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Precious Blood Church Maps Drive For School

A campaign for \$25,000 to build a parish school, long a dream in Most Precious Blood Parish, will be inaugurated on Tuesday, March 1, according to the Rev. Sebastian Contegiacco, C.F.S., pastor.

The drive for funds to build the school will be launched by the parishioners by His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey at a dinner on March 1.

PLANS FOR raising the needed funds were made at a meeting in the rectory on Lexington Ave. at St. Peter's on last Thursday evening. An executive committee comprising members of the parish and Father Contegiacco met with the Very Rev. Magr. John B. Randall, to formulate plans to conduct the campaign.

Most Precious Blood Church in charge of the Fathers of the Precious Blood will have been in existence 25 years on March 2. As a fitting celebration, the parishioners are planning for a ground breaking ceremony for the school which is expected to be started early in the spring.

Edward Siebert was elected campaign chairman with James Huthner and Joseph Zammie as division leaders.

Need of the school as in other

'Flying Bishop' To Visit St. Michael Mission House

Conesus — Bishop Leo C. Arkfeld, S.V.D., the six-foot-three "Flying Bishop" of New Guinea, will visit St. Michael Mission House, Conesus, on Tuesday, Feb. 15 and will confer the Brother Postulants' collar on a new class of ten.

The Bishop who has quadrupled his missionary work in New Guinea through the use of an airplane now makes a ten minute flight in his Cessna 170 plane across a coastal mountain plane to a bush village. The same trip took a day and a half prior to the plane service.

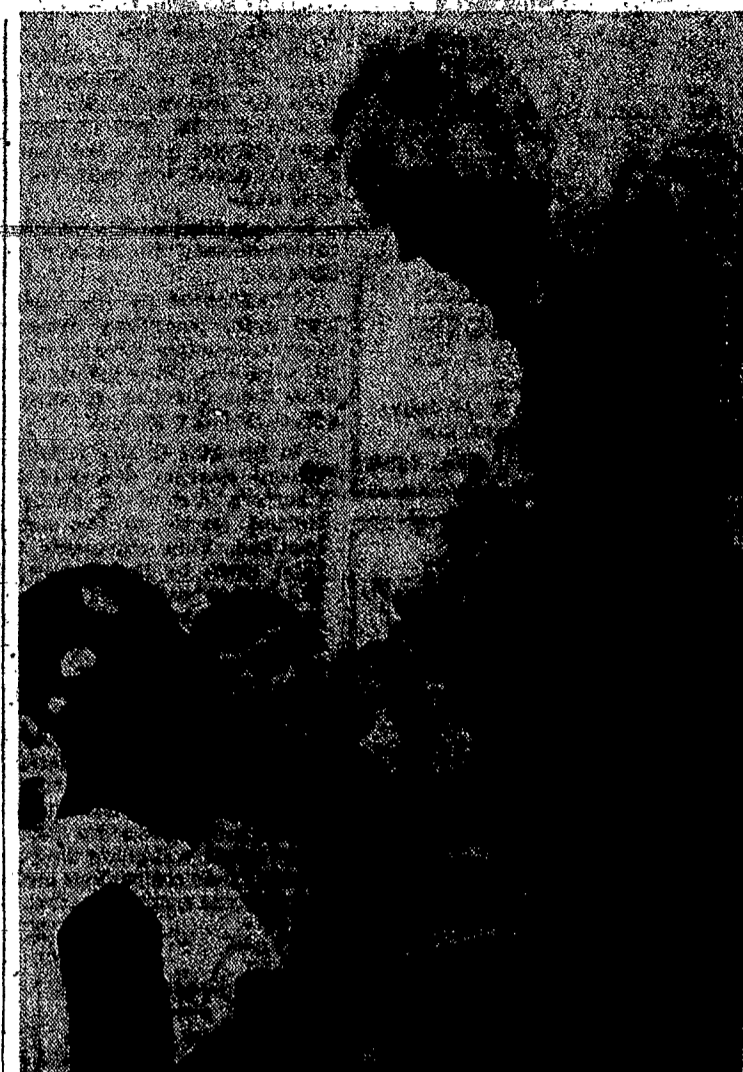
Bishop Arkfeld, now 42, learned to fly in Australia in 1948, a few months before he was informed by the Holy See that he had been chosen Vicar Apostolic of New Guinea. He has since put in 2,000 pilot hours and has flown about 250,000 miles above his jungle-covered diocese.

THIRTY OF HIS 33 central stations have an adjoining landing strip cut out of the jungle by native Catholics, 400 to 600 yards long.

Bishop Arkfeld, eldest of 10 children, hails from Panama, Iowa. He was ordained at St. Mary Mission Seminary Chapel, Techny, Illinois in 1943. Immediately after ordination he left for New Guinea. In 1949 he returned to the States for his consecration at the hands of His Eminence, Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago.

The postulants to receive the collar are: Bernard Gagnon, Burlington, Vt.; Larry Harris, Louisville, Ky.; Patrick Hogan, Philadelphia, Pa.; Michael Lavie, Atlantic City, N. J.; Karl Lederman, Syracuse; John Vasilovic, New York City; James McFarland, Brooklyn; Joseph Vibbert, Mendham, N. J.; John Richmond, N. J.; and Arthur Manthey, North Tonawanda.

The postulants will receive the collar at St. Michael's Mission House on Hemlock Lake, Feb. 15, to receive 10 Brother Postulants.



NATIVES OF NEW GUINEA receive Holy Communion from Bishop Leo C. Arkfeld, S.V.D., missionary who will be at St. Michael Mission House on Hemlock Lake, Feb. 15, to receive 10 Brother Postulants.

Hibernians, Auxiliary List Seventh Annual Banquet

Seventh annual Commodore John Barry Banquet sponsored by the Monroe County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Seneca Hotel.

Principal speaker at this year's banquet will be His Excellency, Bishop Kearney. Many other civic and religious leaders of the city will be in attendance at the speakers' table.

One of the highlights of this year's banquet will be a presentation of Irish Dances under the direction of Mary Corby. Children who have been tutored by Miss Corby in Irish dancing will present several plays and reels.

Rev. Michael P. O'Brien, chaplain, will be honorary chairman.

Other committee members include Eileen Clifford, Bride Shanahan, Florence O'Neill, Betty Nelson, Dorothy Enright, Helen Wenzel, Francis O'Brien, Anne Shanahan, Mary Bierschmidt, John Nelson, Paul Shannon, Arthur McGee, James Flynn, Rose McMahon, Michael Calnan and Edward Hennessey.

MEMBERS OF THE Genesee Club of the Genesee Settlement House look at photos of activities of other organizations at the 1954-55 organization. From left are: Michael Pruski, George DiCarlo, Thomas Lamm, Charles Valle and Raymond Mataro. The club meets for two hours a week at the Settlement House and have full use of the facilities there at all times.

Genesee Settlement

Club Offers Companionship For Oldsters

By PAUL CONTESTABLE
Members of the Oldsters Club of the Genesee Settlement House, Rochester, look to their weekly meetings as eagerly as General Motors stockholders await the annual meeting of GM's Board of Directors.

The group is composed of men and women ranging in age from 72 up with most of them about 84 to 85 years of age. They meet each Monday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Genesee Settlement House on Lake St., an agency of the Rochester Catholic Charities.

All of these people live alone and speak very little, if any, English. They are mostly of Italian descent and many of them are welfare cases.

This meeting for two hours a week is the only social life these people know and each week they look forward to it more eagerly than the last. To them it is their life.

DIRECTED BY Jack Adorante, a staff member at the settlement house, and Mrs. John Ferraro, who volunteers her time, the club engages in an afternoon of cards, watching television, and talking followed by a coffee hour.

Games and talking seem to be the favorite pastimes. Many of the members cannot even play for themselves and depend on others to play their cards for them. Yet they sit close by with excitement in their hearts as each number is called.

While viewing one of the games, Mrs. Angelina Piccone,

one of the members, came rushing over, bursting with excitement. In her hand she held a plastic dress ornament. Although I couldn't understand a word she said, her happiness was definitely evident.

Later Mrs. Ferraro translated what she had to say. Mrs. Piccone had won the ornament while someone played for her. She said she was very pleased with her prize and wanted to show it to everyone. The ornament was of the type that could be purchased in any ten-cent store.

NO CHARGE is made for the membership in the club and all food and prizes are donated. Organized about eight years ago by Mary Louise Ermatinger (now Mrs. John Piccone), the club serves the members not only socially, but also aids them in any other way possible.

Often the members will ask help in getting some form of work. Whenever phone calls are necessary to the doctor or elsewhere, Adorante or Mrs. Ferraro will give their assistance. Many of the oldsters have trouble at times interpreting the normal troubles around the house. Mrs. Ferraro states, and she will try to clarify the trouble for them.

ALL FACILITIES at the settlement house are available for the group at any time. The main problem of the club presently is transportation. A definite decline in attendance is evident each winter as distance and slippery side-

walks keep many of the group at home.

Highlight of the activities the club has to offer is the birthday party held for each member. This is usually the only observance these people have of their birthday and it is a heart-stirring event as the honored person blows the candles out on the birthday cake and all the members join in with a chorus of "Happy Birthday."

THE ABSENCE of gifts during this event is consoled in the fact that the love and friendship of other members is present and best wishes are in abundance. These gifts are truly the most prized possessions of each and every member.

The second biggest event on the calendar of the Oldsters Club is the Christmas party. Movies are usually shown and whenever possible, individual gifts are presented.

Sick members are remembered frequently with cards signed by the entire club. Although most projects are difficult, if not entirely impossible, a few simple projects such as the boxing of Christmas candy are actively undertaken by the group.

Here in the Oldsters Club is found a feeling of unity, love, and companionship, probably unexcelled in any other organization in the diocese. To these people it is not a matter of material wants but rather a desire for companionship which they have sought and found in a brief two-hour weekly visit.

Father Tynan To Speak At Annual Communion

The Rev. John W. Tynan, S.J., dean of men at St. Peter College, Jersey City, N.J., and veteran of two world wars will be guest speaker at the eighth annual Communion Breakfast of Monroe County Chapter, Catholic War Veterans on Sunday, Feb. 27.

The Catholic War Veterans and Auxiliary members will attend Mass to be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in St. Joseph Church, Rochester at 7:30 a.m. The breakfast will follow in the Sheraton Hotel at 9 a.m.

PRESENTATION of the annual award for the Outstanding Catholic Layman and Laywoman of the year will take place at the breakfast. Recipients will be Perry J. Fink of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and Mrs. Ruth J. Hepworth of St. Augustine Parish.

Father Tynan, guest speaker, served as Chaplain in World War I and II according to the breakfast chairman, Fred DeMare, commander of Sacred Heart Post, C.W.V.

A RESUME, Father Tynan was

Irish Societies Slate Benefit

United Irish Societies will sponsor a Polio Benefit dance on Saturday, Feb. 5 at Hibernian Hall, 48 Alexander St. The Polio Pearse dance will entertain with four hand reel, jigs and hornpipe in native costume. Eileen Clifford and Nancy Fahy will render songs of the Emerald Isle.

Two orchestras will furnish music for dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. All are invited.

REV. JOHN W. TYNAN

formerly director of the Sclerotic Station at Fordham University, was dean of men at Fordham from 1936 to 1943 and pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, New York City from 1946 to 1951.

He is a member of the American Legion, the Military Order of Officers of World Wars and former Catholic State Chaplain of the New York Guard.

Toastmaster Lewis Smith of Sacred Heart Post will present the speakers.

Frank Witzel of St. Augustine Post is in charge of ticket sales and urges they be obtained as soon as possible to facilitate arrangements with the hotel.

Parish Group Volunteers For Membership Campaign

Inspired by a talk given at the last meeting by Rev. Louis J. Hohman, diocesan moderator of the Apostleship of Prayer, members of St. Charles Borromeo Rosary Society have volunteered to undertake a campaign in the parish to enroll members in the Apostleship of Prayer.

According to Mrs. Earl Burbott, general chairman, this campaign is to be combined with a membership drive of the Rosary Society itself.

UNDER THE general leadership of the officers of the society, Mrs. Burbott, Mrs. Henry Johantgen, Mrs. Matthias Lee and Mrs. Walter Yeager, the campaign will be conducted from Tuesday, Feb. 8 through Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Rosary Society band leaders are enlisting team members from

among fellow Rosarians to stage the house-to-house campaign. Leaders of the drive explain that there is a two-fold objective — first, to enroll all the members of each family who are willing to promise the primary condition of the Apostleship of Prayer, that is, daily recitation of the Morning Offering prayer, and secondly, to enroll as many Catholic women of the parish as possible in the Rosary Society, the only women's organization in the parish.

The final report meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the school hall.

Attendance Hits 500 Weekly

The ne CYO program at St. Francis of Assisi now has an attendance of well over 500.

The program is broken down so that all groups are taken into consideration. The grammar school girls are busy playing volleyball and learning badminton. The grammar school boys are competing to see which team will gain possession of the CYO banner of the week.

For the older high school boys, basketball is the most popular activity and the weekly pool tournaments are also drawing much interest. The high school girls are looking forward to their coming splash party at the CYO pool. Roller skating is proving exceedingly popular with Friday nights being reserved for the high school crowd and Saturdays for the younger people.

Society To Gather At St. Charles Hall

Rosary Society of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece, will meet in the church, Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. for recitation of the Rosary followed by a business session in the school hall. Mrs. Earl M. Burbott will preside. The hostess, Mrs. John Nolan and her committee will serve refreshments. A surprise entertainment is planned.

Exam Slated At Nazareth

The annual Scholarship Examination at Nazareth Academy will be held tomorrow, Saturday, Feb. 5 at the academy, 1001 Lake Ave., Sister M. Agnes Cecilia, principal reminded today.

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