

ELMIRA CATHOLIC HIGHLIGHTS

Catholic High's Crusaders go down in defeat in their final tilt. Last Friday night, two buses transported the Varsity and Varsity squads along with the cheerleaders and a few faithful rooters to Auburn. The Varsity game was won by the Holy Family team in a stirring contest as the home court seemed to be the deciding factor.

The Varsity teams took the floor at approximately 8:30 and it could be immediately seen that Catholic High's was a formidable foe. Throughout the game Holy Family held a large advantage on the scoreboard as the Crusaders initially shot team could not get their hands on a rebound.

But credit can be given the Crusaders for their unceasing valor. Though hopelessly beaten in the fourth quarter, who held the upper hand could not be told in the faces of the Catholic High players.

THE CATHOLIC HIGH team of '53-'54 was not a great team, but it was a very, very credit to the school.

Monday saw the school closed into the morning session of the school day and an assembly on safety in the afternoon. The assembly consisted of two

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PRENUPALS AT Communion Breakfast of Mgr. John J. Lee Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians held at Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira are: (from left) seated, Rev. Albert V. Ryan, speaker; Thomas F. Coggins, president and Rev. Joseph M. McNamara, spiritual director; standing, Matthias Feinell, Cornelius J. Milliken, Jr., co-chairman.

Irish Will Live Forever In Faith, Hibernians Told

Members of Monsignor John J. Lee Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elmira attended a Communion breakfast last Sunday morning at the Mark Twain Hotel following reception of Holy Communion by the group at the 9 o'clock Mass in St. Peter and Paul's church.

The Rev. Albert V. Ryan, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church was the guest speaker. (Text of his address starts below.)

Thomas F. Coggins, president, Cornelius J. Milliken, Jr. was toastmaster, Matthias Feinell was co-chairman of the breakfast with Mike and

Thomas F. Coggins, president, welcomed the group.

Text of St. Patrick's Address By Father Ryan

In the next few days, a great deal of fact and fiction will make the rounds of banquet tables and dining halls as people all over the English-speaking world celebrate the feast of Saint Patrick. Thus it has always been and thus it always shall be; and, indeed, thus it should be.

Because no name in history provokes a more sympathetic remembrance than that of Saint Patrick; and no people are remembered with such touching memories as those made famous by this Bishop of the Catholic Church. Today we need speak no panegyric of the saint.

Rather we will recall a few of the incidents in history that will make this people always to be remembered, in order that you and I who glory in the past may be mindful of the challenge that that past presents to us; in order that you and I may carry on the long traditions handed down to us.

The impartial historian today bears witness to the fact that even in pre-Christian times the Irish were not unlettered or untutored; but were a people with quick wit, ready intelligence, and fine culture. They had their laws, their literature and their art. They had their national assemblies in the far-famed halls of Tara.

TO THIS PEOPLE came the great apostle to their nation. Before kings and sages he stood and told the simple story of Christ, impressing on their honest hearts the story of the Gospel. And he it said for the eternal glory of that people, that the seed fell upon good ground and brought forth fruit abundantly. Not in tears, and sorrow, and blood did he have to sow the seed of the faith, but rather his work took on the nature of a triumph rather than that of an apostolate.

Gladly and with reverence the nation received the faith. The gospel spread rapidly through the land. From north to south, from east to west, it spread until the whole island had been wrapped in its holy flame and that too, a fact unparalleled in history, without the shedding of a single drop of blood to accomplish the divine task. Although in later years that blood would be poured forth generously to defend the holy Gospel.

The land that had been long denied the blessings of the Christian faith became transformed and retransfigured under the influence of Christ's messenger. And in his own lifetime, he saw it as a garden in the wilderness of the world. The long-standing prejudices of the Druids were dispelled and in their place took the reign of Christ, the King. And soon the whole country echoed the praises of Almighty God.

Then, as if by magic, there rose up in the island monasteries, schools, colleges, and universities to which came the intellectuals of the land. If Saint Patrick had made it an island of saints, his followers would make it an island of scholars.

FOR THREE centuries after his death Ireland ruled the world. Every city became a city of schools, and every school a

center of learning. Students came from the land beyond the sea; they came in ever-increasing numbers, speaking every language, wearing every costume. They came to take in the lore of antiquity from the lips of Irish masters, in Irish seats of learning on the good green soil of Ireland.

Meanwhile, all Europe had become the theater of strife. War came over the land, and the barbarian hordes darkened the horizon of civilization. Impending ruin threatened the refinement and culture of civilization and peace had almost left the earth.

In Ireland alone the light of intellectual learning continued to flame and the sun of holiness continued to send forth her beams. The nations came to worship at her shrines, and study at her schools, and specialize at her universities, and enrich themselves from the storehouses of her learning. In a word, they came to go; to go back and proclaim to the world that in those unfortunate days in history, Ireland was the island of saints and scholars.

She became the missionary of civilization, of learning, and of sanctity. Her monks rose up and walked forth with the Gospel in their hands and Christ in their hearts, despising every danger and death that they might carry the light of the faith and science to the barbarian who overran Europe; lifting up their minds and hearts, opposing the spirit of the world of war, and binding men together with the bonds of brotherhood, religion, and learning.

IRISH MISSIONARIES have left their impress on the nations of the world. There come to mind the names of Columkill in Scotland, Columbanus in France, and Gall in Switzerland; these and thousands more come to mind reminding us that in the long history of the Church there is no more glorious chapter than that which tells the story of the Irish apostolate.

And the picture changed. Sedition has the world witnessed the scene of tragedy that follows. Bright had been her days, and now dark would be her nights. Ireland had gloried in her Transfiguration, and now, through sorrow, she would learn the meaning of Calvary. The drums of war were sounded and death and destruction became her portion. The Dane and the Norseman drove on her shores and when they leave they leave nothing but destruction for her. For 240 years she knows nothing but sorrow.

THIS IS THE TIME of the Dark Ages. When intellectual learning on the Continent sinks to a new low; when the light of the faith grows dim in Europe; indeed, it seems that civilization itself will be lost. But through the blood and the tears, Ireland holds fast to the faith, and the Irish monks in the monasteries

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St. James Cagers Split At Owego

Waverly — St. James Varsity to play St. Patrick's five this week and brought home a split decision with the varsity five being 48-43, and the local jayvees winning 50-21.

The local varsity got off to a bad start and never did catch up as Owego held period leads of 17-11, 27-17 and 37-23. High for the winners was Thompson with 19 points, Russ Fahey had 15 and Bob Payne 12 for the losers.

St. James jayvees lead all the way with Mike Leary and Bob Cortright each hitting for 12 points and Jim Gay getting 10.

Waverly — Waverly St. James church two varsity teams won their opening round games in the annual Rochester Diocese tournament play and this weekend will compete in the winners' bracket at Rochester for the championship.

Varsity team No. 1 which has been playing regularly scheduled games in the Catholic league, defeated Immaculate Conception of Ithaca 32-27. Jack Schaefer had 13 points for the winners and Augustine netted eight for the losers. Bob Payne, a St. James regular was lost in the first period when he suffered a mouth injury.

St. James No. 2 squad, comprised of Waverly high school jayvee payers, defeated St. Ignace of Hornell, 50-38, to advance to the Diocese winners' bracket. Jack Hunsinger had 21 for the winners and Edgmond got none for the losers. All St. James players saw action in this one as the starting five piled up a 17-4 first period lead.

The St. James team lost its game to St. Francis of Auburn, 45-42, in an overtime. The score was tied at 39-all at the end of the regulation time. Mike Leary with 18 points and 14 by Jim Gay paced the losers and Basile was high for the winners with 15. The St. James five will enter the losers' consolation bracket in the Rochester tournament play.

All three teams will leave at 7:00 o'clock Saturday morning from St. James Church for Rochester, by chartered bus.

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Waverly KC Plan Degrees, Honor Veteran Mothers

By ELIZABETH TUCCINAHAM

Waverly — The Knights of Columbus, Council No. 251, met Tuesday evening at their rooms in the Albertson Memorial Building, Waverly, to complete plans for the degrees, Grand Knight, Richard Coeman, presided.

The First Degree will be given to approximately 25 candidates on Tuesday evening, March 23rd, at 8:00 p.m.

On the afternoon of Sunday, April 11, at 2:00 p.m. the first and second degrees will be put on. The Waverly Degree Staff will preside at both degrees.

Following the dinner, Mrs. Florence Korrigan furnished entertainment.

John Hughes and John P. Laux were honored as fifty year members and Dr. John M. Higgins as a forty-one year member.

Dr. Higgins gave an interesting discourse on the Knights of Columbus, their position as citizens, and their loyalty and patriotism to their country and church.

On the committees were Harold Brennan, chairman, assisted by Thomas Rynone and Joseph Nunan. The ticket committee was composed of Harry Schreck, Kenneth Rimbey, Daniel Haas and Angelo Smith.

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