

Admission With Pope... James S. Mitchell of Washington, D.C., executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men...

Catholic Science College Starts Four-Year Status

Lockport, Ill. (NC)—Lewis College here has announced its expansion from two-year junior college to four-year college status. The institution, which is widely known for its aeronauti-

Gretta Palmer Calls For Apostles of Mary In 'Mary's Century', In Talk To Alumnae

By MARY M. CARRY The 20th century has been described as "Mary's Century" by a self-styled "social climber" who arrived from the wrong side of the spiritual railroad tracks.



Miss Gretta Palmer, nationally syndicated columnist, is greeted at New York Central Station by Miss Rose Ferro, president of Nazareth College Alumnae Association.

A convert of less than three years, Miss Palmer, who writes the weekly column, "Top of My Mind," in the Courier-Journal, called upon the young women to help the "spiritually underprivileged" by being apostles of Mary in her new century.

"Other people will plead the case of the ill-fed, the ill-clothed, and the ill-housed," said the noted journalist and lecturer. "The ones for whom I beg sympathy are the ill-baptized, the ill-anointed, the ill-blessed. The way you can help is by being apostles."

CHRISTIANITY isn't particularly attractive to a great many modern minds, Miss Palmer asserted. This is because they think the only Christianity is "blue-nosed Christianity," she explained.

She cited two other ways in which the Virgin Mother of God appeals to non-Catholics. "One is theological, she is the mediator of all graces, the gate of heaven. All the great converts, including Chesterton and Verlaine, who wrote poetry about her before their conversion, were brought to the Church through her."

"The third reason we should use the concept of the Blessed Mother to attract non-Catholics is—she really works."

SHE RECALLED that the 13th century was noted as Mary's Century, "when the greatest upsurge of artistic and philosophic genius of all the ages occurred."

"The political unification of Europe, a sought-after goal today, was achieved in that century, through economic progress was made, and the foundations of philosophy were laid by St. Thomas Aquinas."

SEVERAL PRACTICAL tips on using Mary in convert work were advanced by the speaker, who was converted by Meinig in 1947. Fuller, Sheen and received into the Church at Christmas, 1946.

"Send Christmas cards with Our Lady's figure on them to non-Catholics. And you can usually get them to see the Christmas crib."

"Tell them the Memorare. Tell them never in the history of the Church has a Prayer to Our Lady been known to go in vain. Tell them they, too, can say it. And once you get 'em on their knees they're sunk."

As the "clinch," she recommended personal prayer and penance, just as described by the Blessed Mother in her message at Fatima.

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ONE MASS CARD A MONTH WILL HELP THE MISSIONS!

Genevans Set Public Dance To Boost 'March of Dimes'

Geneva — Police Chief Daniel C. Murphy who is in charge of the local "March of Dimes" campaign, has announced a public benefit dance to be held in Civic center, Feb. 3 from 9 to 12.

Ovid CDA Rite Honors 25-Year Members

Ovid Membership pins commemorating 25 years as Catholic Daughters have been presented to 20 members of Ovid St. Elizabeth's Catholic Daughters of America.

They are Mrs. Mary Blinde, Mrs. Catherine Fields, Mrs. Monica Martin, Mrs. Louise Hughes, Mrs. Rose Hanson, Mrs. Catherine McKenna, Mrs. Agnes Hanlon, Mrs. Sara Maguire, Mrs. Anna Thomas, Mrs. Anna McGough, Mrs. Ella Robinson, Mrs. Catherine De Boer, Mrs. Mary Early, Mrs. Gertrude Lamm, Mrs. Margaret McCall, Mrs. Mary McGinnis, Mrs. Josephine Engel, Mrs. Elizabeth Riley, Mrs. Harriett Carroll and Anna Swarthout.

Initiation of a large class of candidates is scheduled for next week.

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Weddings in Corning

Corning — The marriage of Miss June Roland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest W. Roland, 110 Woodview Ave., to Sgt. Vincent P. Costa, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, son of Mrs. Virginia Costa and the late Manuel Costa, took place Thursday, January 19, at St. Vincent de Paul's Church. The Rev. Joseph V. Guilfoil, pastor, performed the ceremony.

Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. O'Neill, brother-in-law and sister of the bride. Following the ceremony breakfast was served to the bridal party at the Elton Steuben Hotel. Later Mr. and Mrs. Costa left by train for New York City.

Indulgence At Home For Polish Catholics

London (NC)—Archbishop Stefan Wyszyński, Primate of Poland, has told his people that because of the impossibility of organizing pilgrimages to Rome, Polish Catholics can obtain the Holy Year indulgence at home.

Official Polish propaganda as heard here has characterized the Holy Year as a political and financial maneuver by the Vatican. The government, it was reported, has refused to grant the Primate a passport to go to Rome. "As a token of special favor His Holiness permits all faithful in Poland to benefit from the graces of the Holy Year as in the Eternal City," Archbishop Wyszyński stated in a pastoral.

Czech Churches Keep Register

Prague (RNS)—Czech church registers of births, marriages and deaths will be left in the hands of parish authorities and will not be taken over by the government according to an announcement in the Catholic News State-owned weekly newspaper.

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