

24 Churches Ruined — Statistics of the Archdiocese of Vienna, just published, reveal that 24 churches in the Archdiocese were completely destroyed in the war. 40 suffered heavy damage, 217 light damage. In addition to these, more than 200 churches are in need of repairs.

Bond Drives Report St. Anne's Over Quota; St. Andrew's \$35,366

In the Victory Loan campaign as carried out in three Rochester parishes, St. Anne's Parish School drive went over the top with a total of \$27,060 reported at the closing dinner, Tuesday night; St. Andrew's parishioners in their campaign turned in \$35,366 for the new convent. Our Lady of Good Counsel campaigners launched the campaign for \$100,000 for their new church, on Wednesday.

With an approximate \$1,900 still to come in and be added the \$27,060 reported at St. Anne's Parish Campaign for a new school, the 180 workers were jubilant over their success at the final report meeting Tuesday evening in the Brighton Park, Rochester, parish hall.

The Rev. George J. Schmitt, pastor, expressed his deep gratitude to the workers and contributors who had helped, he said, to assure St. Anne's of a fitting school building.

As the reports were being made to Father Schmitt, Mrs. Leo Zeller, president of St. Anne's Rosary Society presented a \$500 Victory Bond in behalf of the society.

Congratulated for their work were Victor G. Yawman and his special committee. The energetic general chairman, Police Officer Henry H. Jensen in response to commendation thanked each one who had cooperated in the success of the campaign.

Jack Foran of the Todd Company was in charge of stunts which provided amusement for successful captains and division chairmen and for members of St. Anne's Rosary Society who were special guests. Prizes were awarded to all high team workers for attaining their quotas or topping them.

Among interesting sidelights of the campaign Father Schmitt told of a returning veteran who gave \$25 to the drive in thanksgiving for his safe return.

Sings with College Choir on Radio Hour

Corning — Frater Sylvester Ginnane, O.F.M., son of Mrs. John S. Ginnane, 215 Denison Hwy., and the late Mr. Ginnane, was a member of the Holy Name College Choir which was featured during November on the Holy Name radio hour.

At present Frater Sylvester is studying at the College. He is a graduate of St. Patrick's Parochial School and Corning Free Academy. Before entering the Monastery he was a student at St. Michael's College, Toronto, Can.

Named Legion Chaplain Chicago — (NC) — Magr. Edward J. Smith, of Sioux City, Ia., was elected national chaplain of the American Legion at the closing session of the organization's 27th national convention here.

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William T. Nolan

Good Counsel Drive Opens With \$12,250

Given the encouragement and approval of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, the campaign for \$100,000 in Victory Bonds for the new Our Lady of Good Counsel Church was launched Wednesday night with \$12,250 reported at the first meeting.

At an enthusiastic meeting of 175 men and women workers, the Rev. Charles V. Boyle, treasurer of the campaign, read greetings from the Bishop who sent his blessing to each worker and contributor.

William T. Nolan, campaign manager, asked each worker to sell a \$100 Victory Bond to each parishioner contacted. He pointed out that with 1,600 adults and 400 children in a church that seats 500 the need for a new church is evident. The present frame structure was built to serve six years and has been serving for 16 years despite parish growth.

The Rev. Clarence W. Gardner, associate honorary chairman, also spoke at the opening meeting in the Good Counsel Auditorium.

Honorary chairman of the campaign is the Rev. Edward T. Bleagher, pastor, and founder of the parish. Mr. Theodore F. Florack is general chairman with M. Alvah Halloran, general co-chairman.

Contributions announced at the opening meeting were: \$10,000 from anonymous friends; \$1,650 from a group of parish young people; \$100 bonds each from Father Boyle and Father Gardner; Chaplains William F. Nolan and Gerald Kelly, former assistant pastors, now overseas; Stuart Dolan and Mr. and Mrs. LaRue Myers in memory of their son, Sgt. Joseph Myers, first paratrooper to give his life in World War II.

Report drives are scheduled for Monday, Dec. 3; Thursday, Dec. 6 and Monday, Dec. 10. The drive will end Dec. 15.

Pentitt's Blessing Imparted to Blind

At the annual meeting of the American Society for the Blind, which opened in New York City, the Rev. Father Pentitt, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, was invited to impart his blessing to the blind. The Rev. Father Pentitt, who is blind himself, has been a member of the Society since 1938. He is a member of the Society's executive committee and has served as president of the Rochester Chapter.

Enthusiastically received was the report of \$25,336 as the amount raised in the Victory Loan campaign for St. Andrew's new convent at the final meeting of the workers on Tuesday night.

Appreciation of the work done and of amounts contributed was voiced by the Rev. George W. DeLoe, pastor who said he hoped to get materials to build the new convent in the spring of 1947 but if materials are available the convent building will be erected earlier.

The progress of St. Andrew's parish, Rochester, which has made necessary a new convent building and has resulted in the development of the entire parish plant was reviewed by the Rev. Arthur F. Florack, pastor of St. Michael's Church and former assistant pastor of St. Andrew's Church.

Congratulations were extended also by the Rev. George Weimann, pastor of St. Philip Neri Church and St. Andrew's assistant pastor, the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky and the Rev. John W. LeVeque.

Royal Mutter, general chairman and all the workers were commended by the pastor for their enthusiasm and zeal in providing funds for the Sisters of Mercy's new convent.

Chairman of the speakers committee, Fred Erich presided at the dinner.

St. Bernard's Joins In Recording of Mass

Toledo, Ohio — (NC) — Completion of the recording of the entire Ordinary of the Mass, believed to be the most extensive collection of Catholic Church music discography in the world is announced by Dr. Clifford A. Bennett, national director of the Gregorian Institute of America.

Among seminaries contributing to the series was St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. The collection was completed with the recording of an album of Gregorian chants by St. Mary's Seminary choir, directed by Dr. John Fehring of Cincinnati.

Other members and monasteries which contributed were:

Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans; St. Meinrad Abbey, Indiana; St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore; Sulpician Seminary, Montreal; St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto; St. John's Seminary, Los Angeles; St. John's Seminary Collegeville, Minn.; St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, Pa.

Rites at Paris Gate Date to Middle Ages

Paris — (NC) — A century's reminiscence of the Middle Ages took place at one of the gates of Paris in the reception of the venerated statue of Notre Dame de Boulogne, which has been taken through France. Arriving from Versailles, the statue was brought into Paris by barefooted pilgrims chanting hymns and reciting the rosary.

Eighty thousand people lined the capital, led by Emmanuel Guerry, bishop of Orléans, who received it from the hands of Bishop Desjardins, bishop-elect of Versailles. All present recited the rosary and all who could do so, knelt down. The statue of Notre Dame, which was taken from Versailles, was brought into Paris by barefooted pilgrims chanting hymns and reciting the rosary.

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