

# St. Bona Library Exhibits Rare First Christmas Story

Saint Bonaventure, N. Y. — During the Christmas holidays the Library at Saint Bonaventure College, Allegany, is featuring what is likely the oldest written account in America of the First Christmas held at Bethlehem over nineteen centuries ago.

On display is a precious little book containing the whole Bible written by hand from beginning to end, and completed about the year 1200, more than 700 years ago! It is undoubtedly one of the rarest Bibles in this country if not of the whole world. Its 90,000 lines and exquisite

initial letters are done in a most beautiful hand. Despite the minute character of the work, not a blot, or erasure is visible, nor has a diligent examination revealed a single mistake in its 900 pages. It is written entirely on a fine vellum or calfskin of alken texture, and one may estimate that it took one person some 40 years or more to complete this remarkable copy of the Latin Vulgate Bible.

Hardly larger than an ordinary book, its pages measure about 5 1/2 inches in height by 3 1/2 inches wide. It is truly one of the finest monuments of loving devotion, patience and perseverance. "Nothing but the best for the Book of Books" seemed to have been the motto of the industrious artistic scribe who failed to leave his name anywhere on the manuscript.

## French Better Catholics Says Scout Leader

Kansas City — (NC) — The French people, particularly the youth, are much better Catholics today than they were ten or twenty years ago, and there is a keener appreciation of the blessings and responsibilities of the Sacrament of Matrimony among young married people than has been evident for decades.

These are some of the observations made here this week to Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, by Dr. Charles Celler, deputy international commissioner of the Boy Scout movement in France and himself a leader in the Catholic youth movement in his country.

He is on a tour of the United States studying the activities and methods of the Boy Scouts of America.

# Russia's Stand Perils Peace Says Geneva Priest

Geneva — Danger to peace from attitude and actions of the Russian government was stressed



Fr. Nolan

by the Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, principal of DeSole High School in the main address at the 26th annual banquet honoring past commanders of the Waukesha Post, American Legion.

The banquet was held Tuesday, Dec. 11, in the Legion Home.

Cemeteries in all parts of the world are "mute evidence of the terrible cost of our victory in World War II," the speaker asserted.

"So many of our fine young American men died for human rights and freedom," Father Nolan said. "Their sacrifice presents to the people of this country the most terrific and startling challenge in the history of the world," he stated.

Speaking in Russia, he said, "It is not as some people have said only the Catholic Church that is harping on the danger from Russia. He pointed out that many columnists and editorialists, "those whom we must presume have the greatest access to correct information," have also written of the same danger.

The world according to all the information available to us in the newspapers and other organs of information, was to war to save the smaller nations whose names are well known. Father Nolan continued. These same small states have now been surrendered to Russian power, he pointed out.

Father Nolan recalled that the soldiers of this country had refrained from entering and occupying much of Germany, which they could easily have taken in order to keep our part of the agreements made at Yalta and Teheran.

Honor is the same works the same way with nations as it does among individuals, the speaker stated, and "We must see to it that honesty is preserved in the Councils of the world" as we enforce it among individuals, he said.

Everglades Film — (NC) — A motion picture short in technicolor, depicting the expedition of Institutum Divi Thomae scientists into the Everglades of Florida, has been released by Paramount

Pictures, Inc. It shows scientists penetrating the unexplored swamps and swamps in search of the drug plants used by the Seminole Indians, who until now have refused to reveal their secrets.

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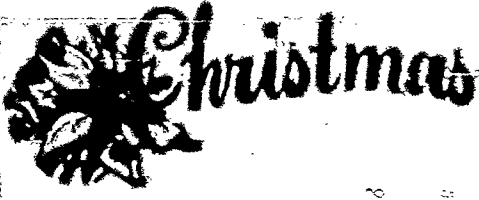
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- Communion ..... E. Toner
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## 16 Receive Medals From Archbishop

Quebec — (NC) — A thosand of 25 children, and a father with a family of 21 who adopted another, were among the 26 persons honored with medals of the Quebec Diocesan Order of Merit by Cardinal Rodrigue Villeneuve, O.M.I., Archbishop of Quebec, at a presentation ceremony here.

Sir Thomas Chesnut, noted Canadian historian, member of the Canadian Senate and the Legislative Council of Ontario, received the Gold Medal. He was cited for his part in the removal of the Eschscholtz Congress from Montreal and Sir Arthur J. Footner, and the Marquis Gougenon.



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