

American Field Day Sept. 9 By AOH Units

The American Field Day sponsored by the Monks of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Sunday Sept. 9 at Scheutzen Park, Schenectady.

Co-chairmen for the Field Day are Patrick Ryan and Mary Byrne with the following committee to assist Helen Wenzel, Dorothy Koen, Vera O'Brien, Anna Newton, Frances O'Brien, Ellen Clifford, Brice Shannon, Florence O'Neill, Betty Nelson, Nora Ryan, Mary O'Hara, Martin Brophy, Edward Hennessy, Walter Anderson, John Nelson, William Byrne, Patrick O'Hara, John Crowley, Paul Shannon, Rosa McMahon, Dave Shannon and John McGarity.

Program will begin at 2 p.m. and will include a parade, games and a picnic. Refreshments will be served throughout the day. Music will be furnished by the Irish dance band.

Chicago Talk Set For Fr. Schnacky

The Rev. Albert H. Schnacky, C.S.C., director of the Chicago office of the National Shrine, will have a prominent role in the ninth National Congress of the Shrine in Chicago on Nov. 8 and 9.

Six special sessions at the Congress will highlight the urgent need for an organized program of religious education for the 2,500,000 Catholic teenagers in public high schools, estimated at 75 per cent of all Catholics of that age bracket attending school.

Father Schnacky will speak at a special Teachers' Institute on Nov. 9 when 20 experienced priests, Sisters and lay teachers will give classroom demonstrations of Confraternity methods of teaching both city and rural CCD classes of public junior and senior high school students.

Keynote for the teachers' session will be an address on "The New Testament in High School Classes" by the Rev. Daniel W. Martin, C.M., professor of Sacred Scripture at Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis, and author of the series using the Confraternity's Bible Leaflet series as a text.

Another replacement on the staff of 13 instructors is the Rev. Alan Mahan, S. A., who comes from Graymoor, the motherhouse of the Friars, Father Alan replaces the Rev. Regis Barber, S. A. who has been assigned to St. John's Atone ment Seminary in the former Cook Academy building.

St. John's Seminary Will Reopen Under New Rector

Montour Falls — Students for St. John's Atone ment Seminary, the minor seminary of the Franciscan Friars of the Atone ment, at Montour Falls near Watkins Glen, will return on September 10 for the school year.

About 100 students will begin their classes in high school and junior college. Among them will be David L. Doerner, 10 Whalin Street, Rochester. Doerner is a graduate of St. Boniface's School, Aquinas Institute, and the School of Commerce.

Shortly after their return the students will attend a retreat conducted by the Rev. Daniel Egan, S. A. who is widely known for his retreat work.

THE SCHOOL will open under a new rector. Towards the end of the spring term the Rev. Roger Matzareth, S. A., was appointed by Father General of the Society of the Atone ment. The Very Rev. August Delahant, S. A., succeeded to the Rev. Gregory Figueroa, S. A. who received a teaching assignment in the major seminary at Washington, D. C.

Father Roger comes from two years study in Rome where he received a doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University. (The new rector had several years of experience teaching in St. John's previous to studies in Rome.)



REV. ROGER MATZERETH

Budenz Talks To Verein Members

Christian principles must be the foundation of any sincere fight against Communism, Louis P. Budenz, Fordham University professor and former Communist managing editor of the Daily Worker, said at Pittsburgh, according to Religious News Service.

He spoke at a joint session of the conventions of the Catholic Central Verein of America and the National Catholic Women's Union. The meeting was preceded by a Solemn Pontifical Mass at St. Paul's cathedral celebrated by Bishop F. Dearden of Pittsburgh.

DECLARING THAT "secularism's wide acceptance in this country has blinded many to the true nature of atheistic Communism," Mr. Budenz said the basis for any effective work against Communism must be through "the dissemination of Christian principles throughout our society."

Mr. Budenz called on the more than 400 delegates attending the conventions to continue the fight against Communism by a campaign of prayer and penance.

Started in 1855 by Catholics of German origin, the Central Verein carries on philanthropic and social activities. The national Catholic Women's Union, a companion group, is now in its 35th year.

Sister Alexis Wegma Buried In Wisconsin

Funeral services for Sister M. Alexis nee Cecelia Wegman of Rochester were held Tuesday August 28 at Lady Smith, Wis. Sister Alexis was a former member of St. Joseph's Church and attended St. Joseph's school in Franklin St.

Sister died Sunday, August 26 1951 at the convent of The Servants of Mary in Lady Smith, at the age of 75.

She left Rochester to enter the religious order in 1915 and was professed in 1920.

Surviving are two brothers, George M. and Frederick J. Wegman, the latter widely known in the Knights of St. John, both of Rochester.

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His wife and three young children have been living in Japan for over a year. The 34-year-old infantry officer has been out of the states for two and a half years.

Lt. Kayes has been in front line action in Korea for the past seven and a half months.

He is a veteran of six years service during World War II and re-enlisted in the Army about three years ago.

Lt. Kayes and his family were due to arrive in Seattle, Wash., this week, aboard the transport Gen. Simon Brucker.

In Geneva, his mother and father are prepared for a happy reunion with their son, his wife and their three grandchildren.

Lt. Kayes expects to be re-assigned to a stateside outfit when his leave expires.

Cost of Living: What goes up in proportion as the birth rate goes down.

Prelate Upholds Absolutes At Catholic Verein Meet

In response to a statement by the Chief Justice of the United States that "all concepts are relative," a leading American churchman declared to the Catholic Central Verein convention in Pittsburgh that without a code of absolute principles of right and wrong "neither peace nor prosperity can be assured for our nation or for other nations."

Archbishop Aloisius J. Muench, Papal Nuncio to Germany and Bishop of Fargo, N. D., in a message from across the Atlantic, said "there must be absolute norms so long as man is what he is: a child of the Creator, endowed by Him with inalienable rights, and invested by Him with precious freedoms." Without absolutes, the Archbishop maintained, "the very basis of democracy is destroyed, resting as it does on the principle of equal rights before the law."

"Less than two months ago," Archbishop Muench recalled, "the American public was shocked to hear the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court (Fred M. Vinson) declare that 'nothing is more certain in modern society than the principle that there are no absolutes, that a name, a phrase, a standard has meaning only associated with the considerations which give birth to the nomenclature.' To those who would paralyze our Government in the face of impending threat by encasing it in a semantic straightjacket we must reply that all concepts are relative."

"ARE THESE dangerous tenets?" Archbishop Muench went on. "Look into the world of today, the world of new dictators who trample under foot the rights of men, huddle their freedom in chains of slavery, show no regard for human life, and light fires of war wherever it may suit their wicked purposes."

"Against these aggressors blood is being spilled on battlefields in defense of what men have ever held to be absolutes in democracy: their basic rights and freedoms."

"Why suffer, why die for relative concepts, concepts that may be right today, but wrong tomorrow?" Why suffer, why die for downtrodden, helpless peoples against whom powerful aggressors, armed to the teeth, throw the weight of their unscrupulous ruthlessness might?"

Bar to School Aid

Accra, Gold Coast, Africa (NC) — Bishops of the Gold Coast have called upon the government to reconsider a new educational program which would bar public funds from any new religious schools.

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Thomas F. Meagher's Rites Held At OLPH

Solemn High Mass of Requiem was celebrated in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Monday, August 27 for Thomas F. Meagher, 75 of 1st Saranac Street. Mr. Meagher died August 24, 1951, in St. Mary's Hospital.

The Rev. Francis J. Hoefen, pastor, was celebrant assisted by The Rev. John C. Newcomb and the Rev. Eugene MacFarland.

A parishoner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish for 45 years, Mr. Meagher was born and educated at St. Bridget's.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where final blessing was given by Father Newcomb.

Bearers were three grandsons, Robert F. Thomas F. Meagher, and John F. Mayer, also Frederic Erdie, John F. Meagher and Walker Donovan.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alice C. Meagher, four sons, Thomas F., Jr., John P., Richard G. and James E. Meagher; three daughters, Mrs. Norman F. Mayer, Mrs. Joseph T. Riessenberger and Jean D. Meagher; a brother, Joseph H. Meagher; fourteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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