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OLD NEWS?

For those that were there, it's a memory; for the many that were not, it's new.

As to length, the meeting held last Alumni day was among the longest on record --- 1 hour and a half --- and only one cigar!

As to importance, the meeting saw a new turn in the history of the Association. By amendment to the constitution, the Lay members of the Association were permitted to organize a Lay Council. By a second amendment, all who have attended the College one year or more, who apply for membership, become full-fledged members of the Association as soon as their class graduates. Until their class graduates, they are associate members, with a vote in the Lay Council.

As to complications, civil war almost broke out during the discussions. Ask F. Chambers '29 about it!

The Ryans seemed to monopolize the Presidency: Frank Ryan '34 was elected President of the Association; and Michael Ryan '27 is President of the Lay Council.

Present at the beginning of the Session was Fr. Jepson, first Honorary President.

FATHER PELTIER.

Remember the old days in 3rd Latin? Latin, Greek and French from Fr. Peltier? Virgil, Homer, Ana-basis! Fr. Peltier taught his last Latin-Greek combination to the 3rd Latiners of '34. Since then he has confined himself to French. This Summer during a visit to France together with Fr. Saupin of fond memory, Father Peltier suffered a stroke which paralyzed his right side. Slowly the use of that side is returning. Meanwhile Fr. Peltier wants to come back to the College, back to the West Coast where he has taught for 30 years. He is scheduled to sail from France after the winter months, to come back to California. To all of us the thought of him brings back memories; with him there are 30 years of them.

ROME!

Our Roman contingent is growing! This year two of the class of '36 sailed for the Collegio Americano del Nord--Lawrence Ryan and George Eagleton.

One other, J. P. Connolly '33 reaches the goal on December 8, when, according to reports, he will be ordained.

We would like to know what kind of vacation J. O'Neill '34, and F. Reilly '34 had with Spain, Germany, France, Italy and England armed to the teeth all Summer!

ALUMNECDOTES!

On a recent visit to the North, Rev. John O'Connell found Rev. Francis Foster up on the roof of the Church engaged in a shingle job.

Wedding bells rang for J. Sweeney '30 in St. Monica's Church in S.F. on Nov. 19. Some of the boys under of sponsorship of Frank Kelly '31 gave a little dinner in his honor. Too bad some more don't get married and have a dinner --- and let us know about it.

Similarly T. Cooney '35 and Harry Davis '36 tied the knot. Don't get us wrong! - We wish them and their brides happy days.

If you want someone to arrange a feast for you, see C. Norton '33. He does it officially for the Lay Council. Is he also Toast-master?

Rev. Mr. Power '33 is already an expert in census taking, having covered a newly opened section in Seattle.

Jerome Wieber '33 so enthused his Study Club, they want more. Imagine! By the way, he has Toast-mastered for the K.C.'s.

Rev. Mr. Delplanche! That name recalls one thing surely --- the 'green horse'. Well, though old enough to be enjoying "Green Pastures", it still leaves the barn smoking and snorting as usual!

Should you care to hear the voice of Paul Moore '33, announcer and news reporter, tune in on K I T in Yakima, Wash.

J.Sullivan '31 is close enough to the beauties of Yellowstone and Teton to see them whenever he gets a day off.

FATHER JEPSON

More than one was surprised on Alumni day when he looked up at the Prof's table, to find Father Jepson in his customary place. The years rolled back, and visions of the past became very realistic. Even the inevitable by-word was heard here and there in the refectory; and although it was dinner, there was an air of "Supper at 6" about the place.

Father Jepson was visiting the West for the first time since he left the College in 1932. He was traveling out here as Secretary to Fr. Boisard on his canonical visitation of the Sulpician houses. At the beginning of the Alumni meeting, Father Jepson spoke a few words telling how glad he was to be present, and reminding us that he has an album that often recalls old memories!?! As he stood in his old familiar place in the Senior Study Hall, we were reminded once again of the many talks he gave us from that spot. His presence made last Alumni day a real reunion.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

For the dead:

Remember the Father of Rev. George Rice '28; the Mother of Rev. Rob. Shepston '27; the Mother of Rev. Denis Moore '32; the Father of Francis Scanlon '36; and the Father of Raymond Cahill '38.

For the living:

REMEMBER THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND ITS MEMBERS NEXT SUNDAY.

FACULTY CHANGES

Rev. Edward Cope '30 now occupies the Prof's desk at St. Joseph's instead of a student's desk. He teaches Algebra.

Father Linn is gone to be Prefect of Discipline at St. Charles College in Baltimore.

The only 'old timers' left are Father Sheehy; Fr. Riordan - who now teaches the Poets in Latin and Greek; Fr. Rock - who still has Poet English (remember?); Fr. O'Kane - who also teaches Rhet English; and Fr. Webster. How times change!

When all are there, the Prof's table has over 20 at it. Imagine that! How can a fellow eat? Remember Fr. J. Gustafson? He will probably be there some day. He is in the Solitude now.

ALUMNI OFFICERS '38 - '39

President: - - - - - Francis Ryan '34
Vice-President: - - - John Terwilliger '36
Treasurer: - - - - - Hart Doyle '37
Corr. Secretary: - - - - - John Dwyer '36
Rec. Secretary: - - - Matt. Connolly '35
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DID YOU KNOW?

THAT: The Poets annually build a bonfire on Halloween? It's a new tradition started by the Poets of '35. Each succeeding class has tried to outdo the preceding ones in the size of the pile.

The bonfire of last year promised to beat them all, but lo! tragedy came. On the Sunday before Halloween, during Vespers, fire attacked the pile, (it is not known how) and when the Poets came out of Vespers, their "dream castle" lay in smoking embers at their feet. In that particular pile was the old tool house that used to be on the campus near the hand-ball courts. Remember it?

Along with the fire, an open air entertainment has grown up. A platform set up on the campus is the stage; the fire serves for flood-lights; the Poets do the acting.

THAT: The Collegians have a reunion every month during the Summer Vacation? It began in 1935. The reunion consists of Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral; breakfast nearby; and in 1935 and 1936 a boat ride to Paradise Cove, where the picnic was held (of course with sand and ants inevitably in the lunch). Once the reunion picnic was held at Sutro's; this year at the College itself, for now they have their own pool to swim in.

THAT: The Alumni treat to the Collegians turned into a barbeque last May? A pit was dug at the Seminary, and the Collegians and Patricians enjoyed an out-door lunch that we hope will be repeated. Afterwards the Patricians gave the Collegians a show, in which J. Murray '35 portrayed the Villian of the Melodrama(r) to perfection. J. Barry '35 as "Junior" was a rare sight. The treat was a real "treat".

Reports have reached us that California Archaeologists recently visited the College looking for the "Lost Trail" to Kendall Dell. Could anyone help them find it?

WE NEED HELP!

Fr. Raymond Tepe '25 says: "News about the Ordained Alumni usually reaches us (priests) through various channels, but how about a little mention of our old classmates and friends who are among the laity. We ought to keep them in our prayers; we ought to patronize them in their businesses; we ought to keep in touch with them in their home life and recreation. Maybe a list of them and their occupations would be a good idea."

Thanks Father! That expresses exactly our sentiments. But...this can't be done unless we hear from the fellows, unless they drop us a postcard telling us these things. The more news the better! Make it a resolution for 1939 to drop a postal to the Corresponding Secretary whenever you get a bit of news about another Alumnus, or have any about yourself.

Send us the addresses of other Alumni. If you know an Alumnus who didn't get a copy of this Bulletin, send in his Address. That's a sign we haven't it.

THE LAY COUNCIL

The new Lay Council of the Alumni Association has leaped ahead since last May. Already they are functioning in a remarkably successful manner. Each month a meeting is held in St. James Parish Hall in S.F. Close to 45 fellows attend. Officers are: President: Michael Ryan '27; Treasurer Frank Neary '26; Secretary: Frank Kelly '31; Other officers are: N. Cronin '30; C. Norton '33; Will. Sherman '34; Ed. Slevin '24.

Social activities have included a dinner at Ripley's on Sept. 29; Mass and Communion at St. Monica's on Oct. 30, followed by a breakfast at Fleischhacker Beach Chalet. Fr. Nich. Connolly '28 sang the Mass. Will. Richardson directed the Lay Council Choir. Fr. Rob. Essig '32 is showing great interest in the Council, attending the last meeting. That's splendid advance in such a short time, don't you think?

CARD OF THANKS

The Editors of the Bulletin wish to thank the following for their help in the editing of this Bulletin: W. Sherman '34; W. Loftus '35; F. Kelly '31; Fr. F. Hurd '25; Fr. Ray. Tepe '25; Fr. J. Berger '25; Rev. Mr. H. Donohue '33; T. Kennedy '35; Adrian Murray '38.

WASHINGTON D. C.

Three of our Alumni took up their abode at the Catholic U. this Fall as students. From Sacramento came Father H. Markham '26; from San Francisco, Fr. Al. Sullivan '28 and Fr. Vincent Breen '30. In Washington for the past two years has been John Boyle '36 of Monterey.

RHETS OF '25

To this class belongs the distinction of being the "first". To them we owe several traditions; and first of all, it seems, traditions of the Chem Lab.

Ever hear tell of the practical demonstration of the use of Carbon Dioxide staged by Rev. George Pausch? One day the beloved Dean found said personage mounted on a wheel-barrow as fire chief and siren, being rolled out into the court yard to put out a little fire with the extinguisher he had made.

The first trusted dispenser of "Lab." material was Fr. Fred. Cook, who in his generosity 'dispensed' an overly large portion of Potassium Nitrate to Fr. John Bunyan. The latter proceeded to mix his gun powder, and then came the explosion!

Fr. Raymond Tepe was conscientiously working on his Hydrogen apparatus one memorable Chem. class, when it blew up and the contents proceeded to eat the shirt off Fr. Jos. Pier.

From the Chem. Lab. we go to the Rec. Hall, to the first Shakespearian attempt. Fr. Ben. Healy was Lady MacBeth; Fr. F. Hurd, MacBeth himself. During the dress rehearsal her Ladyship was thrown to the floor by MacBeth, and henceforth kept a sharp lookout for His Lordship's actions.

During the same play, MacDuff, in giving his sword a hefty swing in the vicinity of MacBeth's head, did not miss, but struck Fr. Hurd squarely. Luckily, he had on a steel helmet or we would be speaking of the 'Late' Franklin Hurd! As it was, he took off clean as a whistle one of the massive horns on the helmet. Too realistic for safety, don't you think?

WANTED!

- 1) The addresses of: James Doherty; Charles Herren; Emmett Logan; and James Cook, all of '25.
- 2) Suggestions for future issues of the Bulletin.