

# Swallows Fly to Mission Home on March 19th

### Old Mission at San Juan, California, Sees Swallows Return on St. Joseph's Day.

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif., March 19 (UP)—The swallows of the old mission, which haven't missed their annual homecoming on March 19 for at least a century and a half came back on schedule today.

The swallows, which come back on St. Joseph's day—they even hit it in leap year—came in from the ocean shortly after dawn and immediately began chasing out the swifts who occupy their nests through the winter.

Padre fathers for ages have watched and chronicled the arrival and departure of the little birds. Except in very severe storms the flock has maintained schedule. In clear weather they whir in at dawn. A head-wind will delay them until afternoon. But not even a gale holds them here when

departure day arrives in the fall. A squadron of scout birds always arrives to scold the swifts, then it wheels out to sea again to hurry on the main flock, which is so big that it darkens the acre mission patio like a black cloud. The mud nests fill every crevice in the mission buildings.

When the swallows first began their annual visitation to the mission, there were only a few padres, Spanish soldiers and Indians to watch for them.

Today there was a fiesta. There was a special mass by Father Arthur J. Hutchinson, the mission padre; a concert by a children's choir, and a nation-wide broadcast by the National Broadcasting Co. The men and women of the little village that has grown up around old Mission San Juan Capistrano bedecked themselves in clothing of the early California dons.

The mystery of the birds has never been solved. Father Hutchinson, like the Padres before him, has consistently refused any effort to band any of the birds in an effort to trace them. He fears that the disturbance might scare them away. It is legend that the first mission fathers promised the swallows protection and privacy.

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# SOCIAL

### From Thursday's Daily—Attend Church Dinner—

Mrs. V. T. Arn, Mrs. Vesta Clark and Mrs. Edgar Newton were in Union attending an all-day meeting and covered dish dinner at the Baptist church there yesterday.

### Here Visiting Friends—

Mrs. Mable Auchmutie of Omaha, formerly Mable Burch of Plattsmouth, was here today visiting with friends.

### Mynard Homemakers Club—

The Mynard Homemakers club was most delightfully entertained on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. H. Spangler, a very large number of the ladies being in attendance.

The lesson of the day was "Fitting Dresses" and proved most interesting under the clever handling of the leaders.

The club had their election of officers, the following being selected: Mrs. Ralph Wiles, president; Mrs.

Howard Wiles, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Elbert Wiles, musical director; Mrs. Herman Meisinger, reading director; Mrs. Frank Dill, Mrs. Myron Wiles, project leaders.

### From Friday's Daily—Entertain at Bridge—

The bridge club met last night with Mrs. J. V. Hart, Mrs. Emma Egenberger won first prize, Mrs. Frank Bestor, second, Mrs. Emil Ptak, third and Mrs. Frank Bestor the travel prize. Refreshments were served.

### Hold Shamrock Party—

Last night at the Christian church a Shamrock party was held. It was a costume party and almost everybody came dressed in some, fancy, ugly or pretty costume. The played Irish games and sang Irish songs. The committee in charge was Mrs. Hal Garnett, Mrs. O. C. Hudson, Mrs. L. D. McKinney and Mrs. Merritt Kerr. Lunch was served.

### Methodist Circles Meet—

The Naomi Circle of the Methodist

Woman's Federation met yesterday at the church. The circle put some more money on their patch apron. Mrs. William Baird gave the history of an origin of Lent. Mrs. Fred Lugsch gave a talk on cancer and distributed literature. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Lillie, Mrs. Albee and Mrs. Worth.

The Dorcas circle met with Mrs. R. C. Jahrig, with 23 members present. The circle decided to have a covered dish dinner on March 30 at the church. The program consisted of a duet by Shirley Seiver and John Jacobs, accompanied by Jean Knorr, a piano solo by Whipple Leonard, a reading by Elizabeth Ann Wiles, a solo by Stephen Devoe and a piano solo by Mrs. L. S. Devoe. Delicious refreshments were served.

### Gleaners Circle Meeting—

The Gleaners circle of the Methodist federation met at the home of Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, Mrs. Harry White and Mrs. Wallace Warner being the associate hostesses.

Mrs. J. C. Lawson gave the devotionals. Mrs. Duxbury was elected to fill the unexpired term of secretary due

to the removal of Mrs. Ellis Larue from the city.

The program of the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. Frank Barkus and comprised several very fine features. Myrtle Schwenneker gave a vocal number, "Beautiful Dreamer," accompanied by her mother; Mrs. C. C. Wescott gave a review of the life of David; Dorothea Duxbury played several delightful piano solos.

Mrs. Fred Lugsch gave an outline of the program for the nation wide battle against the malady of cancer. There were thirty present and three new members were received, Mrs. R. Broman, Mrs. Homer Splyvester and Mrs. Biggs.

The hostesses served delicious refreshments at an appropriate hour and in which the St. Patrick's day theme was carried out.

### Surprised on Birthday—

A large group of close friends and neighbors of John Rummel joined in a birthday surprise at his home near this city Wednesday evening.

The members of the party after the surprise joined in a most delightful social evening and in which cards proved the diversion, pinocle being enjoyed by several tables of the players. The high score for the ladies was won by Mrs. George Kaffenberger and the low by Mrs. Clyde Graves. The men's high score was won by Fred Nolting and the low by D. M. Babbitt.

Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Rummel and in which the St. Patrick's day spirit was carried out.

### Circles Hold Meetings—

The circles of the St. John's ladies society held their meetings on Wednesday afternoon and all well attended, and owing to the lenten season the social features were omitted.

Circle No. 1 met at the home of Mrs. Elmer Bennett, eighteen being present. There was a business session and a short talk by Father Robert Salmon. The next meeting will be with Mrs. L. E. Egenberger with Mrs. Baltz Meisinger and Mrs. D. Elliott as the associate hostesses.

Circle No. 2 met with Mrs. W. H. Woolcott and seventeen of the ladies were in attendance to participate in the business meeting and to enjoy the lenten talk of Father Salmon. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ray Bryant and with Mrs. John Hiber and Miss Eleanor Hiber as the associates.

Circle No. 3 was entertained at the home of Mrs. Cyril Kalina and as usual the business session was held and a short talk given by Father Salmon to the group. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Emil Lorenz and with Mrs. M. D. Brown and Mrs. Frank Blotzer as the associate hostesses.

### From Saturday's Daily—

### Patrol Meets—

The Ramblers patrol held a meeting Friday evening at the home of Ruth Lawson. An interesting talk on birds was given by Mrs. P. T. Heineman, and Darlene Edgerton gave a reading. A fine evening was spent playing games and Mrs. Lawson served a lunch to the group. Mrs. James Maury and Mrs. Armstrong were present as leaders.

### CALF BREAKS RECORD

OGEMA, Minn., March 17 (UP)—This Becker county village of 250 persons today was proud of its agricultural oddity—a calf which weighed but 5 pounds at birth. Normal weight is from 60 to 80 pounds.

The tiny animal, perfectly normal in all respects, is being nursed in an improvised incubator at the farm of C. W. Putzbe. Animal husbandry experts said the lowest birth rate among calves on record was 40 pounds.

### FRANK SORKELL FILES

LINCOLN, March 18 (UP)—Frank Sorrell of Syracuse filed today as a candidate for the unicameral legislature from the second district of Otoe and Nemaha counties.

### LAND, FARM and RANCH BARGAINS

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# LOCALS

### From Thursday's Daily—

C. D. Austin and family have recently moved from Union to Plattsmouth, making their home on Avenue A.

Mrs. Fred Wynn was visiting in Nebraska City Tuesday.

Miss Etta Nickles was in Nebraska City Tuesday afternoon on a business trip.

Mrs. George Nickles of Murray was in Plattsmouth Tuesday attending the Brubacher funeral.

Attorney C. E. Tefft, of Weeping Water was in the city today to look after some matters in the county court.

Carl R. Byers of the Metropolitan Insurance company of Lincoln was in Plattsmouth yesterday attending to business matters.

Carl D. Ganz, Alvo attorney and banker, was among the visitors at the court house today to attend hearings in the county court in several probate matters.

From Saturday's Daily—

Mrs. Fannie Crosser attended the club meeting at Murray yesterday.

Mason Colbert of Nebraska City was a business visitor in Plattsmouth yesterday.

Ed Knudson, investment broker of Omaha, was attending to business matters here yesterday.

Miss Emma Hinz was in Omaha today where she spent the day with her niece, Mrs. Walter Sikora at the Methodist hospital.

### WHALE MASTER SPINS BIGGEST WHOPPER OF ALL

HYANNIS, Mass. (UP)—It takes a whaling master, such as Capt. Marston H. Bodfish, to tell a fish story like this to a group of churchmen.

For 30 years a whaler, Bodfish said:

"We once struck a school of whales so thick you could have walked 30 yards on their backs. In fact, a friend of mine was knocked out of a long boat by one whale, landed on the back of another and stepped back into the schooner without wetting his feet."

### QUAKER WEDDING HELD

PASADENA, Cal. (UP)—Elizabeth Ann Blessing of Swarthmore, Pa., and Alden Van Kirk of Piedmont, Cal., were married here without benefit of clergy or justice of the peace. Following a 200-year-old Quaker custom, they met at the Friends' Meeting House, repeated the marriage vows together, and then had their certificate of marriage signed by all present.

### NOT TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

SIDNEY, Neb., March 19 (UP)—To silence rumors that he would be a candidate for congress from the Nebraska fifth district, P. J. Heaton, Cheyenne county attorney and former president of the Nebraska Young Democrats said today that he was definitely not considering being a candidate for the post.

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