

St. Patrick, Ohio, Village Wants To 'Get In Act'

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St. Patrick, Ohio — (NC) — Residents of this 100-year-old village—all 14 of them—rose as one Gael to correct the impression that St. Patrick, Missouri, is the only town in the world named for Ireland's patron.

Japan Lists St Pat's Parish

Tokyo — (NC) — St. Patrick himself must be watching over a little plant that has grown like a hardy weeder here in Tokyo. It is a parish named after him, the only St. Patrick's parish in all Japan.

mother was of straight German descent—Meyer. "But my father had a McCarthy in his line," he hastens to add.

Irish families settled in the area a century ago when the railroads were building. Baptismal records of St. Patrick's parish, which go back to 1862, list such names as McDonagle, Halpin, McAvoy, Dundon, Collins, Martin, O'Donnell, O'Brien, Farley, Gavan, and so on.

After the railroads had been built only a few of the Irish remained to work the land, and Father Hook, marked St. Patrick, although we are on a country road, a short distance from three main highways.

"AND WE DO have a village with sidewalks and boulevard lights—definitely no mud!" St. Patrick treats its patrons with Christian-esteem. Mass and Holy Communion are the first order of the day on the 17th of March — all the residents are Catholics. In front of the church stands a heroic figure of the Saint himself in full regalia, with staff and shamrock. He is shown in a stained glass window above the high altar.

And the fine full phrases of "Great and Glorious Saint Patrick" are sung with genuine Irish ardor by persons with names like Eberman, Holthaus, Poepelman, Raterman — and Hook.

green St. Patrick design, routed through the town postoffice to be postmarked St. Patrick, Mo., on March 17 and sent out again to all parts of the world.

Father O'Duignan's enterprise is strictly legitimate; according to the U.S. official Postal Guide, St. Patrick, Missouri, population 50, is the only town in the United States named for Ireland's patron which has a post office.

ALTHOUGH GERMAN names now grace the parish registry and the pastor's name tokens his English ancestry, the 17th of March is both a holy day and a holiday in this Shelby County, Ohio, village.

"No work is done in this locality on that day," says Father Warren G. Hook, who admits that "the name is English, and my

Poles' Faith Seen Stronger Under Reds

London — (NC) — The faith of the Polish people is stronger than ever after eight years of communist suppression, Joseph Werner, a recent refugee from behind the Iron Curtain, declared here.

However he warned a Polish Catholic meeting that "when the first young generations educated along communist lines enter life in about five years' time the situation may be much less satisfactory."

Mr. Werner, a lawyer, speaking "with absolute conviction," had this to say about the situation in Poland today:

"The churches in the whole of Poland are filled to overflowing at every Mass. Enormous numbers of the faithful receive the Sacraments. Missions and retreats have been attended since the way by great numbers of people in many hundreds of parishes.

"Virtually no children remain unbaptized. Purely civil marriages are very rare. The enormous majority of those who enter the bonds of Holy Matrimony go straight from the registrar's office to receive the Sacrament in their church."

Mr. Werner said that one remarkable aspect of the present situation is that, despite the threat of open and intense persecution which looms over the country, vocations to the priesthood are increasing.

Catholic Cemetery Seized By Reds

Hong Kong — (NC) — The Communist government has taken over the historic Catholic cemetery of Chala in the outskirts of Peking, it is reported here.

The ground is to be included in the industrial suburb that the Reds propose to build. Catholics have been ordered to disinter all the remains from the 340-year-old cemetery and move them to the Tungchow area, east of the city.

Chala, first given to the Catholic mission in 1610, was the oldest Catholic cemetery in China. One of the last Ming emperors, Sheng Tsung, also styled Wan Li, donated it for the burial of Father Matthew Ricci, celebrated Italian Jesuit missionary at the court of Peking.

Off For South American Missions



Idlewild, N. Y.—(RNS)—Nuns of the Bernardine Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis board a plane here enroute to South America where they will work and teach in Catholic mission-hospitals. The religious, all from the Sacred Heart convent, Reading, Pa., are left to right: Sisters M. Lydia, Scranton, Pa., an unidentified nun; M. L. Linn, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; M. Victorine, Burlington, N. J.; M. Roberta, Bound Brook, N. J.; M. Bertilla, Shenandoah, Pa.; M. Panerata, Philadelphia; M. Columbine, South Amboy, N. J.; M. Lucrecia, Kolpnoot, Pa.; and M. Scholastika and M. Ricarda, Baltimore, Md. (Religious News Service Photo).

Wants More Babies

Mother's 10th Caesarean Sets Record

Watch Hill, R.I. — (NC) — Mrs. Joseph L. McAndrew has had her ten children delivered by Caesarean operations and she hopes to keep right on having more babies.

As far as is known, ten Caesareans is the largest known number in medical history. But the Watch Hill mother is a former nurse who can't imagine a limit to the size of her family.

"I feel that every married woman should have a large family," she says. "I don't think you can be happy unless you have some goal in life. My goal is to be a good mother and bring my children up to God, and that's what keeps me happy."

THE McANDREW family belongs to St. Clare's parish in near-

section, authorities say. But surgeons say now there's apparently no reason why Mrs. McAndrew can't have more.

All of her babies have been delivered by her obstetrician at Providence Lying-in Hospital — the latest little over a month ago. And at 37, Mrs. McAndrew is a slender blue-eyed blonde who looks a decade younger.

While the family's second child, Michael Owen, was killed in an automobile accident eight years ago when he was two, the other nine are very much alive. They are Joseph Harrison, 12; David, 9; Paula, 8; Thomas, 7; Elizabeth Sharon, 5; Stephen, 4; Peter, 3; Amelia Louise, 2; and Mark, the new baby.

UP UNTIL less than a generation ago, it was considered dangerous to have more than three children delivered by Caesarean

Britain Prepares Lavish Welcome For Red Dictator

London — (NC) — Before leaving for his economic mission to Washington, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden outlined here the elaborate official welcome being prepared for Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia when he visits Britain in the latter part of March.

Apparently unmoved by protests by British Protestants as well as Catholics against the invitation extended to the leader of a communist country where Christians are still being persecuted, Mr. Eden, announced that Tito will formally lunch with Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace during his visit.

THE YUGOSLAV dictator also will be "appropriately entertained by the government," Mr. Eden informed the House of Commons.

Consensus among Britain's religious leaders is that Marshal Tito's visit might be excused if there were any hopes that the British government would try to persuade him to relax the existing anti-religious policies of the Belgrade regime.

However, such hopes were dispelled by Mr. Eden when he told the House, in a reply to a question from William Teeling, Catholic member of the Conservative Party:

"I DO NOT know that I could give approval to an undertaking of that kind, which would be entirely unprecedented. I think my honorable friend will have to rely on Her Majesty's Ministers to express any views they may have or may think it appropriate to express on the wide range of international topics which may be before us."

Catholics, many other Christians, and a large part of the nation generally — to judge by press comment and correspondents — are angry at the development into an official welcome to the Marxist Tito of what was originally a personal invitation from Mr. Eden to visit this country.

Typical of the Catholic attitude was a front page statement in the Catholic Times here which declared that the British Government in inviting the Queen to entertain Tito to lunch "has completely ignored the strong feelings of millions of her subjects in the fore-

front of whom we have 2,000,000 Catholics throughout the Commonwealth."

Mr. Eden invited Tito to Britain late last year as a personal gesture in return for a luxury honeymoon provided by the Belgrade regime in the romantic beauty spots of Yugoslavia. Graciously the status of the visit has increased until it now is as near a formal visit by a foreign head of State as custom permits in the interim period before Queen Elizabeth is crowned.

AS ALREADY announced, Prime Minister Winston Churchill will hold a dinner in Tito's honor at Number 10 Downing street, his London headquarters. Mr. Eden will entertain him at an equally important lunch and all will flock to the Yugoslav Embassy for a return banquet there.

British Catholics will make no demonstrations during Tito's visit. However, special Masses, prayers and Holy Communion are being arranged during the week for the victims of communist regimes, particularly those in Yugoslavia.

Catholic organizations in a number of cities are preparing to publish the true facts of the situation with pamphlets and meetings.

Bishop To Serve Food To Aged

Baltimore, Md. — (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan of Baltimore will personally serve food to aged men and women as part of the observance of the Feast of St. Joseph. The Bishop will be assisted by students from St. Mary's Seminary at the home of the Little Sisters of the Poor. St. Joseph is patron of the Institution.

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