

PARISH CORPS WINS NATIONAL HONORS

It was a happy throng of people that welcomed the St. Stephen's Drum and Bugle Corps back home, last Sunday night. The boys had taken part in the national Amvets Convention Parade in Boston, where they had competed together with 38 other bands from all parts of the country. But this was not another simple return home, for this time they brought back with them the national senior championship.

The boys left Passaic on Friday morning after having gone to Mass and Communion. That night in Boston they won the Championship. Upon their return, they immediately went into Church, where Father Gaspar held services of thanksgiving. After services, they went into the school building where refreshments, prepared by some of the parents, were served them.

While the championship was won by them as a unit, we feel that special congratulations should be extended to Rudolph Furst, their instructor, and to Paul Bacsardi, their Drum Major. But certainly, we wish to congratulate every member of the Corps; for without unified cooperation, this honor would not have been possible.

On Monday morning, Mayor Morris Pashman came to the school hall to pose for a picture with the boys and to congratulate them in his own name and that of the Board of Commissioners.

The corps was sponsored by the Louis Lombardo Post # 13 of Garfield and the New Jersey State Amvets. Julius Miller, a member of the Corps and State Vice-Commander, was at the Convention. Father Molnar, too, had made the trip with the boys. It was he and Bill Jurkofsky who bore the glad tidings to Passaic a day previous. The Corps won the championship banner, a \$500.00 War Bond, and will also get an engraved trophy. They will defend their title next year at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

FOR THOSE FOR ARE INTERESTED

A queer lot of people we Americans are getting to be! Perhaps without realizing it, we have been rubbing elbows with sin and vice so long, that we have become used to it. There was a time in our country where a proven bad character would be run out of town, but now some of us even pride ourselves in knowing someone with a questionable reputation.

The Kefauver Crime Investigation stirred up a lot of interest. Perhaps, even you took off from work to watch it on TV. But have you as a Catholic American citizen done anything to throw out crime? We read accounts in the paper on sex murders with a type of morbid delectation. But have you tried to do anything about it?

We read about dope peddlers and users with a warped feeling of sensationalism, but have you done anything about it.

We read about our elected representatives in office sometimes getting into difficulties because of questionable political maneuvering, but have you tried to do something about it? Perhaps, you are asking: "What can I do about all this?" Perhaps there isn't much you can do right now for America, but there is an awful lot that you can do to insure a decent, God-fearing and respecting America for the future.

How can you do this? Your children are the future citizens of this land. If you do everything within your power to prepare them for this tremendous responsibility then you are correcting the ills of America. This is done by giving them a Catholic education no matter what the sacrifice. By making them better Catholics you make them better Americans. This preparation can only be given in a Catholic school, where they will learn right from wrong. You owe it to your God and country to prepare a future America that will again run crime out of the town.

FELLOWS, MEET WILLIAM HUDAK

On August 1, 1914, the stork made its sixth out of eight visits to John Hudak and Mary Ritoch. This had happened in Wallington, and after the baptismal water had trickled off his head, the little baby was to be known as "William". Bill attended both #2 and #3 schools there, finishing in the former.

Then Bill entered East Rutherford High where he played football, baseball, and was captain of the track team. After school Bill became a truck driver and eventually worked in a Beef Company. It was while on this job that he met Mary Lang, who became his wife at this parish on Nov. 16, 1940, from which union there is one child, Thomas, age 5.

Shortly thereafter Bill went into the army where he served for 32 months, mostly in Europe. He has three campaign ribbons and a unit citation. Even while in service, Bill could not leave sports. He played with a few big-leaguers on the team that won the Air Base Championship. Even before this he had played semi-pro football, baseball and softball.

After leaving the army, Bill had his own business for a while. Shortly thereafter he became employed by the A.&P. with whom he still works.

In his limited spare time, Bill engages in his only hobby - teaching his son to play baseball, and if his little one can ever hit a ball like his pop, he'll be quite a player.

Bill is a very modest, hard-working lad. Those of us who have come to know Bill have come to love him. If there ever was a man with a golden heart, that man is Bill. He is the first to volunteer his services for anything, but not merely does he volunteer, but his helping hand is certainly well felt. He is definitely not a man of words, for he is most quiet, but he is a man of action. He has made quite a reputation for himself as a chef. We only hope that we have you with us for many, many more years, Bill.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 10 - Holy Name Meeting - 8 P.M.
Urgent for all members to attend.
12 - Bowling League meeting
at 8 P.M.

ANNIVERSARIES

- Sept. 10 - Francis Swinarsky -
Birthday
28 - Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Tyukody - 11th Wedding
Anniversary

WEDNESDAY NOVENA SCHEDULE CHANGE

A large number of our parishioners have said that the only reason the attendance is not better at the English Novena was the fact that it was held too early. In order to oblige them, beginning next week, September 12, the schedule will be changed to the following:-

7 P.M. - Novena in Hungarian

7:30 P.M. - Novena in English

If those who attend the services can get their work down and still make the novena on time, there is no reason why the other can't. We owe it to God to show the proper respect to the Mother of God. The Catholic who feels he is doing enough by giving the one hour at Mass on Sunday, is certainly far from being a good Catholic. God could never do enough for us. We can never do enough for God. Let's see that attendance grow from now on. God will make the time you spend in Church well worth your while.

CALLING ALL BOWLERS!

On Wed. nite, Sept. 12 at 8 P.M. there will be a very important meeting of those who wish to take part in our bowling league for the current season. We welcome back all those who played last year, and we extend an invitation to all others to join up with the rest of the boys. It certainly will be a welcome once more to see the lads steering the ball all over the alley. Come down to the meeting, and after that, it will be: "Set 'em up on alley one!"

A word of congratulations to Steve Volman; he recently became a proud poppa. You might ask him about the fifteen other men who are helping to support his baby. Ah, yes, baseball is a wonderful sport, huh, Steve?....Congrats are in order for the parents of Frank Wasko, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. May God bless and keep them for many years to come....Bill Hudak reports that his Father-in-law is home from the hospital and that's good news.... If you missed the Holy Name picnic that was held recently, you sure missed something. With Bill Hudak as the Chef and Tony Cerny as the chairman, it was a foregone conclusion that it would be enjoyable. The turnout was fine, the food even better, and so we all had a swell time. Militello's training as a runner came in handy, what with his son chasing all over the place....Doc Johnson was there, too. Our spies inform us that he and a couple of the boys held a long "consultation" at one of the tables off to the side. All the patients survived....The women enjoyed sitting around and being waited on hand and foot by the other halves....All in all, the men, women, and the little ones had a swell time. It's a shame we can't have more of these get-togethers more than once....The monthly Communion for the Holy Name men will begin next month. So don't forget to hand in your names a week in advance to Tony Cerny. Let's have a good attendance at the first one!...A side applause for those members of the Drum and Bugle Corps who also belong to the Holy Name. Nice going, men. We certainly are proud of you. ...Incidentally, ask Paul Bacsardi about how he sent the boys to Father Molnar's hotel room, the night they won the championship.... Did you see Joe Sipos' picture in the paper lately? Boy, is he photogenic! Nice going, Joe, you're doing a fine job in the Community Chest work....Next month is a big one for Emery Staudinger. Yes sir, finally, he is going to get himself married. We'll be there, boy....

Well, I trust you had a nice Labor Day week-end and are prepared to settle down to business again. I'm certain Margie Barany is (mon-key business, that is)...Say did you get a look-see at Elvira Molnar's new fall hat? Sharp, eh? By the way, what channel did you say that "antenna" - oops! - I mean feather was tuned in for? Never mind, gal, I bet the "reception" is darn good, huh?...We were glad to hear about the splendid vacation Marion Barton, our roving reporter had at Massachusetts. Ever since her return she's sporting a mighty mischevious grin. Tell us, lass, wot happened? (Is he cute?)...Well, once again Betty Sabo is engaged in a temporary "Diaper Service". Her sister, Irene (Mrs. Ed Salamon) gave birth to a lovely baby boy a few weeks ago. We're mighty happy for the Salamons and don't kid yourself; Aunt Betty is happy, too!...Say, have any of you guys or gals seen Claire Zimmerman lately? I haven't in ages. Drop around sometime, Claire; we're always glad to see you...Well, head for the hills, folks. One of our gals just got her "driver's license" and knowing her exceptionally well - all I can say is, "When in need of transportation, you can always CALL A TAXI!"...Yes sir, our parishioners sure are talented. Al Petro really gave the csardas a mean going-over at our last Church picnic. He had the ladies really hopping. (Wore out a pair of soles, too.) Guess he was just "up in the air" because he didn't win all the prizes that were raffled off...A few weeks ago Gloria Winter and Rosie Eslinger attended the Summer School of Catholic Action in New York as guests of the Senior Sodality. From all reports, they had a grand time, and if I know Rosie, there was plenty of "action" to say the least. We're hoping more of our girls will look into this next summer...A word of welcome to Irene Bechi who has been attended most of our activities lately. We hope to see more of her in the future....If you have any news, please hand it in at the rectory.

For the past two years, the Holy Name Society has been sponsoring a Pig Roast Night during the month of September. Following the suggestion of our past patrons, it was decided best to hold this Third Annual Pig Roast on Sunday, October 21st at the School Hall. John Militello is the Chairman, and he urgently requests that all members of the society give a helping hand on that night. It is only with the full cooperation of the membership that success can be insured.

As in the past, dinners will be served from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. only. No dinners will be served after 9 P.M. At that hour all the tables will be removed so that we can the entire auditorium can be used for dancing. The music will be furnished by the Haddon Hall Orchestra, which will play both English and Hungarian Music. We ask the patronage also of the other Parishioners and their friends. More next month.

THANKS, COMMISSIONER MARTINI!

In the name of the St. Stephen's Drum and Bugle Corps, we wish to express our sincere gratitude to Commissioner Nicholas Martini for the city's permission to use the Park in front of Pope Pius High School for rehearsals. Through his kindness, the boys are able to have the space they need for practicing their drills. This is not something new, but merely other indication as to the interest that Commissioner Martini has in St. Stephen's. Thanks again, Commissioner!

SOCIETIES RESUME MEETINGS

On Sunday, Sept. 16, both the Hungarian Branch of the Holy Name Society, and the Altar Society will resume their regular meetings. Both meetings will begin after the 3 o'clock Benediction services. We ask all members to attend, and we invite other members of the Parish who do not belong to these societies to join them. May God bless both societies and help them to continue their fine work.

In any Parish as large as ours, it is important for the members to become better acquainted with one another so that they can work in closer harmony for the benefit of the Parish Family, and also that they might utilize to a greater extent the advantages of Parish Family Life. For this purpose we have many different types of Parish organizations, one to suit every taste.

Sometimes when Parishioners are asked to join one of these societies, their answer is: "I don't know any of the members." Such a person fails to realize that unless he joins the society he will never get to know the members of the Parish. Each Parishioner owes it to himself and his Parish to take an active part in one society at least.

For the older women there are the Rosary Society and the Altar Society. For the older men, there is the Hungarian Branch of the Holy Name. For the younger women, there is the P.T.A., which is an organization not only for those who have children in the school but for all women of the Parish. The school after all belongs to the Parish and not merely to those who have children attending it.

For the younger men there is the English Branch of the Holy Name. For the youth of the Parish, there is the C.Y.O. For young girls there is the Senior and Junior Sodality. For the young boys, there is the Boy Scouts together with the Altar Boys' Society. For those boys and men who are musically inclined we have the Drum and Bugle Corps. So no matter what your age or sex, you will find some club to suit your taste.

Please do not wait for a personal invitation. As a member of St. Stephen's you are always welcome to join any of these organizations. But above all, join one of them. Many a member has been a bit reluctant to join, but once they met the members they were more than pleased and sorry that they had not joined sooner. Just find out at the rectory when the meetings are, and then make it a point to be there. We are sure you won't regret it.

THE KIDDY CORNER

By now all of you boys and girls are back at school. I suppose some of you are happy to get behind the desks while some of you are sorry that the summer vacation is over. But no matter how you feel, all of you are back with your book bags. Because some of you like to study and some of you do not like to study, I thought it would be good to remind you of a story, I used to read when I was a little boy.

The story was about an ant and a cricket, if I remember. When winter was getting near, the ant was very busy getting food and putting it away in his house, because he knew that when the winter would come, he would not be able to get any food outside. Everything would be covered with snow and so the ant would not be able to get food. And so way before winter, he began to collect his food and put it away in his winter house. He was smart. But the cricket was not so smart.

The cricket only looked for a good time. All he did was play and sing all day long. The ant told the cricket to be smart and put away his food for the winter, but he never listened and just kept on playing and singing.

But then when winter came, was that cricket sorry. While the ant had nice food to eat, the poor cricket had nothing to eat. But this was his own fault, he wasn't smart.

Well, some of our boys and girls are smart like the ant, but some are not so smart, just like the cricket. Now what do we mean and why did we tell this story.

Now most of you are very young and do not know everything, and so the older people try to tell you what to do and what not to do. Your good father and mother tell you what to do if you want to be happy when you grow up. Your priests and sisters tell you what to do, too. The smart boys and girls will listen, and when they grow up, they will be happy that they listened. But some boys and

girls will not listen, and boy, will they be sorry when they grow up.

That is why we want you to study now while you are at school so that when you grow up, you will be good and smart. Many times we hear the big people say how sorry they are that they did not study when they were in school, but then it is too late.

God wants you to study too, because that way we can know Him better, and love and serve Him more. That way we will be better children of his, and we will also be better Americans.

Your father and mother want you to study well, too. Why? Do you think that if you are smart and study that you are doing a favor for your father and mother. Oh, no! Yes, they will be proud of you, but they want you to study so that it will help you when you grow up. The smarter you are, the better job you will get. The smarter you are, the more you can do for your friends and other people.

So now that school has opened again, make up your mind that you will study hard. Do not listen to the bad boys and girls who tell you to forget about your homework and only ask you to play all the time. You can play, but that comes only if your schoolwork is finished. Those boys and girls who don't study maybe think they are smart, but just wait till they grow up, boy, will they be sorry. Just you wait and see.

Everyday when you get up, in your morning prayers ask God to help you study hard during the day. Ask Him to help you when the studies get a little hard. He will help you, because He loves you very much. Just try it and you'll see how much He will help you. But above all, study now while you can. Be a smart ant; not a lazy, dumb cricket, and you will be a very happy and good boy or girl when you grow up. A boy or girl who studies will never be sorry later on.

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NEW KINDERGARDEN REMODELED

With the growth of our School, it was necessary to remodel a new Kindergarden classroom, which is now located in the ground floor of our building at 215 Third St. Father Gaspar has spared no expense in having the rooms, three of them, properly repaired and appropriately decorated. With this change another room was made available for the newly organized seventh grade which brings our

present student enrollment close to 260 children. This number will still grow because some children have still not been enrolled. We owe a tremendous debt of thanks to the P.T.A. for their wonderful work in the past. We are convinced that their zeal and achievement will increase as the months go by, and with it will increase our gratitude. We join in prayer that God may continue to shed His blessings on everyone who is in any way connected with our school.

Iskolánk megnyitott és, hála a jó Istennek és a szülők kitűnő közreműködésének, minden pad gazdára talált. Ez így helyes, mert az Egyházközségünk jövőjét neveljük, ápolgatjuk és biztosítjuk hetenként hat nap. Akik velünk és mellettünk felnőnek, azok nagy korukban nem felejtik el az ő kedves iskolájukat és gyönyörű szép templomukat. Az ovodát meglehetősen elkellet helyezni 215 Third Street alatt, mert jelentékenyen többen jelentkeztek, mint várni lehetett volna. A jó Gondviselő szeretete folytán a jövő évben aranyjubiläumünk lesz. Ez évben szeretnénk kétszer lenni mindennel, az építkezéssel is. Mivel gyermekeink száma nagyobb, mint iskolánk elbir, kérjük majd püspök urat, engedélyezzen két osztálytermet hozzá építeni a régi iskolához s ha az meglesz, akkor semmi körülmények között nem kell lesz agódnunk, hogy szorulás lesz az iskolában.

Gyermekeink közül, akik távol laknak naponként az iskola autobusszal jönnek be. Mivel az autobusz tulterhelt, a jó szülőket kérem, hogy a nagyobbak a napi rendes autobusszal jöjjenek be. Ha a gyermek szülei egyházközségi tagok, akkor a költséget havonként vissztérítjük, ellenkező esetben az illetékes szülők tartoznak állani a költséget.

A PTA megkezdte működését. Minden hónap első szerdáján este 8-kor gyűlésük van a nagy teremben. Minden édesanya érezze kedves kötelességének, hogy azokon részt vegyen. Saját gyermekéről és lelki családjáról, ügyéről és jövőjéről van ott szó.

Hiveim bizonyára örömmel veszik tudomásul, hogy jövő hónapban újra megindul a 50-50 club. A fiatalok körében egyesület alakult, amely az építkezési alapra szeretne pár centtel hozzájárulni és ezt ebből teremtenék elő. Amellett, hogy havi nem várt összeg állhat a házhoz, egyházközségünket támogatjuk hatékonyan tehát szeretettel kérünk minden családot, hogy ügyüket támogassa és a postán érkező jegyeket szívesen fogadják el.

Most szerda este 8 órakor azok a férfiak és nők, akik a jövő szezonban kuglizni óhajtanak, gyűlésre jönnek össze a kis teremben, hogy a napi beosztásukat átvogják. Jövő hét keddjén megindul a verseny és tart május végéig. Mindenki részére van hely, nemes szórakozás és egészséges testedzés tehát minél előbb jelentkezünk. Nem szükséges hogy valakinek gyakorlata legyen, hiszen mindenki egyszer megkezdte. Akik együtt szórakoznak, azok egymást megbecsülik és megismerik és egész biztosan egymás segítségére lesznek akkor is, ha nem játékról van szó. Az asszonynak is a férjnek is jót tesz, ha hetenként egyszer egymástól vakációt vesznek. Az anyagi hozzájárulás oly csekély, hogy a legegyszerűbb háztartás is elbirja.

Korcsmai "kilógásnak" az egész biztos ellenszere, mert senkinek nem kell egy centet elköltenie a szokásos részvételi díj lefizetése után. A szezon végétével táncal egybekötött nagyvacsorát szolgálunk a tagoknak és feleségeiknek teljesen ingyen. Akik eddig résztvettek, már tudják, mit jelent ez?

Szeptember a lelkiéletben a munka év kezdete. Ahogy ilyenkor indulunk ép úgy haladunk és fejezzük be a lelki évet. Szeretettel kérek minden hivat, hogy valamely lelki vagy közművelődési együlethez csatlakozzék. Ha együtt vagyunk, erősek vagyunk, ha széjjel vagyunk, a legkisebb szellő elfúj.

Hiveim szíves tudomására adom, hogy a szerdai szt. Novénában változás lesz. A fiatal anyák kívánságára az angolnyelvu isteniszolgálat ezentúl félnyolc órakor lesz. Eddig hét órakor volt. Senkit nem akarunk megfosztani a szt. kegyelmektől és ezért volt szükséges e változás. Remélem, az idősebb magyarok ezt megértik és ezentúl nem félnyolc, hanem hét órakor lesznek itt. Az új beosztás már most szerdán, szept. 12-én lép életbe. Talán nem lesz pusztába kiáltó a szavam, ha az új és nemrég érkezett magyar hiveinket újra hívom. A hazáért, annak jólétéért imádkozunk, senki nem várja azt inkább, mint ők, tehát gyerünk és ostromoljuk meg az eget.

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