THOUGHTS FOR CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

GOD'S Newsboys

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Listen, o reader, and learn from the parable of the newsboy.

For sheer dogged persistence the newsboy takes a back seat to no one. A nervy citizen is he, this immature but shrewd custodian of the day's news. He is interested chiefly in making money. Of his printed wares he knows little or nothing, and cares less for them.

Planted firmly on a conspicuous corner, he proceeds to make a public nuisance of himself. Shriil yells, loud enough to menace the stoutest caradrons within the radius of a block, proclaim his presence. Sensational items are cannily bellowed to attract the public eye.

Usually, this is followed by a frontal assault in which he boldly accosts the passersby and offers his wares. For the ladies he has a toothless smile and to the men he presents a cheerful greeting. To his elders he is polite, a uniform rate a flippan salute. These are the tools of his trade.

If the direct attack fails, then, as a last resort, he trails the pedestrian alternately pleading, cajoling... anything to wheel a sale, to win or influence a customer.

This parable of the newsboy recalls to us the fact that February is Catholic Press Month. The Catholic Press is God's Newspaper syndicate, bringing the salutary rays of the Gospel to all the pedestrians of Life's way. The Faithful are God's newsboys.

This does not mean that you, too, should stand on a conspicuous corner and roar till you have attracted notice or have been politely excoriated from the vicinities by a rugged guardian of the law.

No! Not by a long shot! Nor does this mean that you should lend your lonely way from house to house, bravely wathering glances and weathering chilly replies.

All that is required is a little intelligent work on your part. Give a lax friend a good Catholic book. Point out an interesting item in a Catholic paper to one who is indifferent. The defense or explanation of a truth that has been twisted is a good opportunity to present an authoritative Catholic magazine article.

Everywhere — at work or play or school, when you visit or shop or travel — countless opportunities present themselves to spread the faith by spreading Catholic literature. Remember, you are God's newsboys. Good newsboys never allow an opportunity to pass. DO YOU?

Quts West Point To Join Jesuits

Denver, Colo. — The country may have lost a brilliant future military officer when Cadet James C. Sunderland of Denver left the U. S. Military academy at West Point to enter the novitiate of the Jesuit Fathers in Florissant, Mo. He received, however, a commendation from the commanding officer of the famed academy, who said: "I am happy to have one of my men leave the army for something higher than West Point."

An early stage in the history of the development of the Catholic press is illustrated in the above drawing which appeared on the cover of the February issue of The Foreward, official publication of the Catholic Literary Foundation. The original drawing was made by Virginia Broderick, Catholic artist.

Religion Upheld In Ill. Public Schools

Champaign, ll. — The right of the city of Champaign to teach religion on public school property during school hours was upheld Jan. 26 by a three-judge court.

After four months of study, the court denied the petition for mandamus filed by Mrs. Vashii McCollum, the 32-year-old wife of a University of Illinois professor.

Mrs. McCollum contended the schools had no right to teach religion on school property, even though students in the religious classes could not enroll without the written consent of their parents.

The mother of three children, Mrs. McCollum contended that her 10-year-old son, James Terry McCollum, was "embarassed" because other students took the courses but he did not.

Both she and her small son professed atheism.

The decision of the court, which Mrs. McCollum had indicated would be appealed if she lost, has far-reaching effects.

Bavaria Return Religion to Schools

New York — Religious instruction will again become a regular subject in all schools of Bavaria, according to a statement made by Dr. Hoegner, Bavarian Premier. Dr. Hoegner was quoted as saying that “the freedom of the Church has now been fully restored in Bavaria”, following passage of a law to regulate the relations between Church and state.

The Munich radio asserted that this law aims at ending the "unbearable situation" created by the Nazis in Church and school affairs. It quoted Dr. Hoegner as saying that forthwith it will be up to parents and guardians to determine whether an elementary school should be a denominational or an inter-denominational school.
COMMENTARIES

Edward J. Kubatis

A recent broadcast, Walter Winchell — that vociferous watchdog of our homes and liberties, and who practically single-handed saved us from the menace of Nazism — warmed the granite cockles of your columnist’s heart.

We personally don’t have the time to watch the sixteen different back doors through which the enemies of mankind are trying to sneak in, so that we could loudly slam them down. That is why it reassured us no end to find out that, though we’re too busy, good old W. W. is right there on the job! No one is going to pull a fast one on us while Wally’s sniffing around for any potential Fascists or Nazis!

We shudder to think at what might have happened if Winchell had not exposed the diastardly plot! It seems his spies — and the Spanish port discovered an American ship delivering American — made guns and ammunition to the Spanish government! Whatever firm in the United States pulled that treacherous deal (and with the permission of the U. S. State Department, too — can you believe it?) should be exposed immediately and tried for sedition — or something. Because those guns and that ammunition were not being sold to Spain for any good purpose — you take W. W.’s word for that. Anybody who done what they were brought for the Spanish Army, and what need does any government in Europe have today for a well — armed army? Everybody’s happy and contented throughout Europe and everything is under control everywhere; that is, except in Spain. But Winchell is now watching the Spanish government very closely, so we need have no worry on that score.

Anyway, W. W. has exposed the whole thing. And, also because we’re still too busy to take any steps in the matter, we’re glad that he anticipated that and has already made a demand, in our name, for an investigation of the whole thing: What’s that? You don’t believe Walter Winchell is representing us? He certainly is, because last Sunday night he informed us over the radio, “In the name of 130 million Americans, I am demanding a federal investigation of this matter!”

We haven’t been able to find our copy of the letter we sent Winchell, giving him permission to make a demand to mission to demand federal investigation in our name. But that’s a small detail and doesn’t really matter. We are sure that Winchell has such letters of permission to speak in their name from the rest of the 130 million Americans.

This opens up vast new possibilities for us being able to straighten out a few matters that are still bothering us, but for which we don’t have the time to demand federal (or even international) investigations. We’re planning to turn the whole job over to Winchell. We are sure that, with his reputation for being a fearless defender of the rights of all people to freedom, he will see that justice is done and that all the enemies of man’s liberties are exposed over the Jergen’s Lotion program or in his daily column.

We are going to send Winchell a few suggestions of our own about conditions in certain countries of Europe which cause our agents to fear investigation by him. Winchell is a busy man, and that’s probably the reason why we’ve never heard him mention these countries yet.

We decided that the Baltic countries — Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia — were as good as any others to start with. We have been reading and hearing reports that the people of these countries are not happy and satisfied. The war’s over, so why shouldn’t they be happy? There’s something wrong somewhere — probably a bunch of dirty Fascists stirring up trouble and discontent! Anyway we’re going to ask our friend Winchell to investigate and found out what’s wrong.

P.S. You think this is funny? You ought to read and listen to Winchell sometimes.

TALKING IT OVER

MAN TO MAN

When a farmer uses a tractor to pull his plow and plow and plow and plow, we do not feel that he owes the tractor any; thing. If he would use the tractor he must supply it with water and gas and repair broken parts. Beyond that, he has no obligation. He may use it twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, or he may let it stay idle. He may put it in a garage, or let it rust in the rain. If he permits it to rust, we blame his foolishness, but accuse him no further.

Suppose the man uses mules for his work. We expect the mules to get better treatment than the tractor. They must have hay and water, but also some time to rest. If he doesn’t provide warm stalls for wet, wintry nights, we accuse the man of cruelty to animals. In short, we demand better treatment for mules than for tractors.

There was a time, even in our own land, when men owned not only machines or animals, but even other men. Those days of slavery, we hope, are gone forever; but let us look back on them for just a moment and ask ourselves a few questions. What treatment should a slave owner have given his slave? The same he gave a machine? The same he gave an animal? The answer is too evident. How then should he have treated his slave? It is enough to treat a tractor as a machine, a mule as a mule: but a slave must be treated as a man. It is not enough to give him sufficient food to keep him working. It is not enough to give him a night’s sleep under a roof. A man must be given the things that become a man. He must be given food, clothing, a home, certain frugal luxuries, and, above all, time to devote to his family and his God. Unless he gets these he is being robbed of his God and his family.

The days of slavery we said are gone. Strictly speaking, men are no longer owned by other men. But in our larger age men sometimes work for other men in such a way as to be almost as dependent as were slaves. What then does the employer owe to these men? Does he not owe to them all these things that enable a man to live as a man, good clothing, and home and shelter for himself and his family, plus certain comforts and sufficient time to raise his family and provide for his children? The employer owes to the employee not the treatment of a machine or of an animal, but the reward of a treat. He owes him a LIVING WAGE.

GOT $2,000 HANDY? The U. S. national debt will total $275,000,000,000 by July 1 of this year, according to Secretary of the Treasury Vinson, who ought to know. This would be about $2,000 for every man, woman and child in the nation. — (VP. Photo)
K. O. L. CIRCLES

K. O. I. CHICAGO DISTRICT NEW OFFICERS

During the annual K. of L. Chicago district meeting, held SUN- DAY, JANUARY 13th at the Immaculate Conception school, newly elected district officers assumed their duties. The newly elected officers for the year 1946 are as follows: REV. STANLEY GAU- CHAS, Spiritual Director; VINCENT ED. PAVIS, President; VINCENT RIKUS, 1st vice-pres.; JACK JUOZAITIS, 2nd vice-pres.; VIRGINIA KVIETRUS, secretary; PEGGY ZAKAR- RAS, assistant secretary; STANLEY SIMULIS, treasurer; ED- ward Binišius, KASTAS ZAROMSKIS and PEGGY ZAKARAS trustees.

Annual reports of the previous officers were submitted and accepted. From the financial report submitted it appears that the K. O. F. BUILDING FUND at present is worth $1,575.00. The general treasury balance beginning the year was $725.81.

The wheels were set in motion for the forthcoming traditional K. O. F. DAY at Vytantas Park, which takes place every year on the FOURTH OF JULY. A planning committee was elected and JACK JUOZAITIS appointed chairman. This year, be- sides the K. of L. Day committee selected by the district, each council and the Seniors group will be requested to select representa- tive committees from their groups to augment and formulate one general committee in order to insure the greatest K. O. F. Day in history.

St. Casimir Day traditional rites will be observed this year at ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH (north side), SUNDAY, MARCH 5th. Mass of K. of L. Council 5 will be held for the day. Impres- surve service at 9:30 A.M. The newly reorganized K. O. F. DIS- TRICT CHOIR will sing the Mass and several appropriate hymns, under the guidance of LEONARD SIMUTIS Jr., Choir director.

K. of L. members from every council and the seniors organiza- tion are requested to make preparations to attend. During the day selected K. of L. members will be invited into the fourth degree — Order of St. Casimir. This year, according to reports, many are eligible for the award.

The choir committee reports that the choir group is steadily growing. Regular rehearsals are held every TUESDAY EVENING at the WEST SIDE HALL, 2244 WEST 23rd PLACE, with LEONARD J. SIMUTIS Jr. directing.

The desire to move the spirit in the Chicago district organiza- tion. Where a year ago only two councils were active, today, there are five active councils and the Seniors organization in the district. The returning boys from service have added spark to the old K. of L. life in the Chicago district.

The next REGULAR MEETING of the district organization will be held on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, again at the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH SCHOOL (Brighton Park), meeting early at 1:00 p.m. in order to compete business- matically and then in a body attend the "DRAAGAS" ANNUAL CONCERT at ST. AGNES AUDITORIUM, on Archer Ave. and Rockwell St. The CONCERT will begin at 4:30, DANCING from 6 p.m. to 12:00.

K. O. F. SENIORS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Members of the newly elected Board of Directors of the K. of L. Seniors organization having met on Wednesday evening, January 16th, in the Youth conference room adjacent to Stanley Pieza’s office in the Chicago Herald-American building, elected for the current year the following list of officers: REV. IGNAȚIUS ALBUVICS, Spiritual Director — (re- elected); LEONARD SIMUTIS, Grand Vice-pres. — (re-elected); STAN- LEY PIZZA, — (re-elected); IGNAȚIUS SAKALAS, Excent- sive vice-pres. — (formerly 2nd vice-pres.); OXA ALEJUNIENЕ, 2nd vice-pres. — (former’s trustee); VINCENT ED. PAVIS, sec- re. — (re-elected); VINCENT RINKS, fin. sec. — (re-elected); KASTAS ZAROMSKIS, treasurer; EDWARD BINIŠIUS, — (re-elected); KAZIMIERA PATRUNKA, secretary; JOHN BRAZUKAS, sergeant-at-arms. MRS. ALEJUNI- ENĖ was also elected as officer, correspondent, DR. AL. M. RUKŠAS, JOHN KASKIS, PETRAS ELIZABERTIS, and LADIS- LAMIE complete the roster serving as Officers of the newly formed Seniors executive Board of Directors.

For the ensuing year the following were named as members of the Seniors ritual committee: JOHN A. KASKIS, chairman; JOHN BRAZUKAS, VICTOR BLANDA and PETER CIBULSKIS.

The following were named as members of the Seniors entertainment committee: JOHN A. KASKIS, chairman; JOHN BRAZUKAS, VICTOR BLANDA and PETER CIBULSKIS.

K. O. F. SENIORS BANQUET PLANS PROGRESSING

WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 6th, in the spacious

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MARIANPOLIS NEWS

REV. ALBERT BROGUS, (JC'39), has been transferred to St. Philomena's, Hawley, Pa. and REV. F. JASKUS, (JC'39), to St. Mary's, Mt. Pocono, Pa.... PETER ZARKAUSKAS, (HS'44), is a ‘40 member of the Conception Nebr., Capt. Anthony Astin, U.S. M.C., (HS'36), is in charge of the Marine Detachment at Dartmouth College. He attended the Marianopolis-Plainfield football game at Marianopolis, November 23. N. R. He is engaged to Mae Boileau of Worcester, Mass. ... REV. WALTER KARAFEKAS, (C'41), is a curate at St. Norbert's church in Pittsburgh, Pa. ... REV. ALBIN SHEPHERD, (C'39), is doing post-graduate work in the School of Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD C. CUSHING of the Boston Archdiocese has appointed REV. A. JANSONIS, (HS'37), to St. Stephen's, Boston, Mass. and REV. J. BERINATZ, (C'39) to St. Bridget's, Marlboro, Mass. ... CPL EDWARD DZIRA, (HS'44), a member of the U.S. Air Corps, has been awarded three Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious service in the E.T.O. ... REV. BENEDICT MARSHALLS, (C'39), was recently transferred to Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. ... SIT. BALYS LAUKCA, (C'41), has returned to the U.S. after two years of service in India.

ANTHONY J. KIRKIL, 8C(23), (HS'42), has been overseas for 18 months and is presently a member of the occupation forces in Japan ... REV. A. ATKONIS, (JC'40), is now studying at the Catholic University of America. He is majoring in Musicology. Early in November, twenty-three sons of the basketball team reported to Coach "Jerry" Ryscavage. The veterans of last year's team are A. Brunakas, J. Kripas, A. Klierkevics and L. Dugulis. Games yet to be played are:

Jan. 18 - Tournament at Groenoverdale: Feb. 1 - Cole Trade at Southbridge; Feb. 5 - Open; Feb. 8 - Putnam H. S. at Thompson; Feb. 15 - Stafford H. S. at Stafford; Feb. 19 - Cole Trade at Thompson; Feb. 26 - Plainfield at Plainfield.

EDWARD GALEVICHIS, who was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and five battle stars — Normandy, Northern France, Belgium, Rhineland and Ardennes, has returned to his home in Worcester, Mass. (JC'44). ...ビル・COLONNA, (HS'40), a former M.P. Sergeant, was an U.S. Army Investigator in the E.T.O. His duty was to investigate sabotage, black-market activities and crimes committed by U.S. soldiers. He had some interesting experiences: worked with the famous Scotland Yard Police.

Ready For Action — Write Now!

Many requests are now being made to the Senate and the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES by Americans aiding those countries seeking independence. American Lithuanians also have the best opportunities now to help secure Lithuanian independence, for righteousness and prosperity and every true American can profit. Therefore, now is the time to request support and aid of those in position to act immediately, in securing a just peace.

Now is the time to write and remind them that Lithuania, is among those countries who have found to rid of tyranny and are now awaiting independence. A postcard letter, better reading as follow would be achieving our aim and proper:

TO THE SENATE
We hereby request you to support and vote for Senate Resolution 49 which is based on the Four Freedoms and the principles of the Atlantic Charter, and which urges the President and the Secretary of State to devote their efforts to the restoration of a free Lithuania.

TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
We hereby request you to support and vote for House Resolution 399, which is based on the Four Freedoms and the principles of the Atlantic Charter, and which urges the President and the Secretary of State to devote their efforts to the restoration of a free Lithuania.

In writing we not only show our interest in Lithuania the land of our forefathers but also in our government and the moves it makes toward foreign policies.

Why not take out a pen and paper to write immediately?

Want To Have A GOOD TIME? Then be sure to attend the Draugas

VALENTINE DANCE
FEB. 10, 1946
St. Agnes Ballroom Archer & Rockwell St.
Music by BOB PHILLIPS and His ORCHESTRA

Clean Movies

Movies are, beyond a doubt, one of America's "top forms" of entertainment and relaxation. And, since they are that important in our lives we should be more discriminating than we have been in the past.

So much has already been said, by more able persons than I, that I won't dwell too much on that point. I'll use this just as a reminder that it's up to us, the CATHOLIC movie-going public, to see that we get the clean movies we're always waiting to see. No one else is going to do our cleaning up for us.

But before doing anything else, let's start with ourselves. Let's not go to see just any old "trash" just for the sake of going to a movie. Be choosy.

Do your part; try to keep a current list of motion pictures reviewed and classified by the National Council of the Legion of Decency. Glance at it occasionally, and let it be your guide to better and cleaner entertainment.

She used her lipstick with the unconcern of a cat washing its face.

Isabel Patterson

Lith Major Leaguer Is All Star

Detroit, Mich. — Barney McPherson, Lithuanian centerfielder with the Detroit Tigers baseball team and currently discharged from the U.S. Army, has formally "announced as being engaged to Miss Jane Malick, Michigan State U. senior. The exact date for the wedding has not yet been announced.

O. A.

Canada Loses Noted Lithuanian Athlete

Ontario, Canada. — After spending twenty years in organized football competition, Anna Stiskus, one of Canada's all-time "greatest" has hung up his cleats for good. "Big Slate" leading point-getter in the service and the Ontario football Union League for the past two or three years, had enough and wants to devote his time to writing.

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