

RED CROSS CALL THEME IN OMAHA CHURCH PULPITS

Many Ministers Follow Request of President Wilson to Preach on Coming Drive.

"Red Cross Sunday" was observed yesterday in many Omaha churches, pastors either preaching sermons on this topic or making reference to the "third roll call" of the organization which is now going on. Woodrow Wilson, who is president of the American Red Cross, asked that the day be observed in churches throughout the country.

Rev. E. H. Jenks, at the First Presbyterian church, preached a Red Cross sermon on "Destruction and Construction," pointing out that much work still remains for the organization to do during the reconstruction period.

At Calvary Baptist church, Rev. Howard C. Whitcomb preached on "The Spirit of Sacrifice," and at the McCabe Methodist church, Rev. Lewis Townsend preached on "God's Ministering Angels," a Red Cross sermon.

Plea For Youth.

A feature of the day in some churches was retirement by Byron Michael, the 12-year-old Beatrice boy who was sentenced to the state industrial school for nine years because he stole some books from the public library. Great interest in the boy has been aroused in Omaha by The Bee's thorough publication of the facts in the case. Many church people and some clergymen have communicated with The Bee and stated that they would do all they could to get help for the boy among their parishioners.

Rev. Charles W. Savidge, at the People's church, devoted his entire evening sermon to the case of this boy, his theme being, "Shall the Boy, Byron Michael, Have a Chance?"

Hastings College Notes.

Hastings college was well represented at the convocation which was held at Central city last week. Dr. Knauer, chairman of the synod's committee on missions, gave a thorough report of the work covered by his committee. Dr. Newell of the local church is the synod's new area chairman for this synod for the coming year.

Alberto Satali, world famous harpist, received an ovation at the Presbyterian church when he appeared under the auspices of the Hastings college. No number in Hastings has been better attended than the Satali concert and none has been more appreciated. The program was high class throughout.

Two classes were organized for study center work in Adams county, one under the direction of Miss Edith Mattson of the English department and the other under Dean Weyer, covering work in the history of education. Meetings will be conducted at week-ends during the year.

Hastings has two young ladies from Serbia now who are preparing themselves for entering a medical college in this country. They have had training the equal of our high schools and perhaps the first two years of college work, but are wholly unaccustomed to the English language. They speak French and German and are preparing now in English and science for entrance to some medical college in this country.

The last issue of the Outlook is a memorial number dedicated particularly to the Hastings college men who were lost in the service. However, the record of Hastings college in the war is summarized and a cut of the 85 returned soldiers who will make up our student group this year is also shown.

The literary societies are now getting in shape for the forensic work of the year. A number of open programs have been held during the last few weeks and all organizations are in working condition. The French club has been reorganized, with May Finch as president, Marion Cappe, vice president, L. Henning, secretary-treasurer, and Marion McClelland, chairman of the program committee.

The Glee club pins which were promised to those who took part in the two Glee club tours were awarded last week. Thirteen members of the club received this recognition.

Hon. Clyde B. Atkinson, '19, chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission, sends greetings to his alma mater the past week and orders the Hastings college weekly.

Rev. Mr. Lucas addressed the students at chapel last Saturday. Rev. Mr. Taylor for 21 years, on a missionary in that country. He is now at the University of Colorado Springs on Wednesday.

A number of new students have entered college last week. These come from Auburn, Adams, McCook and Geneva.

A debating society has been organized at the college. It held its first meeting last week, giving a lively entertainment and following this with some practice in parliamentary law. The debaters were Dorothy Matter, Helen Keeler, Robert Owens, Ellen Mauder, Emily Russell and Edward Clark.

Nebraska Wesleyan Uni.

Chancellor Schreckengast went to Chicago last week to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school board, of which he is a member.

Prof. F. M. Gregg addressed the students in chapel last week on the Nebraska States Teachers' association, of which he is president. Several of the faculty are expected to attend the meetings at the association and to participate in the program.

Prof. W. F. De Moss, head of the department of English, recently delivered an address on "Stand Up and Deliver" at Warren M. E. church of University Place.

Prof. J. C. Jensen, head of the department of physics, has been elected to membership in the American Institute of Radio Engineers.

Dean F. A. Alabaster addressed the Henderson club last Wednesday evening on the history and changes at Wesleyan during the past 25 years.

Dr. J. F. Rubenstein, the newly appointed pastor of the First M. E. church of University Place, addressed the students in chapel Tuesday morning on the subject, "God, the Great Artist."

Douglas Powell, the new head of the voice department, has organized a chorus, which is furnishing music for the M. E. church. The chorus will render "The Elijah" in the spring.

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York College Notes.

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The replacement of sugar cane by cotton in some parts of Zululand is being considered by planters of the former.

Catholic Priest Enrolls As Student in South High

Preparing to Apply For Degree From Chicago University—Credits Given For Education in German and Austrian Schools—Holds High Regard For American Educational System.

The novel spectacle of a Catholic priest attending one of the public high schools of Omaha is a reality and one of the proud records attained by the South Side High school.

With a thirst for knowledge and a patriotic desire to learn the language of his adopted country, Rev. Myron Benchea, 24 years old and in charge of the Greek Catholic church at South Twenty-fifth and T streets, came to Principal R. M. Marrs this morning of October 23, with a request that he be enrolled as a student of the school.

The application rather startled Principal Marrs, but Rev. Benchea displayed two diplomas of graduation from foreign schools and evinced such a keen desire for admission that he was registered and the superintendent of school notified of the request. Immediate permission was granted and the young Catholic priest became a student of the high school.

Educated in Germany.
Father Benchea came to Omaha two months ago from Erie, Pa., and was placed in charge of the Greek Catholic church at Twenty-fifth and T streets. He was born in the village of Cornatel, Rumania, and later attended the German Gymnasia or high school in Austria, from which



Rev. Myron Benchea

he graduated, and in 1912 completed a four years' course in a German seminary.

He came to the United States five years ago. On October 7, 1917, he enlisted in the United States army, and was assigned to headquarters company, Third Hundred and Thirty-second infantry at Camp Sherman, O.

Father Benchea has expressed the desire to graduate from the South high school with the class of June, 1920, and has been given 27 credits for his educational training. By gaining 10 more credits, Benchea will be eligible for graduation and will be given a certificate for entrance into Chicago university, where he hopes to gain a degree.

Father Benchea is a regular member of classes in English, algebra and geometry. During his attendance, he has discarded the regulation high closed collar of a priest and has the appearance of the average young high school student. He speaks good English with a slight foreign accent and dresses neatly. He is married and lives at 2819 T street.

Respects America's School System.

"I have a great regard for the public school system of the United States," said Father Benchea, "and feel highly elated that I may study at South High. I am deeply grateful to Principal Marrs for giving me the opportunity. I hope to be a credit to the school and will do everything possible to graduate with honors."

In commenting on the matter Prof. Marrs said: "Though the enrollment of Father Benchea as a pupil of South High school is unprecedented, it is a distinct step forward and means a development of finer appreciation of public schools among people of foreign birth. It is an unique feature in the history of the school and the reaction on the student body is most beneficial in emphasizing a greater democracy of the public schools."

"In evaluating the credits of Father Benchea, I allowed him full four-year value in both the Latin and German languages; three years in European history; one year in science, one year in economics and two years in geography. I am satisfied that Father Benchea will make good as he has shown a keen desire to gain knowledge. He is most studious and prompt in attendance at his classes."

"The school extends a most cordial welcome to all regardless of previous training, who may avail themselves of the opportunities offered."

Omaha Visitor Tells of Alaska's Great Wealth

Richest Undeveloped Territory of All U. S. Possessions, Says Resident of Ketchikan—Winters More Severe Here Than at His Home—Describes Scenic Realities and Business Possibilities of Northern Land.

"Alaska is the richest undeveloped territory owned by the United States, if not the richest in the world," said Fred Hanford, who, with his wife, is visiting relatives in Omaha. "It is truly the land of opportunity." Mr. Hanford is from Ketchikan, called the "gateway" to southeastern Alaska, it being the first port of entry on the inland passage.

"Juneau is the largest city and the capital," he admits, "but the closing of the Treadwell mines has taken away a large payroll from that vicinity, and it is only a matter of time until Ketchikan will be the metropolis. Juneau now has a population of 6,000 and Ketchikan is about 1,000 less."

"Cold in Alaska? Winter in Omaha is more severe than in southeastern Alaska. The lowest temperature there is 40 degrees below zero. Our winter average is 15 to 20 degrees above. The average summer temperature is from 50 to 60 degrees and the highest temperature recorded is 92. We are warmed by the Japan current; there is heavy rainfall; summer days are 22 hours long and roots and small fruits grow abundantly."

"Fishing and lumber are our big industries," continued this Alaskan. "Salmon, trout, halibut and cod form the main fish crop and, of course, canneries and curing plants have developed along with the fishing. Spruce and cedar are the woods we cut. There is not a pulp mill in Alaska and with our cheap hydro-electric power, this is a chance for someone to make a fortune. There are more than 70,000,000,000 feet of timber in Alaska, and Ketchikan is the center of the industry."

"The Portland canal district, about 80 miles from Ketchikan, is a promising mining region. Gold, copper and silver ore come from there. We have a large dairy, a four-story cold storage plant packed full of fish, the largest lighthouse dock in Alaska and some noted sulphur hot springs."

"Bill Hart and the movies? Yes, Bill Hart is true to the northern

type, but they are only now beginning to actually take Alaskan pictures in Alaska. We doubled and trebled our Liberty loan allotments. The scenic beauty of the inland passage is going to make it a mecca for tourists. Snow-capped mountains are in view the year around. We have two daily and one weekly newspapers.

"Women always ask about the furs. We have fox, mink, marten, otter and beaver. The beavers are protected until 1920, but will be a great commercial factor then. One young man cleared \$6,000 above his expenses last season on small furs. Our fox farms are a coming attraction. We can feed the foxes on fish at very little cost. There is a big farm in Muskegon, Mich., started by a man who learned the business in Alaska, but in Michigan they have to feed their animals on horse flesh. Whenever they can buy a horse cheap they do so and cut up the flesh for cold storage."

"Alaska is a wonderful territory and half of its possibilities have not yet been told."

All Bodies of Entombed Miners Accounted For

Amsterdam, O., Nov. 2.—With the recovery of 20 bodies from the Youghiogheny and Ohio Coal company mine here, it is believed that all the miners who were entombed for more than three days have been accounted for.

Work of bringing out the bodies was greatly retarded by fire in the mine. Several of the rescuers narrowly escaped the fate of their entombed comrades through the action of gas while working in the mine.

The entire village, numbering about 1,000, is grief stricken. It is planned to have a joint funeral for all the men who lost their lives.

A British syndicate, which is planning an aerial passenger service between England and Australia expects to cover the distance in seven days.



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Omaha's 1920 quota is 50,000 one-dollar memberships and \$90,000 in cash for the RED CROSS.

The campaign will start in Omaha November 2 and end November 11. The national campaign for \$15,000,000 will be carried on at the same time.

The business men of Omaha will not be solicited for funds in person if they respond to a letter which is being sent out. Those who do not respond to this letter, of course, will receive a personal call.

A house-to-house canvass will be made by the Women's Committee for memberships.

The war is over, but the RED CROSS must go on.

Third Red Cross Roll Call November 2 to 11, 1919

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