

Birth of a Boy Scout Troop

By John Dash

A scrappy band of youngsters recently managed a near-religious rite in the parking lot of Corpus Christi Church.

The occasion was a Flag Day presentation, the children, the newly formed Corpus Christi troop of Boy Scouts, and the presiding elder, Rep. Frank Horton.

They were joined by Dwayne Stevens' Troop 147 from St. Bridget's Church, a group formed this time last year, and members of the American Legion John Onufryk Post, a considerably

older band. In addition, scouting and parish officials were on hand; and legionnaire George Jameson acted as master of ceremonies.

Horton enhanced the sacramental aura of the event by referring in a speech to a rite the day before. That ceremony, conducted by the ladies auxiliary of the American Legion, is called "Retiring the Flag." The congressman described it as a burning of old or worn flags, "so that today, Flag Day, is a new start."

He tied the new beginnings theme into his presentation of a flag to the new Boy Scout

troop, assuring the boys that they and the flag shared in a new venture, one which would generate qualities of good citizenship among them, and which would provide them with wholesome recreational opportunities.

The boys were promised a free trip to Camp Massawepie this summer as part of their formation.

Horton also told the boys that by this time next year they would be shaped up as a full-fledged troop, complete with matching uniforms.

Jameson, who arranged the assembly and who had invited Horton to the event, concluded the ceremonies by singing out Sister Eileen Daly, school principal. It was she, he said, who saved the school from closing a few years back, and who had thus made possible last week's rites.

The new troop received flags flown over the U.S. Capitol from the congressman and the legionnaires and a handmade scouting emblem from the St. Bridget's troop.

George Nalivyk is the new group's scout leader.

ITALIAN MASS

A Mass will be celebrated in Italian at 2 p.m., July 18, at Old St. Mary's Church, to

open this year's "La Fiera Italiana," the civic festival of the Italian community in Rochester.

Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown

... for the 600th anniversary celebration will leave promptly at 7 a.m. on SATURDAY, August 28, and return on SUNDAY, August 29.

Cost of the trip for bus and hotel accommodations is \$59.50. Meals are not included in this cost. For reservations or additional information, please call the rectory (467-3068) Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., or Mrs. Mary Szilag (467-1437) anytime.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Top Spots For Eire Tourists

For most people the best way to travel in any foreign country would be to have relatives or friends familiar with the locale and history who could explain the places. For example, to visit the Roman Forum with no knowledge of its history or actors and its effect on civilization would result in merely beholding a lot of banged-up architecture, pillars, hunks of buildings; but to have Msgr. Richard Burns' gesticulating his explanations would make the Forum come alive.

Here are some tips of places in Dublin which can be overlooked even by expert guides.

The Church of Adam and Eve. Its real name is the Church of St. Francis, run by the Franciscans. But the original place was a pub named "Adam and Eve." In penal days, when the Catholic religion was suppressed, Mass forbidden by law, and priests hunted as criminals, ingenious Irish would enter the pub, go downstairs, and have Mass in the cellar away from the eyes of the British law. After the penal laws were lifted, the Franciscans built a handsome church on the spot, and dedicated it to St. Francis. But all Dublin knows it as "Adam and Eve."

Univerity Church. It was built by Cardinal John Newman off Stephen's Green, opposite Shelbourne hotel. The cardinal's life was full of frustrations, opposition and failures. After leading the Oxford Movement, his studies of St. Athanasius forced him to leave the Anglican Church. Oxford University and beloved friends to enter the Catholic Church in 1845.

He was treated shamefully by many influential Catholic leaders, including bishops and fellow converts. He was invited by the bishops of Ireland to establish the University of Dublin, but was left dangling by the neglect of

the Irish hierarchy. After five years of neglect, he resigned as chancellor and returned to England. Yet as with most of Newman's failures, good fruit came forth. While in Dublin, he produced his world-famous book, "Idea of a University." And a second fruit of Newman's purgatory in Dublin was his building of the University Church, a gem of art and architecture and a shrine of a holy man. When we visited there, Father Raymond Heisel ascended into the high pulpit where Newman preached; and I lit two candles at Our Lady's shrine, one for Father Robert MacNamara of Hornell and the other for Father John Hayes of Aurora-Union Springs, both men devotees of Newman. Strangely enough, the church pamphlet rack, which is poorly supplied, did not have one pamphlet on John Newman. I must write the rector.

Jury's Cabaret. At Jury's hotel, this is a focal point for tourists and is always a joy. It combines Irish music, dancing and humor for a happy evening, and the humor is always without a tinge of smut or suggestiveness.

Hal Roach, the perennial humor man at Jury's, looks like Woody Allen: glasses, nose and all. His humor is hilarious and always clean. So I wrote to him: "I have seen your show over six different years and am always in admiration that your humor is consistently superb, and that it is consistently clean. One could take a convent of nuns to your show with confidence. Thank you."

An example of his humor:

"An Irish girl went to confession and said: 'I went to a fortune teller, Father.'

'Indeed, and what did she tell you?'

'She said I would meet a tall, dark man and go on a long journey'

'Well, I am the tall, dark man, and you are going on a long journey. For your penance make the Stations of the Cross nine times.'



Members of the St. Bridget's troop add color to the flag-presentation ceremonies

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