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the priest each Sunday in both English and German.

This is for the benefit of the many German prisoners-of-war who now attend Sunday Mass there. The stay of the Germans in this country is particularly benefiting church music, not a strong point normally in British Catholic life.

India Prelate Plans to Visit In Rochester

A visit to Rochester is on the itinerary of Bishop Thomas Pothakamuri of Mangalore, the native Indian prelate revealed to the NCWC News Service in Washington this week.

The Bishop whose tour will lead in March when he will travel back to India by way of England is expected to make stops at Chicago, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Detroit.

In October, 1936, Bishop Pothakamuri, then a Monsignor, visited Rochester diocese in company with Archbishop Lewis Mathias of Madras, India, and participated in the parish novena in preparation for observance of Mission Sunday in Rochester diocese.

Responding to the questions of an interviewer in Washington Bishop Pothakamuri acknowledged that communism is making headway in India, particularly in the industrial centers, but so far has soft-pedaled any antagonism to religion. The communist technique, he explained, is to exploit the poverty of the masses and the prevailing unrest by means of the press and public meetings.

Communism No Threat

"Communism in India has not yet shown itself definitely anti-religious or anti-Christian," he said, "for open antagonism to religion will give any such movement short shrift in India at least at present. The Congress (All-India Congress Party) is opposed to communism and to all its tenets and purposes the Moslem League also. Barring two or three instances, efforts made to return communist candidates in elections for the provincial legislatures were unsuccessful."

The Bangalore Bishop emphasized, as he had in a previous statement to the American press, that he expects the steady progress of the Church in India to continue under any probable form of future government.

"It is not likely that political changes will adversely affect the Church in India," he declared. "We may have difficulties, but these are bound to disappear with a better understanding and appreciation of the methods and spheres of government and those of the Church. We enjoyed no particular advantage under the British, though their policy of equal toleration and equal protection of Catholicism with other religions enabled us to make stable and peaceful progress."

The Bishop paid tribute to the vigor of Catholicism in the United States and said he was particularly impressed by the amount of space the secular dailies here devoted to events of Catholic interest. He seemed struck by the fact that The New York Times had cabled to its readers the full text of the Pope's Christmas Eve address.

ITHACA CAMPAIGN CLOSES SUNDAY

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the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union.

Non-Members Make Gifts

Gifts were also reported from several Ithacans who are not members of the parish.

John C. Burns, campaign chairman, said today that others outside the parish have inquired if they can make contribution. Burns pointed out that such contributions can be made and will be much appreciated by the Rev. William Byrne, rector and honorary campaign chairman, the members of the campaign committee, and the parish.

Burns added that many non-members of the parish, local corporations, and fraternal organizations have already contributed to the fund. He said that some of these gifts were made in recognition of the important role the parochial school has played in elementary education in the city of Ithaca since it was opened in 1884.

Sacrifice Urged by Director

The Rev. L. John Hedges, assistant pastor and director of the campaign, preached on the needs of the school at all the Masses in the church Sunday, stressing the necessity of sacrifice by all members of the parish in reaching the goal. This theme was again emphasized at the report meeting Sunday night by the Rev. John T. Walsh, assistant pastor.

Father Byrne again expressed confidence that the goal will be reached and thanked the workers for their efforts and enthusiasm.

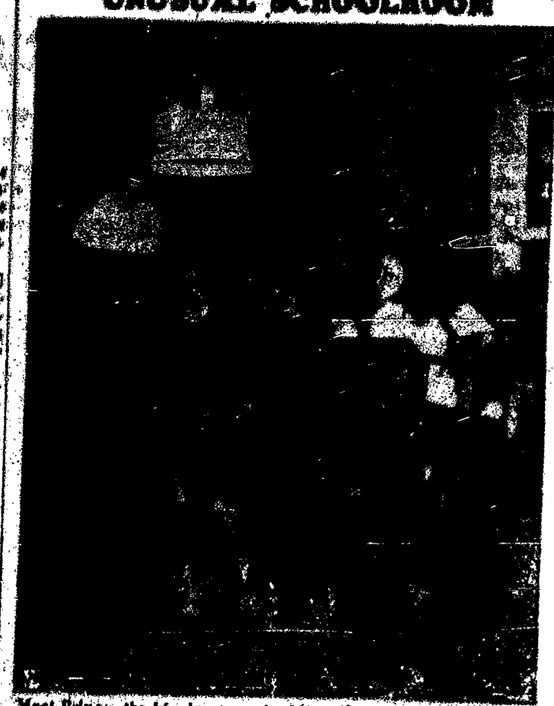
2 Girl Scout Troops Loom at St. Mary's

Response to organizational planning to form a Girl Scout troop at St. Mary's Church, Elmira, has been so encouraging that two troops may be formed, Miss Elizabeth Sheehy, local executive, has announced.

Record books were distributed to leaders at a recent meeting and new members practiced various Scout laws in preparation for an investiture ceremony to be held soon.

Evelyn Lutz gave a talk on the Girl Scout uniform and another Scout, Beverly Botsa, told about Juliette Low, founder of Scouting in the United States.

UNUSUAL SCHOOLROOM



Meet Prince, the big brown and white collie who spends his days in the classroom with the third-graders at St. Joseph's Academy, St. Augustine, Fla., and guards the school and convent grounds at night. Peacefully and contentedly asleep, oblivious to Sister Cecilia and the children absorbing their four Rs—Readin', 'Ritin', Rithmetic and Religion—the beloved mascot is one of many pets in this unusual school room, which is also shared by Ambrosia the cat, two cages of lovebirds and (outside the door) a pond for gold fish. Photo by W. W. Wilson. (NC Photos)

Reformatory Publication In Elmira Unique in U. S.

By MARY CAREY

The Don Bosco Bulletin, Catholic news periodical of Elmira Reformatory, holds the distinction of being the only publication of its kind printed in the United States, and so far as can be determined, the only one in the world, according to the Rev. Francis J Lane, Catholic chaplain of the institution.

Edited, composed and printed by inmates of Elmira Reformatory, the Don Bosco Bulletin is unique because it is the only penal institution journal devoted exclusively to religious news published anywhere in the country.

The four-page semi-monthly Bulletin provides Catholic inmates with up to the minute news items on Catholic events inside and without the Elmira institution as well as Catholic information and editorial comment.

Now a thriving, seven-year-old publishing venture, the Bulletin enjoys a circulation far exceeding its regular distribution of some 550 copies.

The publication got its start in early 1940 when, at the instigation of a group of Catholic inmates, Father Lane got the permission of the New York State Department of Correction.

Started in 1940

The first edition appeared on May 20, 1940. All the work, even the actual printing was done and is still being done by the inmates themselves in the reformatory's print shop.

Under the supervision of Father Lane, the Bulletin staff, which includes an editor and two associates, writes and edits the articles and editorials for publication. A regular feature "The Voice of the Pop," carries the voluntary contributions of the inmates who are encouraged to write.

Local news under the caption "On the Spot" is run alternately with "The Voice of the Pop." Other regulars are the "Question Box" and the "Chaplain's Column."

The front page is made up of N.C.W.C. news service items.

In the reformatory shop, an associate editor performs the duties of compositor and proofreader, while linotype and intertype machines and presses are operated by the inmates, Catholic and non-Catholic.

The original purpose of the Bulletin, which is still maintained, is best described by the following excerpt from the editorial of the first issue:

"Still another step forward is being undertaken by the publishing of this, the Don Bosco Bulletin, for the betterment and interest of all Catholic inmates. The primary purpose of this paper, which will be published every two weeks, is to bring its readers facts solely pertaining to and about the Catholic religion. It is to instruct and educate its readers in matters of a religious nature which they are not likely to come in contact with in the exercise and fulfillment of their regular duties. Through the channels of this publication we hope to enlighten our readers in spiritual matters so imperative to their future aspirations and success."

Foreign Students Enroll

Paris — (NC) — Students from ten foreign countries are enrolled at the Catholic Institute of Paris, it was stated in a report issued by the Institute.

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