

# GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

IF YOU wish a vine to grow perfectly you must prune it. This God Love You column seeks to prune you by sacrifices so you will be a worthy branch of Him who said: "I am the Vine." . . . Japan now has 106 Catholic schools with 45,145 pupils. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. J.M.C.V. for \$5 in self-imposed fines for criticizing the boss. . . . A missionary just released from a Chinese prison did not see another priest in 53 weeks, nor a living soul in 4 months. . . . In Africa 15 Catholic doctors, 6 of whom are Sisters, care for victims of leprosy in 28 leproseries. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. J.E.M.M. who was given a dollar and added another for the Holy Father's Missions with these words: "It's a lonesome dollar that travels all alone; and it's a lonesome dollar that remains at home." . . . They do not love, who do not show their love. If we loved Our Lord, we would make sacrifices to make Him known and loved in the mission lands.

"A man who is determined to risk his mortal life to save the immortal lives of others will become one of three things: a missionary, a martyr, or a saint. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to J.W. for \$2 for the Holy Father's Missions sacrificed by giving up both pipe and cigarettes. . . . After 14 months of persecution in a Communist jail, some Sisters were returned to safety. The Sisters who greeted them were shedding tears of joy. Only the expelled religious were dried-eyed saying: "After all we have seen, there are no tears left." . . . India does not yet have a Catholic university, though it has 32 colleges. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to L.G.K., an 89 year old Catholic, for money raised at a school bazaar for the Missions. . . . Did you ever pray for the people of India? If you had a World Mission Society the yellow beads would remind you to do so, as the white beads would remind you to pray for Europe. For a \$2 offering and your request, we will send you one blessed by me. . . . You are as old as you feel after reading this column and refusing to make a sacrifice for the Holy Father's Missions.

We can bear physical pain, but no man can bear the meaninglessness of life. No one who helps the Holy Father's Missions has that trouble. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to P.V.S. for \$150 sacrificed to educate an Indian boy for the priesthood. . . . Belgium has at the present time 7,655 missionaries serving the Holy Father's Missions. This represents an increase of 279 over last year. . . . Children in a Communist school in China were asked to say something evil against a missionary. One child even after being beaten and spit upon by the other students kept repeating: "There is nothing evil one can say against Father." . . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. C.W. for \$10 for the Holy Father's Missions sacrificed by giving up cigarettes and in gratitude for losing weight. . . . One evening a little girl looking at the moon in the first quarter said: "Mama! Look! God did not, have time to finish the moon." . . . Communism in China is afraid of a woman. Communists in their false trials invariably ask the prisoners, "Do you belong to the Legion of Mary?"

"Charity covereth a multitude of sins" says Sacred Scripture. If there is anything in your past life you would like to "kiss off," the best way to do it is to make a sacrifice to save other souls. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith will distribute your penance and reparations to the world. Pin your sacrifice to this column and send it to Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 109 E. 35th St., New York 16, N. Y., or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Mgr. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

## Congress Gets Appropriation Bid For Church Hospitals

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — President Truman has asked Congress to appropriate \$9,055,000 for federal aid in the construction of two new hospitals to be operated by religious groups in the District of Columbia.

The funds are part of a \$11,400,000 supplemental budget request delivered to Congress asking funds for five hospital projects in the capital city, three of which, aggregating \$2,355,000, are non-sectarian.

It is anticipated that \$3,500,000 would go to Stibitz Hospital (Methodist) to pay half the construction cost of a new 350-bed hospital to replace its present antiquated 250-bed facilities. A total of \$5,555,000

would go to Providence Hospital, a Roman Catholic institution, for a new eight-story medical center to be erected near the Catholic University of America campus.

Congress authorized federal aid to the privately-operated District of Columbia hospitals, including those with religious affiliation, although sharp debate on Church-State relations was stirred up at the time

## 2 Seminarians At St. John's Win Oratory Prizes

Montour Falls.—Charles Poirier won first prize and Robert Moody, second, in the annual oratorical contest of St. John's Seminary, here, held in the gymnasium, June 1.

Students of St. John's seminary and many parishioners of St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Watkin's Glen heard the decision after a lengthy deliberation by the judges.

Five students from the college division, Richard McDowell of Rutherford, N. J.; Poirier of Boston, David Doerner of Rochester, Moody and John Ego, both of Easton spoke on "Fields Ripe For the Harvest."

Competition was close and the five contestants used every trick of oratory possible in an effort to win the K. of E. Elmira Council Trophy. Only two points separated the winners from the losers.

Judges were: the Rev. Benedict Ehmann, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen; the Rev. Frederick Walsh, Elmira and Father Terence of Graymoor Monastery.

Father Ehmann presented the trophies to the winners. Prizes were also presented to Robert Hawes of New York City, who won the Senior Short Story Contest; to Frederick Alvarez of New York City, winner of the Junior Short Story Contest and to Matthew Velucci of New York City, who won the poetry award.

Henry Hurtado of the graduating class was master of ceremonies.

St. Theresa Statue Honors War Dead

Seoul, Korea.—(NC)—A marble statue of St. Theresa of Lisieux, the Little Flower, was dedicated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception here prior to a Requiem Mass for British Catholic soldiers who have fallen in Korea.

Brought from Singapore, the statue, which will remain in the cathedral as a permanent memorial to the British dead, bears the inscription: "From the Catholic British Soldiers who fought in Korea, 1950-51. In Thanksgiving."

## Losses Hit Red Press In France

Paris.—(NC)—The French communist weekly, Action, has published its last issue.

Financial losses caused by a sharp circulation drop were responsible.

ACTION'S FAILURE comes at a time when the whole Red press here is in serious trouble. In the past six years the party's main Paris daily, L'Humanite, has lost more than half its readers. In 1948 its circulation was 400,000. By last year it had dropped to 220,000 and today is down to 192,000.

In 1946 the communists published some 20 provincial dailies and about 200 weekly newspapers. A number of the dailies have since failed and by last year only 63 weeklies remained.

THREE SPECIALIZED Red publications have recently had to be merged into one magazine. They were Letters Francaises, a literary weekly; L'Ecran Francaise, a magazine about movies, and Arts de France.

Action was a revue aimed at labor leaders and leftist intellectuals. It specialized in economic and social studies and gave instructions to communist propagandists. It was directed by Yves Farge, president of "Fighters for Peace."

Editor Scanlan Loretto, Pa.—(NC)—St. Francis College here will confer an honorary doctorate of letters on Patrick F. Scanlan, managing editor of The Tablet, Brooklyn diocesan newspaper, at the college's commencement in June.

## New Brothers



An unusual type of religious faith is worn by members of the newly founded Clossan Brotherhood Community, the Brothers of Blessed Pius X, in the Diocese of La Crosse, Wis. The Brother wears a black cassock with a light green sash and scapular. The emblem on the scapular is black while the letters "FAX CHRISTI (Chi Xho)" are of a dark green. Rev. Albert P. Roemer, of La Crosse, is spiritual director of the growing community.

## St. John Seminary Oratory Winners



EMBLEMATIC of oratorical capability, trophy and cup won by two students of St. John's Seminary, Montour Falls, are held by them after contest. In Photo (From left) are Rev. Benedict Ehmann, Watkins Glen; Robert Moody, second prize winner; Father Terence, S.A.; Charles Poirier, first prize winner and Rev. Frederick Walsh, Elmira.

## Court Forbids Religious Literature In Public School

Sante Fe, N. M.—(RNS)—Dissemination of religious literature in the Lindrith, N. M., public school was forbidden by the New Mexico Supreme Court in a unanimous ruling.

The high court reversed a 1949 decision by District Judge David W. Carmody who found no evidence that printed religious materials of a Protestant nature were available in the school to pupils.

IN ITS RULING, the supreme court said that the teachers did not hand the literature to the pupils, did not instruct them to read it, but kept it in plain sight in a schoolroom where it was available to the students. Evidently, the court added, the literature was replenished from time to time.

The court ruling came in an appeal by two district school directors, Merrill D. Miller and Paul Brown, who alleged that four teachers were fostering Protestant religious doctrines in the Lindrith school.

The plaintiffs charged that Protestant publications were being distributed to students, denominational religious books were used in the school, and the teachers led prayers of a sectarian nature.

THEY ALSO claimed that the teachers permitted the preaching of religious sermons to the students and that baccalaureate and commencement exercises of a religious nature were held in local Presbyterian and Baptist churches.

Judge Carmody dismissed the complaint, on the basis of failure of proof, except as to two defendants. He enjoined Louis J. Cooper, principal, and Theron Anson, teacher, from teaching denominational doctrines. But he refused to bar the two from employment in public schools of the state, as demanded by the plaintiffs. On this he was upheld by the supreme court.

THE HIGH court found only

## New Catholic Hospital Aided By Protestants

MOJOT Varnos, Ill.—(RNS)—Cooperation by Protestants and Roman Catholics in this community of 35,000 built the new Good Samaritan Hospital, which was dedicated in solemn ceremonies here.

In 1944, two Protestants, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schweinfurth, gave the Pittsburg, Pa., motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis \$30,000 to buy the old 32-bed hospital. An anonymous Protestant later gave land for a bigger hospital as the need for such a building increased.

State and federal governments each paid a third of the \$210,000 cost of the new Good Samaritan Hospital. The community faced the task of raising \$700,000.

The Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis issued a loan for \$36,000. Lucy Hawkins, a Protestant, was named chairman of the community drive which succeeded in raising nearly \$400,000. The drive committee included one Catholic and four Protestants.

## Bible Diet Better Than Ours, Declares Physician

Hagerstown, Md.—(RNS)—The diet described in the Old Testament is better in some ways than modern American hill of fare.

That's what the Maryland Academy of General Practice, a physician's group, was told by Dr. Louis A. M. Krause, professor of clinical medicine, University of Maryland, at its spring meeting here.

AN ARCHEOLOGIST and student of ancient peoples, Dr. Krause said that the barley bread of Old Testament days was more nutritious than modern white bread, because it preserved the capsule of the grain.

Ancient rites that treated salt as a precious symbol may have a basis in sound nutrition, he said. Natives in the Near East who still eat salt sparingly aren't subject to high blood pressure, he found in a test of 297 tribesmen.

DR. KRAUSE thinks that land in Bible countries which has been cultivated for 6,000 years produces better grain than American

## Mothers Oppose Strapless Formals

Dubuque.—(NO)—A resolution against strapless formals for high school students was unanimously passed by Our Lady's Circle, a unit of the Catholic Mothers' Study Clubs of Dubuque.

The group decided to interview merchants, urging them to stock formals that comply with the regulations of Catholic high schools.

## Georgia Trappists Renew Work On Permanent Abbey

Conyers, Ga.—(NC)—Trappist monks are scheduled to resume construction soon on permanent buildings for the City of God they have founded here in the hills of northern Georgia, the Abbey of Our Lady of the Holy Ghost.

Five years ago the community, then three years old, suspended construction due to lack of funds and difficulty in obtaining building materials because of the defense effort.

MEANWHILE, THE 93 Trappists have become increasingly a part of the life of this section of Georgia, 38 miles east of Atlanta.

At its foundation in 1944 there was but one Catholic family in this county. By now, the Abbey has already accepted four native postulants. Non-Catholic neighbors crowd the Catholic visitors for the limited space available in the guest chapel in order to hear the monks' superb rendering of Gregorian Chant, and to watch unfamiliar age-old ritual.

Back in 1944 this Abbey was the first foundation to be established from the Abbey at Getsemani, Ky. Twenty-one monks moved into a donated tract of woodland acreage in the rolling hills and made their cloister in an old brick barn which served as chapel, refectory and dormitory. Immediately they established their first piece of equipment on the grounds, a saw mill.

IN TRUE TRAPPIST tradition they set about cutting timber and preparing the rough lumber with which they were to found their City of God. By the time of the Trappists' Centenary in America, in 1948, the silent

monks in Georgia had erected a temporary group of buildings—a chapel, barn, a refectory, garages, a guest house and shops. They used the lumber cut by their own hand on the very ground they had cleared.

After the war, vocations came apace with the development. With several additions over the years the Abbey properties now total 1,800 acres. However, the preponderance of frame structures is a fire hazard and causes much concern to the Rt. Rev. Dom M. Robert McGurn, Abbot. That is principally why the Abbey is now undertaking the burden of erecting a permanent home. Providentially some choir monks and lay brothers who have entered have been stone masons, carpenters, painters, mechanics, and electricians.

Largest High School.—(NC)—The Cleveland diocese's largest high school, the new \$2,500,000 St. Joseph's institution, was dedicated here by Archbishop Edward J. Hoban, Bishop of Cleveland.

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