

Hornell Scouts Hear Editor Talk

Hornell — The danger of sacrificing individual ideals for conformity to the crowd was emphasized by James Morse in his talk at the sixth annual Boy Scout father and son communion breakfast Sunday in the American Legion Home on Seneca St.

Morse, managing editor of the Elmira Star-Gazette and Sunday Telegram and Elmira radio commentator, spoke at the breakfast which was sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Ann's Church. There were 150 present.

Discussing the dangers of conformity, Morse said: "Too many of us no longer work, play and live as individuals. We've become members of the crowd, and the unspoken assumption is that the crowd is always right."

"If you remain an individualist," he continued, "you're immediately tagged as a character. Why? Because you don't adjust to the crowd."

"When men give up their moral responsibility to machines and to the crowd, then we have arrived at the state of hell on earth. That's the real tragedy of conformity — to the nameless standards of the group," he concluded.

Francis P. Hogan, industrial relations consultant to the Benevolent Association of the New York State Agricultural and Technical Institute at Alfred, was toastmaster. He presented the honored guests who included Superintendent of Schools Sidney L. MacArthur, chairman of advancement of the Steuben Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America; Fred Janson, field executive of the western district; Steuben Area Council and George Fisher, council commissioner of the western district, Steuben Area Council.

John Murphy, president of St. Ann's Holy Name Society said grace before and after breakfast. John Nazar, institutional representative of Troop 9, welcomed the Scouts, their fathers and guests.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Cub Scout William Jones of Pack 9. James Locker of Troop 9 gave the Scout Oath.

Color bearers and guards from Troop 9 were James Eriq, James Locker, Thomas Argenti and Joseph McCormick of Troop 9 and Kelly Berry, Glen Blake Jr., William Jones and Paul Brozoski of Pack 9.

Troop 9 is sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Ann's Church with Anthony Montemarrano as Scoutmaster. John Jones is Cubmaster of Pack 9 which is sponsored by the Mothers' Club of St. Ann's School.

And they all do receive help. A few are cured of physical infirmities but they all receive spiritual help — the grace to live with their illnesses and problems in the spirit of humility and to accept them as the will of God.

Father Troit's first visit to Lourdes in 1935 had more of an emotional impact with the high bacilla, the vast crowds and the candlelight processions. He added: "On returning to Lourdes, one is struck with the virtue of complete trust in Our Lady which is evidenced strongly among the pilgrims. The faith of the people is almost visible."

"We can apply this same characteristic to our own lives. Our devotion to Mary should not be vague, sentimental and emotional but rather filled with trust. This will bring us closer to God, since she is our mediatrix with Him," he concluded.

Father Troit recommended for Lenten reading "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary" by St. Louis Marie DeMontfort.

The Rev. William H. Hickey, spiritual director of the Steuben Deanery, introduced the speaker. Miss Josephine FitzGerald, deanery president, presided at the luncheon. Devotions were in charge of the Misses Amelita and Elizabeth Brill.

Washington — (RNS) — Cardinal Cushing of Boston talks with other guests at the annual U.S. Air Force Staff Chaplains banquet here at which he was the principal speaker. Left to right are: Chaplain (Major Gen.) Terence P. Finnegan, Air Force Chief of Chaplains; the cardinal; Bishop John Shiohosky of San Francisco of the Russian Orthodox Church and Chaplain L. A. Costello, Deputy Chaplain General of the Canadian Air Force.

Pilgrims Role At Lourdes Told Women

Hornell — Complete confidence in the Blessed Virgin Mary's power and willingness to help them is the characteristic feature of the pilgrims who visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Rev. William Troit told a First Saturday luncheon group.

Father Troit, assistant pastor of St. Joseph Church, Wayland, spent two weeks on retreat at the famed French shrine last spring. He described his impressions at the First Saturday luncheon sponsored by Steuben Deanery, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. It was held at the New Sherwood Hotel.

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THE BOSTON prelate addressed a banquet concluding the annual Staff Chaplains Conference of the U.S. Air Force. Even if Communism were to disappear from the world today, the threat of materialism would remain, the cardinal declared. "Communism is not the entire enemy," he said, "for materialism assumes many forms; some of them entirely outside the orbit of Communism."

In Russia-athelism is militant and organized, while in the United States opposition to religious ideals and spirituality is unorganized and often unrecognized, but none the less deadly, Cardinal Cushing observed. He added:

"With us God is often discarded in education, business, social planning, and politics; the spiritual purpose of life is often obscured; men conceive their destinies in strictly earthly terms and our standards of values become one of achievement in material terms rather than spiritual growth in moral terms. This is materialism, pure and simple; it differs from Communist materialism only in degree, not in kind."

The prelate warned the chaplains that the armed forces are receiving young men who have been "brainwashed by the materialists" and either know nothing of God or "relegate God to a place far removed from the center of life."

America, he continued, must mobilize its spiritual resources as effectively as its military resources if it is to win the struggle. Describing how the military turns recruit-into a skilled fighting man, he urged the chaplains to do the same in terms of ideology.

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Coming Scouts Hold Breakfast

Corning — Addressing about 150 Catholic Boy Scouts and their fathers, Lawrence E. Eyres of Elmira last Sunday morning said Scouting is one of the most important things in the world.

The occasion was the annual Boy Scout Sunday Communion breakfast for Corning area scouts in St. Patrick's Church hall. They had attended Mass and received Holy Communion in a body at the 8:30 Mass at St. Patrick's.

Eyres' talk was an interpretation of Scouting, particularly the slogan, "Be Prepared." He asserted that rules and principles "are just a lot of words until they are put into practice."

Edith Currei Rites In Painted Post

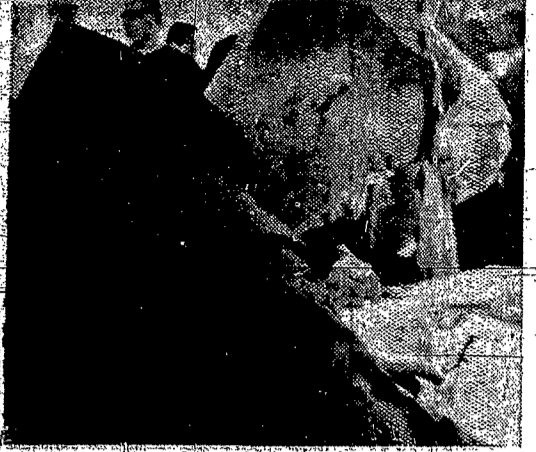
Painted Post — Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Monday morning of this week for Mrs. Edith Viola Currei of 242 Stueben St. The woman died the previous Thursday afternoon, Feb. 5, 1939 at her home.

Prayers were said at the A. V. Belli and Son Funeral Home in Corning previous to Mass. Burial took place in St. Mary's Cemetery in Corning.

Born in Corning, Sept. 4, 1901, Mrs. Currei was married to James Currei in St. Mary's Church in Elmira on Oct. 14, 1919. She was a member of the local Catholic church of recent years.

Besides her husband she is survived by two brothers, Richard of Painted Post RD 2 and Donald at home; a daughter, Mrs. Sheldon Lines of Painted Post RD 2; a brother, Harry Mosher of Corning and nine grandchildren.

Rochester Friar In Brazil Mission



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Father John Fisher Mayer, Franciscan priest from the Rochester Diocese serving in Brazil, signs the cornerstone document for a new seminary dedicated Jan. 25. The seminary will train priests for the archdiocese of Goiania in central Brazil where 26 diocesan priests and 100 religious-order priests care for over 1,000,000 Catholics. This total will be swelled by floods of new-comers about to arrive in the nearby Brazilian, Brazil's federal capital city scheduled to be completed by 1960.

Cancer Victim Gives Eyes So Teacher Sees Again

Seattle — (NC) — Before she died January 15, Mrs. Fred J. (Hazel) Nelson, 40, of St. Anthony's parish, Renton, Wash., donated her eyes to the eye bank of Providence Hospital here.

Because of Mrs. Nelson's selflessness, Justin Paulson, 54, of Kirkland, Wash., now has an excellent chance of regaining good eyesight and resuming her career as a school teacher.

MRS. NELSON had been ill with cancer three years. After learning she could not survive, she donated her eyes to the hospital bank and also submitted to painful tests by cancer researchers at the University of Washington in an effort to help conquer the dread disease.

Mrs. Nelson became too weak to be moved before the tests could begin. But shortly after she died, the cornea of one of her eyes was transplanted to Miss Paulson's left eye. Miss Paulson had been waiting for some time for an eye transplant. Failing eyesight had forced her to give up teaching.

Miss Paulson's surgeon said that the transplant appeared to be even more successful than he had hoped.

New Bishop Studied At St. Bernard's

Washington — (NC) — Msgr. James J. Gerrard has been named Titular Bishop of Bonn and Auxiliary to Bishop James L. Connolly of Fall River, Mass.

Msgr. Gerrard has been Vicar General of Bishop Connolly since 1951.

He attended St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester and was ordained May 26, 1923, in the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Fall River.

Shrine Pilgrimage — San Juan, Tex. — (NC) — More than 5,000 persons took part in a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Valley here.

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Catholic Daughters Hear Speaker

C. A. Mowrey, prominent Elmira Catholic layman, was the guest speaker following the business session held last Monday by Court St. Rita 137, Catholic Daughters of America.

He also told of one of the great indulgences that may be obtained at San Salvatore's church in Rome by ascending the 29 marble steps on knees to the top.

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