

College Seniors Sampson Cadet Tests

Sampson Air Force Base, N. Y. — Sixty-five Boston College seniors, representing the largest group of students from one school ever to apply for U. S. Air Force flying training in mass, underwent air cadet qualification testing at Sampson this week in lieu of their regular spring vacations.

Transported to the Central New York indoctrination center early last week by chartered four-engine DC-6 airliner, the students underwent rigid physical and mental examinations prior to preparing to return to Boston Friday afternoon. Those successfully completing the four-day examination will be eligible to commence cadet training shortly after graduation next June.

Departing Monday morning, the group attended a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, D.D., Boston, in the Our Lady of the Airways Chapel at Boston's Logan International Airport.

THEIR PROGRAM at Sampson was identical to that received by all cadet applicants. Pre-test orientation was received by the potential Air Force officers Tuesday morning and the actual examinations commenced Tuesday afternoon when the group underwent rigid physical

observation at the Sampson flight surgeon center.

A day of relaxation was granted to members of the group Wednesday in preparation for mental testing which consumed the remainder of the week.

Included in Thursday's agenda were four hours of written examinations and an afternoon-long psychomotor testing program. Psychomotor testing is designed to measure an applicant's coordination and reflex ability — vital factors in determining potential flying training aptitude.

Evaluation of each man's testing was completed Friday morning and the group returned to Boston Friday afternoon.

Cadet testing officials have announced plans to expand the program to other colleges throughout the nation as the result of substantial savings in transportation costs effected by processing large groups.

All male high school graduates between the ages of 19 and 26½ are currently eligible for air cadet testing.

Home in Elmira For Irish Children



BROUGHT DIRECT from a Catholic orphan home in Dublin, Ireland, Kevin, Theresa, 3, were adopted through Albany Catholic Charities by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Sarsfield now residing in Elmira. Above John A. Maloney, United States naturalization examiner in Elmira talks with Kevin as his sister and new parents watch.

Owego Funeral Rites Held For 3

Owego — Funeral services for one man and two children were held in Owego.

Owego — Anthony Becker, 46, died Saturday in Tioga General Hospital, Waverly. He was born in Johnson City, June 25, 1906. He had resided in Owego since 1945 and lived on Cove St.

The body was removed to the Van Buskirk Funeral Home in Front St., and services were held at the graves in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rev. William O'Brien, pastor, officiating.

He is survived by one son and one daughter, both residing in Youngstown, Ohio.

Owego — Ronald E. Dougherty, 6-month-old son of Ronald and Brenda Drury Dougherty of Candor RD 1, died in the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa., Sunday.

The body was removed to the Estey & Munroe Funeral Home in Park Street. Prayer services were to be held in St. Patrick's Cemetery. The Rev. Augustine Zabawa, O.F.M., substitute pastor at St. Patrick's Church, officiated.

Besides the parents, survivors include a sister, Mary Ellen; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Drury of New York City, and Mrs. Isabel Kotula of Richford.

Sarsfield Couple Adopts Boy From Dublin Orphanage

Happiness radiated from the small face of 4½ year old Kevin Sarsfield as he stood before U. S. Naturalization examiner John S. Maloney in Elmira last week and realization came to the little lad that he would soon be an American citizen and be able to stay here permanently with his adoptive parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Sarsfield, members of St. Patrick's parish.

Kevin was adopted by the Sarsfields two years ago through Catholic Charities of Albany where the family formerly resided. He was obtained from a Catholic orphanage in Dublin, Ireland.

MARY THERESA now three years old has been with the Sarsfield family for a year. She was also placed with the family through Albany Catholic Charities and came from the same orphanage as Kevin. The children are extremely happy in their new home where they have been a source of great joy and comfort to their new parents, especially with the fine rich brogue that was a delight to hear.

Sarsfield is associated with the New York State Employment Service. He is a graduate of Christian Brothers School, Albany and attended Siena College.

George Henkel Rites Held At St. Mary's

Cornwall — George Henkel, 66, of 78 E. First St., prominent retired business man, died Monday, April 13, 1953 in Cornwall Hospital. He was born in Wayland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Henkel. He had been a resident of Cornwall for more than 50 years and had been associated with his brother in the shoe business for 33 years. Mr. Henkel retired in 1944. He was a member of St. Mary's Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Barbara Pfeiffer of Columbus, O., and Mrs. William H. Welch of Cornwall; one brother, John of Cornwall; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from the home Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. and at 9 o'clock in St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Seems Strange
Truth isn't stranger than fiction—it just seems a stranger because many do not recognize

Expelled By Reds Priest Continues To Convert

Hong Kong — (NC) — A Franciscan missionary priest who was expelled from China in 1951 has uncovered a fertile field for Chinese conversions just the same.

He is Father Eleutherius Van Hoye, O.F.M., who discovered some refugees interested in Catholicism working in the Ma-On-Shan iron mine near Hong Kong. The prospects for missionary work there looked somewhat bleak, as Protestants had labored there for three or four years with little success, but Father Van Hoye refused to be daunted.

With the aid of the Papal Internuncio to China, Archbishop Anthony Riberi, and the Catholic Welfare Committee of China, the priest opened his little church and two rooms near the mine ten months ago. And with the help of a zealous catechist, himself a minor, he has been able to convert 200 persons already baptised, 125 confirmed, and 50 others receiving instruction. Many of the converts come from the ranks of well-educated men who fled the Red terror on the mainland and are now working in the mines.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester: Sunday, April 19—St. Lucy, St. Theresa, Rochester; Assumption, Mt. Morris; Calcedonia; Canastota; East Bloomfield; Transfiguration; Waverly.

Transportation Issues
Providence, R. I. — (RNS) — A hearing on permitting bus transportation for pupils of a Catholic parochial school in nearby Cranston, called by State Education Commissioner Michael F. Walsh, was adjourned here with no decision reached.

Coming Rites Held For Thomas Keenan

Cornwall — Thomas Earle Keenan, 16, son of Mayor and Mrs. George E. Keenan of 94 E. Fifth St., died unexpectedly Friday, April 11, 1953. The young man met his death while a passenger in a car which was involved in a collision on Route 17.

Born in Cornwall, Thomas was a graduate of St. Mary's School and at the time of his death was a junior at Cornwall Free Academy.

Besides his parents he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. John Ward of Placerton, Calif., and Mrs. Jack Dalton of Bradford, Pa.; one brother, James, at home; his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Keenan of Cornwall; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held from the home Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and at 10 o'clock in St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Half-Million Poles
London — (NC) — There are now a half-million Poles in the British Commonwealth countries, according to the 1953 Polish Yearbook published here.

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Owego — Robert Clark Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark Jr., 25 Chestnut St., died Wednesday night at Ideal Hospital, Endicott. He was born early Wednesday morning.

A prayer service was held at the VanBuskirk Funeral Home, Front St., Rev. Augustine Bawars, O.F.M., officiating. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, Thomas David Gardner, at home; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Noonan and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gardner.

Buffalo Labor Chief Named For Award

New York — (RNS) — Charles Halloran, president of the Buffalo Federation of Labor, A.F.L., has been named by the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists to receive its Quadragesimo Anno Medal.

The award, given yearly to the person adjudged to have done the most to "promote the basic principles of the papal social encyclicals," will be presented to Mr. Halloran at the Association's 16th annual communion breakfast here on Sunday, April 26.

The Association said that Mr. Halloran's "devotion to the highest ideals of the labor movement, and his everyday exemplification of those principles contained in the papal encyclicals, have won him a state-wide reputation and have made him one of Buffalo's most prominent citizens as well as one of its leading trade unionists."

Buffalo Memorials
Name — (RNS) — Officials of the National Library reported they had introduced a number of previous labor union and membership records in their possession, at the request of the Irish gov.

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ND Law Dean 'Lays Down Law'

Chicago — (NC) — Students at Notre Dame's College of Law better get their walking shoes and alarm clocks in order. There will be no more choosing classes with convenient classrooms and late-morning schedules, according to an announcement by Dean Joseph O'Meara, Jr.

The elective system has been virtually abandoned at the Law School, Dean O'Meara told Chicago area alumni. Citing "absurdities" resulting from the students' power to select their own courses, he recalled stories of collegians who never signed up for a class which was taught 9:30 in the morning.

That sort of "coddling" is over, above the second floor or before the Dean stated.

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