid the great privations and bitter suffering of our times, as likewise all other resplendent Christian virtues.

Ancient, Artistic

The Cleveland Museum of Art has just announced acquisition of the Klosterneuburg aroma, pictured above, which was made early in the Fourteenth Century in a Viennese workshop whose name has been lost. The crucifix, which stands 24 inches high, takes its name from the great monastery of Klosterneuburg. (Cleveland Museum of Art Photo.)

PLANNED SPENDING

By LUCIA MALLORY

"Look, Aunt Lucia, I have a whole dollar to spend on Christmas presents!" exclaimed my little niece, Joan, holding up a crisp new dollar bill.

My sister and her little girl had come to town to do some Christmas shopping.

"Hadn't you better count the people you want to buy presents for before you make any purchases?" her mother suggested.

"There's Baby Bruce, and Brother Tom, and Sister Freda, and Daddy," Joan replied, smiling mysteriously at her mother. "I'm making presents for you and Aunt Lucia at school."

"I'm sure whatever you are making will be nice, Joan," her mother replied. "You've named four people besides Aunt Lucia and me. How much can you spend on each one?"

"Twenty-five cents," promptly replied the little third-grader, "I want to buy something for the baby first."

"All right," her mother agreed. "We'll see what we can find."

Joan was delighted with everything in the toy shop we entered, but a counterful of baby pandas attracted her most of all.

"Wouldn't Bruce like one of those cuddly baby pandas, Mother?" she asked.

"I'm sure he would like one, Joan," her mother replied, "but don't they cost too much for your budget?"

To Joan's dismay the tiniest baby panda was marked fifty cents!

There were plenty of toys costing twenty-five cents that her small brother would have enjoyed, but Joan kept coming back to the little plush pandas.

"I'm going to buy a baby panda for Bruce, Mother," she finally decided. "I know I can get three more presents for fifty cents."

My sister offered no further protest as the little girl took out her dollar to make the purchase.

A few minutes later Joan found a desk calendar for twenty-five cents that was "just what Daddy needs." She gazed at it a long time and wandered around the store looking at key rings, memorandum books and pencils.

"I'm going to buy that calendar for Daddy, Mother," she decided at last. "I can make my last quarter do for Tom and Freda."

It was not long before she found a lovely necklace of bright-colored leaves that would "just suit Freda's brown sweater." The price was twenty-five cents.

Joan looked up at her mother and sighed. "Please help me find something cheaper, Mother," she said.

At this point I was about to add a few cents to Joan's shopping money, but a look from my sister stopped me.

"How about some notebook covers?" I suggested. "I'm sure there are some pretty ones here."

We found a loose-leaf notebook cover, that Joan liked, for fifteen cents.

That left only ten cents for the final purchase. Joan went from counter to counter, discarding everything that she saw because she wanted Tom's gift to be as nice as the others.

"You'll have to decide on something, Joan," her mother told her. "There are many ten-cent gifts that Tom would like."

The little girl went back to the notebook covers and found one for ten cents that she thought would please her brother.

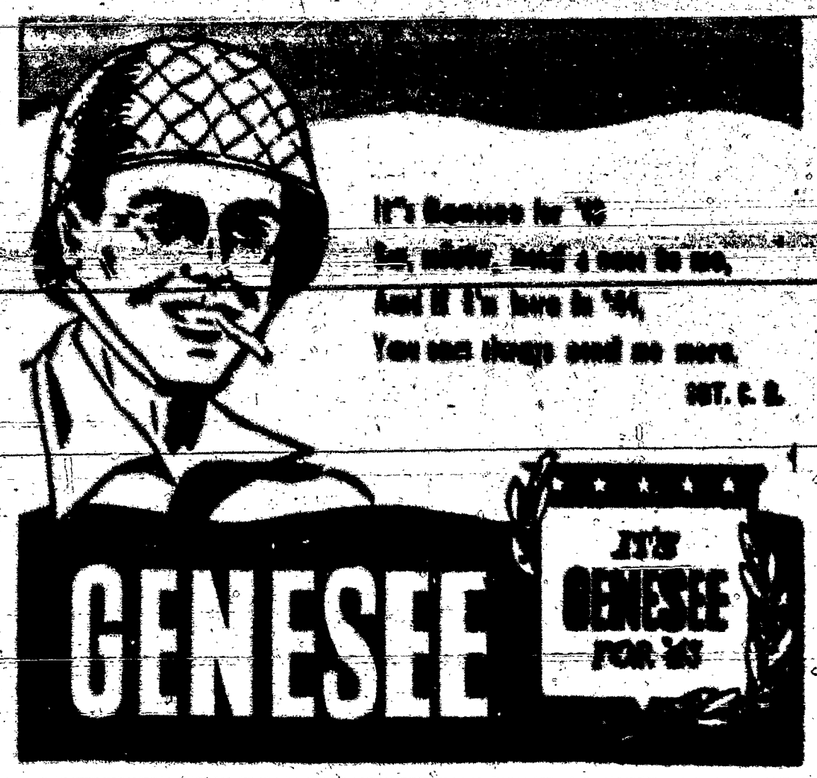
"It isn't as nice as Freda's," she admitted when her last dime had been turned over to the clerk. "Next time I won't spend so much for the first presents. I wish I had saved more than ten cents for Tom."

"That was what I wanted Joan to learn, Lucia," my sister told me later. "It isn't easy to let a child make his own purchases at Joan did today, but only experience can teach anyone that money in a climate I believe that many of the world's woes could be avoided if all children learned early in life to spend within their means."

Noted Convert Dies

London.—A convert from the Anglican ministry, Dom Philip Graham Brown of the Benedictine Order, has died at the age of 61.

By the way—BUY BONDS



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