IN CHARGE OF BASILIAN

Airmen In Korea Watch At Altar First Fridays

By FATHER PATRICK O'CONNOR

On a U.S. Air Force Base, Korea —(NC)— American airmen on this base keep watch before the Blessed Sacrament through the entire day, on every First Friday. Each man takes a half-hour, beginning at 7:30 in the morning and ending at 7:30 in the evening. For some half-hours, you find as many as 12 or 15 men praying before the Blessed Sacrament. The average is eight.

"We started it last February," said Father (Major) John J. Miller, Basilian, native of Smethport, Pa., the chaplain. "Of course, the men attend Mass and receive Holy Communion, too. By now we've completed nine First Fridays."

FATHER MILLER has been working with men and young men since he was ordained. His last civilian post was on the faculty of St. Michael's College, Toronto, Ont. He has taught in St. Thomas High School, Houston, Tex., in St. Mary's High School, Phoenix, Ariz., and in Aquinas Institute, Rochester, N. Y.

One of his former students in Aquinas Institute is now a young chaplain in Korea, Father (Lieut.) Joseph Natale of Rochester, N. Y.

Soon after he became chaplain to this Mosquito-flying Tactical Control Group, Father Miller announced that he would have day-long Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the coming First Friday. He made the rounds, asking men to sign up for a half-hour each.

"Just what is it, Father?" some of them asked.

"You know, standing guard. Same idea."

"Put me down, Father."

ABOUT 100 MEN, officers and enlisted personnel, take part in the 12-hour continuous adoration. While airplanes roar down the nearby runways or beat their steady throb overhead, pilots and men from the ground crews keep prayerful watch before the monstrance.

Father Miller knew that the men would respond and that the practice would bring blessings. He had started it on an air force base back in the States and had seen how much good it could do.

"Now my first steps when I come to a base are: to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in a side-chapel and to begin the First Friday adoration," he said.

Every night line has the Rosary in the chapel. An average of 60 men, almost none of them Just ending from hazardous flights.

When the chaplain announced a collection to help rebuilding mission churches, the 260 Catholics on the base contributed $3,600 in two weeks. One lieutenant gave $100. Two sergeants donated $100 each.

Since coming to this base, Father Miller has received some 40 men into the Church.

Bishop's Mass Set At Mann's College

The Christmas Mass in the new St. John Fisher College chapel will be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 9 a.m., it was announced at the college.

E. B. Mogenhan, Nun's Father Dies

Funeral services for Edward B. Mogenhan, father of Sister Clare Francis and executive of Paine Drug Company were held at the Halloran Funeral Home, 141 Arnett Blvd. and at St. Monica's Church, Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Mr. Mogenhan for 27 years with Paine's and as chief pharmacist for the past 20 years in charge of all prescriptions, died Dec. 6, 1952 in St. Mary's Hospital. He was 57 and resided at 68 Terrace Park.

Mass of Requiem was offered by the Rev. Alphonse McNicoll of Niagara Falls, Ont. In the Sanctuary were the Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert and the Reverend Fathers Michael P. O'Brien, W. Darcy Bolger, Charles B. Connell, Elmer McDonald, and Raymond Moore.

Full military rites were conducted by Yerkes-Couchman Post, American Legion and honorary bearers represented the post, and the local and state Pharmacists' Association.

Born in Elmira, Mr. Mogenhan moved to Lyons in his youth. He lived there until he enlisted in the Navy in World War I.

After extensive service in the Navy he studied at the University of Buffalo and received his degree in pharmacy in 1923. He was a stockholder of the Paine Drug Company.

He was active in veterans' affairs and was a past commander of the Yerkes-Couchman post of the Legion. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Monica's Church and of the New York State Pharmaceutical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine McNicoll Mogenhan; two daughters, Claire E. of Rochester and Sister Clare Francis (Marilyn) of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Ithaca; two sons, Edward B. and James L. Mogenhan of Rochester; one brother, Joseph of Rochester; three sisters, Mrs. Frederick Gucker of Lyons, Mrs. Martin Roach of Waterloo and Mrs. Leroy Facera of Phelps.

Anniversary

REV. MICHAEL C. J. WALL, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua on Dec. 3, this year, reached his 54th year as a pastor in the Diocese of Rochester. He was appointed on that date in 1898 as pastor of St. Theresa's Church, Stanley and later to other pastorates, taking over at St. Mary's, Canandaigua in 1928. He is the oldest priest in the diocese having been ordained June 12, 1897.

Catholic Action Guide Published

Manila — (NC) — A "Guide to Catholic Action in the Philippines," believed to be the first book of its kind for this area, has been published here. Its author is Dr. Victor J. Sevilla, a Filipino layman who is currently serving as diocesan director of Catholic Action in the Prelature Nullius of Davoa. Dr. Serilla is a graduate of Santo Tomas University here.

Cana Conference Hears Fr. Hogan

Corning—The Rev. Daniel V. Hogan, assistant pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's Church, who is moderator of Corning Deanery, National Council of Catholic Women, led the discussion in the Cana Conference, sponsored by the group, at the Knights of Columbus Home.

Mrs. Loren Bauman, chairman of the Committee on Family and Parent Education, headed the committee on arrangements.

Father Hogan spoke on God and the family; the family's dependence on God; ideals and concepts of married love and the virtues couples expect of one another in married life. Discussion and question periods followed. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a renewal of marriage vows by the couples present concluded the conference.

These Cana Conferences, which are being held on a national scale, are open to married couples of all faiths. Information concerning them may be had by contacting Mrs. Bauman.

Newman Club Dance Enjoyed At Cornell

Ithaca — The Cornell Newman Club held its annual Starlight Ball here Saturday evening, Dec. 6, in the Willard Straight Memorial Room. A nautical scene was the motif of the ball as some 200 persons danced to the music of Eddie Moore and his orchestra.

The event was planned and directed by John Mulholland and Rosemary Manno, social co-chairmen, and their subcommittee chairmen: Leda Leveille and Mary Jane Kent, decorations, and Owen Ryan, ticket sales.

The $50 Millionaire for a Night contest, held in conjunction with the dance, was handled by Herb Roleke.

Winner of the contest was announced Dec. 4 over campus radio station WVBR as Mary Moran, a high school student from Canton, N. Y.

Waverly CDA Unit Marks Christmas

Waverly—Holiday activities of Court Joan of Arc, Catholic Daughters of America were reported at the business session and Christmas party held Tuesday evening, Dec. 2 in St. James' Social Hall.

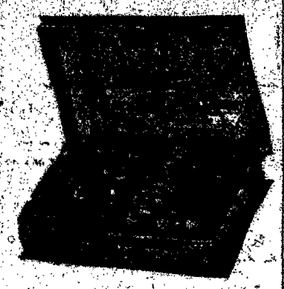
The Charity Committee headed by Mrs. Emma Mahoney, reported packing and distributing several Thanksgiving baskets to needy families. The court decided to pack Christmas baskets also, each member to bring something for this purpose.

The Christmas party program was planned by a committee headed by Miss Margaret Mary Nash and Miss Angeline Gabriel.

A NUMBER OF colored slides shown by the Rev. G. Stuart Hogan, pastor, were enjoyed. Several accordian solos were played by Miss Rosemary Velardo and a piano solo by Miss Margaret Cahill.

Christmas carols were sung Miss Clare Rose Stork at the piano. Santa Claus distributed gifts under the Christmas tree.

Refreshments were served to more than 60 members and guests. Announcement was made that the next regular business meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 6.



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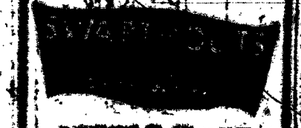

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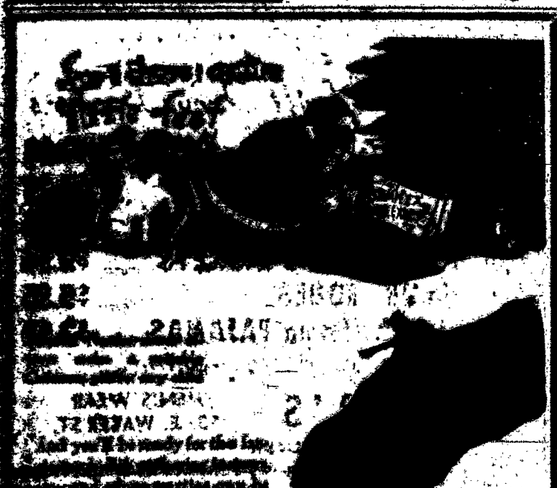

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