

Abstinence Union Speaker Assails 'Drinking Women'

Pittsburgh (RNS) — Drinking women and intemperate wives were assailed in a speech made here by Mrs. Louis M. Ryan, Boston business woman, before the 76th annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America. Theme of the meeting was "Save Our Women."

Father John W. Keogh of Philadelphia, who has served as Catholic chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania for the past 25 years, was re-elected president of the Union. Others re-elected were: Thomas H. Nolan of Pittsfield, Mass., first vice-president; Henry J. Healy of Torrington, Conn., treasurer; and John A. Pfister of Sharon Hill, Pa., secretary.

In an interview here, Father Keogh said religion and not prohibition "will rescue the victims of alcohol."

"Prohibition," he said, "failed 2,000 years before Christ when it was tried by Hammurabi the Babylonian."

Spiritual director of the Union, which has a membership of more than 12,000 persons who have pledged themselves to promote total abstinence in honor of the Sacred Throat of Christ, is Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

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COOPERATION MARKS FAMILY AID PROGRAM

(This is third in a series of four articles on Canada's Family Allowance Act.)

AT A DP CAMP IN SALERNO

Ottawa (NC) — Of every \$100 spent by the Canadian Government for family allowances \$50 goes to administer the program, which exceeds any other peacetime administrative undertaking of the dominion and compares with some of the largest temporary wartime tasks.

Public opinion, part of which was at first directed against the family allowances, now accepts the legislation as an accomplished fact, and there is the fullest cooperation between federal and provincial authorities and social welfare agencies in seeing that the purpose of the Family Allowances Act is carried out.



Monsignor Luigi Ligutti, of Des Moines, Iowa, touring European refugee camps for the National Catholic Resettlement Council, is pictured chatting with some of the children at an international DP camp in Salerno, Italy. The Monsignor spoke of the efforts of War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, to give the youngsters a chance to grow up into good, healthy men and women. (INP).

BUT THE FACT remains that with the machinery now rolling well, the gross amount paid out annually on Family Allowances alone—\$264,000,000 last year—is equivalent to approximately half of the Federal Government's pre-war budget, and equals annually the total amount spent by all governments—municipal, provincial and Federal—on all health and welfare services of Canada in any pre-war year.

One of the big problems, administratively, was the checking of birth dates. In this matter the provinces made available their record of vital statistics for the years prior to the date in 1945 when the act came into force. For children not born in Canada, a check was made through immigration records.

Had the provincial and federal authorities not shown this cooperation, in all probability each parent would have been required to supply birth certificates for each member of the family registered for an allowance. This sudden demand for more than 3,000,000 birth certificates would have thrown a problem on the provinces where staffs would have had to be doubled and tripled to provide the information.

ANOTHER VITAL cooperation between federal and provincial authorities in the operation of the Family Allowances Act is in looking after the small percentage of families who may not use their allowances correctly. Thus the Federal Department of National Health and Welfare did not set up any social agencies of its own to supervise such cases. It depends on organizations which had been set up under provincial

Playfair School Marks Centenary

Kansas City (Special) — St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Kansas, the school immortalized in the unforgettable "Tom Playfair" books of Father Francis Flinn, S.J., will hold her centennial celebration from the 6th to the 9th of September this year.

Notices and invitations are being sent to alumni and friends of the College throughout the country.

The beginning of St. Mary's College goes back to that winter of 1848, thus making St. Mary's the oldest educational institution in the State of Kansas.

Unfortunately, it was found necessary to close St. Mary's as a college at the end of the 1930-1931 scholastic year when she was at her peak. She had done great work as a college for lay youth, and it was with deep regret that students and professors saw that work come necessarily to a close.

From 1931 to the present day, St. Mary's has served as a theologate for the young Jesuits of the Missouri Province.

N. M. School Hearing Moved To September 27
Santa Fe, N. M.—(RNS)—Dis- from teaching in New Mexico's trict Judge E. T. Hensley of Port- public schools from Oct. 11 to ales has changed the dates for Sept. 27, 1948. The suit was filed by a group of Roman Catholic nuns and priests of Protestants.

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The Family Allowances Act provides for court action against persons making improper use of the grants. Prosecution for improper registration and other criminal action is undertaken where necessary. But in all of Canada last year there were only eight cases brought before the courts, and in seven of these convictions were obtained and appropriate sentences given. The eighth case is still pending. These cases were distributed throughout Canada, and they served to bring home to the people of Canada generally the responsibilities under the Family Allowances Act.

THE ACT SPECIFIES that the allowance is to be discontinued under the following conditions: When the child (1) becomes 16 years of age; (2) fails to attend school; (3) dies; (4) ceases to reside in Canada; (5) in the case of a girl, when she marries.

The allowance is also to be discontinued or made to some other person if the administration is satisfied that the allowance is not being applied exclusively for the benefit of the child. There is no means test which

Room Sought For Statues In Vatican

Rome (CIP)—Space for statues of Saints and monuments of Popes is running short in St. Peter's Church, according to a person connected with the architectural services of the Vatican.

The colossal statue of St. Gregory of Montfort recently was added to those of the other saints, and niches have been assigned to the statues of St. Lucia Filippini and St. Louise de Marillac, who were canonized recently.

THAT NO CANADIAN may be deprived of the benefits, the Government has made known the provisions of the Act even in the far off northern sections of the country. Indian accounts at the close of the fiscal year on March 31, 1948, numbered 16,558 and Eskimo accounts totalled 1,441. Considerable proportion of the accounts paid to these indigenous races are "in kind," and constant attention is paid to the items which it is permissible to supply such families from traders' stores.

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