



Wadesboro. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur R. Freeman, vicar-general of the Diocese of Raleigh, conducted the ceremony of blessing the cornerstone and foundations of Sacred Heart Church here on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 20th. The 250 people present, largely non-Catholic, and witnessing a Catholic ceremony for the first time, were deeply impressed with the centuries-old ceremony of the Church. Msgr. Freeman was assisted by Rev. J. F. Hudson, Rev. Thomas McSvoy of Monroe, Rev. Maurice McDonnell, pastor of St. Peter's Church in Charlotte. Rev. Philip Tierney, Rev. John Kells, Rev. George Lynch, assistants of the two Catholic Churches of Charlotte. Sacred Heart Church, now under construction, will be a mission of the church in Monroe, both under the direction of the Fathers of Mercy in New York. Rev. J. F. Hudson is the pastor. The church is the gift of the Horne family.

Catholic News Roundup

Evil Press Condemned

St. John, N. B., — Special —
—The most deadly of all weapons employed in the assault upon God and His Church, Christian faith and morals is the "evil" press," Bishop P. A. Bray of St. John, said in a pastoral letter. He declared: "Lying newspapers, suggestive pictorials, filthy magazines not only suppress and distort the truth but also corrupt the mind and heart by appealing to depraved passions and by gilding vice and pagan living to make them look respectable and attractive."
The Bishop counseled that it is the "plain duty" of Catholics to shun the "corrupting influence of bad reading matter" and to strive with all means in their power to promote "the Catholic Press in its influence for good by putting a Catholic paper in as many non-Catholic centers as possible."

Woman Aids Archbishop

Los Angeles—(NC)—An American mother of 13 children saved pennies to help finance the education to the priesthood of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb, central figure in the recent trial in Yugoslavia. A West Los Angeles woman has told the story—the donor was her mother—to The Tidings, weekly of the Los Angeles arch-diocese.

On her death bed in Clyde, Missouri, in 1928, Mrs. Emile Havlik called her family and told them how over the years she had scraped a sizeable fund to be used for the education of a priest. Members of the family gave the money to the Benedictine Sisters in the Missouri town, who sent it on to the Pontifical German and Hungarian College in Rome. Soon Miss Alice Havlik—now Mrs. Alice Sutton, of West Los Angeles—received a letter from the Rev. A. Rauch, S. J., vice-rector of the college, saying that a former army officer named Aloysius Stepinac had been selected to benefit from the unexpected gift.

Father Rauch described Aloysius Stepinac and his background to the Havliks in his 1928 letter. He told how the boy's mother had

fasted three days a week for 30 years in order to obtain the grace of the priesthood for Aloysius, the seventh child of 11 in the family. (Reports from Yugoslavia state that Bishop Joseph P. Hurley of St. Augustine, Fla., regent ad interim of the Apostolic Nunciature at Belgrade, blessed the 75-year-old mother of Archbishop Stepinac following the sentences passed against her son.)

"The times in Yugoslavia are bad," the Jesuit educator wrote. "The conditions at home are not rosy . . . Mr. Stepinac welcomes your help most gratefully. His case is certainly an extraordinary one. He promises to become an excellent priest who will do you great honor."

The Tidings carries a copy of Father Stepinac's letter to Mrs. Sutton written shortly after his ordination in 1930. In it the Yugoslav priest who was destined to personify the sufferings of the Church under the Tito regime declared: "During these days of grace I have often thought with a grateful heart of all the good people who have helped me on the way towards the altar; among these your mother takes a prominent place. She was an instrument in the hand of God to bring about a great work and I feel sure that in heaven she is enjoying the reward for her charity towards a poor priest."

Mock Trial Protested

Pelham, N. Y.,—(NC)—United in protest against violation of God-given human rights by the Tito regime in Yugoslavia as shown in the conviction of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac and his co-defendants at their trial in Zagreb, war veterans and Protestant and Jewish leaders here joined with Catholics at a Mass meeting at which a petition was forwarded to President Harry S. Truman.

Some 800 residents of this community signed the petition requesting President Truman to "use every legitimate means" in bringing about the liberation of the Archbishop and his fellow defendants, who were "unjustly tried and sentenced." The petition also urg-

ed upon the President that the United States Government adopt "a policy of complete firmness toward the government of Yugoslavia" and insist that the Tito regime "carry out its commitments of guarantees of civil, political and religious liberties."

The meeting was held in Pelham High School and was sponsored by the Kenneth Hart Muir Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the St. Catherine's Post, Catholic War Veterans of America.

Among those who signed the petition and addressed the meeting, were Bishop Francis X. Ford of Kaying, China, a Maryknoll Missioner; William L. Chenery, publisher of Collier's magazine; the Rev. Dr. Willard Soper, rector of the Huguenot Memorial Church, Pelham; Louis S. Breier, program director of the American Jewish Committee, and Joseph Calderon, chairman of the Bronx Round Table Conference of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Veterans Enter Orders

Holy Trinity, Ala. — Special—
(NC)—There are 14 ex-servicemen among the 98 students who have arrived here to study for the priesthood at St. Joseph's Preparatory Seminary conducted by the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity. These young men, who represent all branches of the armed forces were welcomed by the seminary's director, Father Athanasius Goode, M.S.S.T. The ex-servicemen are: William A. Nickerson, Somerville, Mass.; Jas. E. Reilly, Long Island City, N. Y.; Raymond J. Van Stone, Brooklyn; Lawrence J. Peters, New Orleans; John J. Segadelli, Arlington, Mass.; Robert J. Murphy, Lakewood, R. I.; Adam Kaizmir, Bayonne, N. J.; Vito V. Ferrara, Hoboken; Charles V. Haiss, New York; Ralph K. Searles, Riverdale, N. J.; Herbert P. Price, Louisville; Edward H. Corner, Philadelphia; James P. O'Bryan, Jackson, Miss.; and Pasquale D'Angelo, Elmhurst, N. Y.

At the present time we have records of over five thousand chained books in eleven Protestant and two Catholic libraries.

Catholic Rural Life

A COLUMN FOR FARMERS

Mounted on dark plush and held firmly in place by the plate glass facing of the sturdy picture frame, there they were—twenty-five new silver dollars arranged in a large XXV.

Ordinarily twenty-five dollars are just one quarter of a hundred dollars, but these twenty-five dollars spelled values that cannot be measured in silver nor even gold. They were the gift of the fifteen children of Mr. and Mrs. Salm on the occasion of their Silver Wedding.

Martin is a man to know, and a great many people do know him. From 1937 to 1944 he was Farmer Field Man for the AAA and since 1945 census area supervisor of the Department of Commerce for Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

From these facts it might be surmised that Martin is a graduate of at least the State Agricultural College. Such, however, is not the case. He is a farmer on a quarter section (160 acres) who finished the eighth grade at St. Mary's Parochial School, Chilton, Wisconsin, where he also took piano lessons from one of the Sisters. Another year's study of music later on qualified him for a position in an orchestra in which he played evenings after work on the farm. He still plays the piano when time permits.

People who still speak of the farmer as an ignorant, backward hayseed only reveal their own abysmal ignorance. Not all farmers hold jobs on the AAA or the Census Bureau, but a great many resemble Martin in other respects.

On his 160 acre farm he follows a three-year cycle of crop rotation. Alfalfa and clover cover a field for two years after which it is pastured for one year. The field is then plowed for a one-year corn crop or canning peas. The following year sees the field in sugar beets, after which it is seeded to small grain, oats, and clover to supply hay and later pasture while other hay fields are returned to cultivation.

The feed is used right on the farm for the herd of 28 Holsteins which are the cash producers on Martin's Chilton Dairy Farm. Only the high protein content feed is bought.

To keep his fields fertile, in addition to the AAA allotments of lime and fertilizer he adds five tons of phosphates, potash, etc. and the manure from the barn yard; and it should be recalled that his system of crop rotation provides a considerable amount of humus building matter. All this calls for no small amount of knowledge in economics and managerial techniques.

Martin, like every real farmer, emphasizes the fact that while he must have crop and livestock for cash, the really important part of a farm is the garden both to save cash and to provide the best nutrition. Martin has a 1 1-2 acre garden. Half of it each year is covered with a legume or a green manure crop to keep the soil fertile and friable. The other half produces all the vegetables and fruit needed for the large family. The family has a large refrigerator with a quick freeze unit and enjoys such items as fresh sweet corn on the cob any time of the year.

This, of course, is not one percent of the story about the Salm homestead. At least fifty percent of the whole story would center around Martin's "better half" who sees to it that all the cooking, baking, canning, cleaning, washing, and sewing, etc., are so managed as to leave the members of the family time for recreation.

In her, Martin finds a real rival when it comes to management.

Nothing has been said of the fifteen children, those married, the one in the armed forces, one in the seminary, another in the convent and those at home. But that would require a book, just as interesting books could be written about thousands of other farm families over the nation. Martin and his family as a typical example reflect the better side of American life. America can be proud of them.

—(Rev.) Anthony J. Adams, S. J.

Amongst the distinctions of the CATHEDRAL OF SIENNA, ITALY ARE:

- THAT IT IS BUILT ON THE SITE OF A PAGAN TEMPLE;
- THAT IT IS COMPOSED SOLELY—INSIDE AND OUT—OF MARBLE IN THE COLORS RED, WHITE AND BLACK, AND, DESPITE ITS MAGNIFICENCE, THAT IT IS BUT THE TRANSEPT OF THE IMMENSE CATHEDRAL PLANNED FOR THE SITE UNTIL THE PLAQUE OF 1348 PUT AN END TO ALL FURTHER BUILDING OPERATIONS!

The late FATHER WILLIAM KENT OF BAYSWATER, LONDON, knew 57 languages and could speak 40 of them—yet he had been outside of England only once in his lifetime!

A motor car with a string of blue beads hung over its bonnet is a common sight in Palestine.

THIS THE MODERN SCIENTIFIC MENTIONED—SUGGESTED TO THE GREATEST OF EASTERN FIRES—THAT OF THE EVIL EYE FOR WHICH BLUE BEADS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THE ANTIDOTE!

THE SMALL SMALL VOICE, usually attributed to CONSCIENCE is a phrase which we derive from the Danish version of the Bible. (1 CORINTHIANS)

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