

Lake County Man Awarded Papal Medal



PHILANTHROPIST HONORED — Jeremiah P. Egan of Plush is congratulated by Rev. John Phelan, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lakeview, for being selected by Pope John XXIII to receive the papal medal, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifica." Rev. Phelan journeyed to the Egan home in Plush to make the announcement.

LAKEVIEW — A Lake County man, Jeremiah P. Egan of Plush, has been named by Pope John XXIII to receive the award, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifica," for acts of philanthropy in connection with St. Patrick's Parish and the Catholic Church.

The announcement was made here last week through the Most Rev. Francis P. Leipzig, D.D., Bishop of Baker, and news of the award was made known to Mr. Egan by Rev. John Phelan, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lakeview.

Actual presentation of the medal will take place during a special Mass, which will be held Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. in Lakeview. Bishop Leipzig will present the award. A number of priests will also attend the event, many of whom have had close personal acquaintance with Mr. Egan while located in the parish. Following the mass, a dinner will be given in the parish hall under the co-sponsorship of the Altar Society and the Knights of Columbus.

The medal was originated in 1888 as a memorial of the Golden Jubilee of Pope Leo XIII and has been continued since as an award for outstanding service to church and Pope. Another man in the diocese, Paul Sana of La Grande, has also been awarded the medal. Three women in the diocese were formerly granted the honor.

The climax of Mr. Egan's philanthropy toward the parish could be marked with the purchase of a residence adjacent to the parish hall, which resulted during the past year in the establishment of a convent for the Sisters of Atonement. It was dedicated on Sept. 9, 1962, to his son, Patrick Anthony Egan, who died at the age of 2. The convent and residency

for the sisters represents many years of struggle to achieve the end result and is indicative of his interest in the children of the parish.

J. P. Egan was the eighth child in a family of 10. He was born March 20, 1890, in Banane, Meelin, County Cork, Ireland. His parents, Patrick Egan and Johanna Murphy, were farmers. He went to grade school at a nearby country school in County Limerick, but eight years of education were all that could be obtained by the youth as it was necessary to help his parents with farm work during the many lean years. His further education in life was through the school of experience.

Although he eventually acquired a farm for himself, the young man at the age of 20 had the wanderlust and decided there was an easier and more profitable livelihood in America. He sold his farm and set out for "Lakeview, U.S.A." which was how the Oregon community was then known in his region of Ireland. He sailed on his birthday, March 20, 1910, and arrived in New York in April. His stopover there was brief, because he was eager to start his new life in Lakeview, at that time the sheep center of eastern Oregon.

After two years of herding sheep for others, he procured his own small band and was in business for himself. He was then in a position to think in terms of a family.

Contact with his childhood sweetheart, Hanna Marie Mahoney, who was living 3,000 miles away in Boston, brought her to Lakeview, and they were married in St. Patrick's Church by Rev. M. C. Murphy on Nov. 5, 1914. They established their home at Plush, 41 miles from Lakeview. Trips to Lakeview on those days were by horseback, a six-hour ride, or a two-day journey by wagon.

Tragedy struck the home when a son, Patrick Anthony, born June 16, 1916, died in September of the same year his wife, expecting a second child, was killed in an automobile accident.

Hard work, lonely living, and a persistent struggle for the necessities marked many years of the life of J. P. Egan. His cherished interests became his love for children and the desire that they

receive a religious education. He was instrumental in sending many children of the community to school and supporting them, but his good works were accomplished in such an inobtrusive way they were not widely known.

Interest in schools led him to membership on the Plush school board for more than 30 years and the Lake County rural school board for 14 years. He also filled the recreation needs of local children by establishing a park at Plush through the purchase of a strip of land, fencing, planting trees, and general development of the area.

As St. Patrick's parish grew, he saw there were more and more children who would benefit from the teachings of nuns. In 1922 an effort was made to secure several, but they were scarce in number and needed in many places.

He had helped generously with the building of the parish hall and classrooms in 1932, as his years of hard work had been rewarded in an economic way. So when a residence beside the parish hall was put up for sale in 1958, he purchased it and sent the title to Bishop Leipzig, with the recommendation that somehow the sisters might be secured to teach the parish children.

The commission to find the sisters was placed in the hands of Rev. James O'Connor, who was pastor at the time. After contacting various religious orders, he received a promise of help from the Sisters of the Atonement in Graymoor, N.Y., but because of the heavy demand for their services, they were unable to come.

Rev. Peter Duignan, the succeeding pastor, continued the search, but the prospects looked no brighter. However, in 1961, the promise came from the Mother General at Graymoor that three nuns would be sent to Lakeview in September, 1962.

The promise was fulfilled and Sister Malachy, Sister Mary Annunciata, and Sister Mary Leo arrived to conduct religious classes for more than 200 children in the parish. Rev. Phelan stated at the time of the dedication that the program is for the supplementary education in religious training of the children, and that the convent has not been established as a foundation for a parochial school.

Members of the parish donated a considerable amount of time and money to renovate the residence for a convent, furnish it, and provide transportation, but the driving force behind the work was the philanthropy of J. P. Egan.

His philosophy is summed up in his remark, "When I had the time I hadn't the means, and now, since I sold my holdings in 1958, I have the means but such little time to do things for the church and for the children."

Eugene Man Takes Over For Pastor

In the absence of Rev. William E. Cross, who is conducting special meetings at the First Baptist Church of Independence, Ore., Fred Rady of Eugene will be guest speaker at the morning and evening services of Immanuel Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 27.

Mr. Rady, a prominent Eugene businessman, has been the head of the Eugene Christian Business Men's Committee for several years. Under his leadership, the committee was one of the largest CBMC groups in the nation at one time.

While in the area, Mr. Rady will visit with several of the local men's organizations. On Saturday night, Jan. 26, he will deliver the principle address at the potluck supper and meeting of the Immanuel Baptist Men's Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

He will also speak at the luncheon meeting of Christian Business Men which will be held in the dining room of the Klamath Gospel Mission on Monday, Jan. 28, at 12 noon.

All men who are interested are invited to attend these two meetings, and the public is invited to the Sunday services at Immanuel Baptist.

Austria has more doctors per capita than most other countries and draws medical students from throughout the world.



CALIFORNIA BAPTIST COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR

Baptist College Choir To Appear

The Chapel Choir of California Baptist College at Riverside, Calif., will present a concert of sacred music Jan. 31 at the First Baptist Church, 8th and Washington. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the program is open to the public. Rev. Mack P. Jones, minister, will preside.

The 42-voice choir is directed by James H. Walker, professor of music at the college since 1957. He received his master of music degree from the University of Kentucky and has had experience in radio and television, as a soloist, director and teacher, and served as minister of music in California and Kentucky.

The repertoire of the choir includes variety numbers, featured not only by the choir, but also by special musical groups within the organization of the college's music department.

Church Officers Elected

MERRILL — The annual congregation and corporation meeting of the Merrill First Presbyterian Church was held Sunday evening, Jan. 13, at the church. A potluck dinner preceded the meeting.

These included Board of Deacons, Mrs. Norman Frisvold, Mrs. Irven Johnson, Mrs. Dale Moore, and Mrs. Pavitt Newnham; Board of Trustees, Norman Frisvold and Clovis Story; and Elder, Irven Johnson. The officers will be ordained and installed at a future worship service.

During its ten-day tour, the choir will perform in Northern California, Oregon, and Washington. This tour marks the first appearance of the group in the Oregon area, where concerts will be given in Medford, Portland, and Klamath Falls. Dr. Loyd R. Simmons, president of the college, is traveling with the choir to bring greetings from more than 400 members of the student body.

Serving as moderator and clerk were Rev. Lloyd Henderson and William Kurtz. All reports from organizations within the church were read and accepted, and the proposed church budget for 1963 was presented and accepted.

New officers of the church were elected to serve three-year terms. If you're driving 60 miles an hour, you need 317 feet (half a city block) to stop.

Artificial Prolongation Of Life Declared Cruel

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International

"Please, doctor, don't keep him alive any longer. Just take out those tubes and let him die." That plea from the relative of a hopelessly ill patient is not unfamiliar to members of the medical profession. Whenever it is made, it confronts a physician with an agonizing moral dilemma.

What is a doctor's duty toward a patient who is slowly dying of untreatable cancer or some other disease from which there is no hope of recovery?

He could take positive steps to bring about death, and thus release the patient from suffering. This is called euthanasia or "mercy killing" and it has some advocates, both in and out of the medical profession. But the overwhelming majority of physicians are strongly opposed to medical murder, however "merciful" it might appear in a particular case. And in this stand they are supported by moral theologians, who condemn euthanasia as a blasphemous usurpation of God's prerogatives.

At Great Cost
The obvious alternative is to keep the patient alive as long as possible. Most physicians feel instinctively that this is what they ought to do. And modern medical science has made it possible for them to maintain a spark of life in a dying person for days, weeks and sometimes months.

It is done, however, at great cost. And not the least of the cost

UCW To Hold Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting and Silver Tea of the United Church Women will be held Monday, Jan. 28, at 1:30 p.m. in the First Congregational Church. The program will include installation of officers, business meeting, and a guest speaker representing the Intercommunity Hospital Association.

Missionary Slates Talk At Former Home Church

Rev. and Mrs. Gordon E. Robinson, missionaries to Nigeria, will be guest speakers at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 27. They will deliver an address at both the 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. services.

Before entering college, Rev. Robinson made his home in Klamath Falls. He is a former member of the First Baptist Church and a graduate of Klamath Union High School. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd M. Robinson, until recently were residents of this area. Mrs. Robinson is from Texas.

The Robinsons are now home on furlough after completing their second term of work in Nigeria. Rev. Robinson is distinguished as being the first Northwest native appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board to serve as a foreign missionary.

While in the states, he is taking advantage of his leave by doing graduate work at the Northwest Christian College in Eugene. The church is planning to honor



TOP COLLECTORS — Maj. Thomas J. Green, president of the Kingsley Field Protestant Men of the Chapel, left, accepts a plaque from Salvation Army Captain Dale E. Johnson, right, on behalf of his organization's efforts in collecting the highest amount for the Salvation Army Christmas drive.

Chapel Men Take Honors As Top Kettle Collectors

A plaque was presented to the Kingsley Field Protestant Men of the Chapel on Jan. 17 in recognition of their first place effort in obtaining money for the Salvation Army Christmas appeal.

Four service organizations volunteered to man the downtown Salvation Army kettle hut, each taking over one Saturday in December. The Kingsley men worked Dec. 15 and collected \$100. This amount was over \$50 more than the next highest total collected by an organization. The other groups participating were the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club and the Rotary Club.

Capt. Dale E. Johnson, commander of the Klamath Falls unit of the Salvation Army, presented the award to Maj. Thomas J. Green, president of the Protestant Men of the chapel.

From each ton of ore mined at the Homestake mine, Lead, S. D., comes only enough gold for a wedding ring.

Year-End Meet Held

ALTURAS—More than 100 members of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Alturas met Sunday evening, Jan. 13, for the annual church business meeting and a year-end reports.

Preceding the business meeting, the congregation enjoyed a potluck dinner hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen, Mr. and Mrs. LeLand Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Loring White and Mr. and Mrs. John Walker.

John Walker, senior warden of the church, opened the meeting with the introduction of committee chairmen, who later gave their year-end reports. Reports presented included the Ladies Guild, Mrs. Don Wilson; secretary, Frankie McVee; Altar Guild, Mrs. Robert Brooks; Couples Club, Don Wilson; Sunday School, Mae Smith; budget, Robert Brooks, and vestry, John Walker.

Rev. Hugh Mercer concluded the evening with a report of the activities of his office during the past year.

Elected to serve on the vestry for 1963 were Don Hicks, Kenneth Van Loan, William Goulden, Ken Smith, Robert Brooks, John Walker, Oral Leonard, William Goodfellow, Lynn Harris, and Reverend Mercer.

First Christian Men Schedule Unique Dinner

The Christian Men's Fellowship of the First Christian Church planned a unique program in connection with its men's dinner on Friday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m. Dramatized speeches, limited to five minutes, will be given by various members including a scientist, doctor of education, doctor of medicine, judo expert, mathematician, musician, and a minister. Each speaker will give a demonstration to illustrate the point of his talk.

All preparations for the fried chicken dinner, serving, and cleanup will be handled by the men of the church. Members and guests are invited.

"I have seen enough 'dying' people recover to understand why a physician would be unwilling to write off any patient," says the Rt. Rev. William F. O'Leighon, Episcopal bishop of Washington.

"I agree that it is hard to see any meritorious purpose in maintaining a spark of life in some far-gone cases. But I don't think we should ask doctors to play God."

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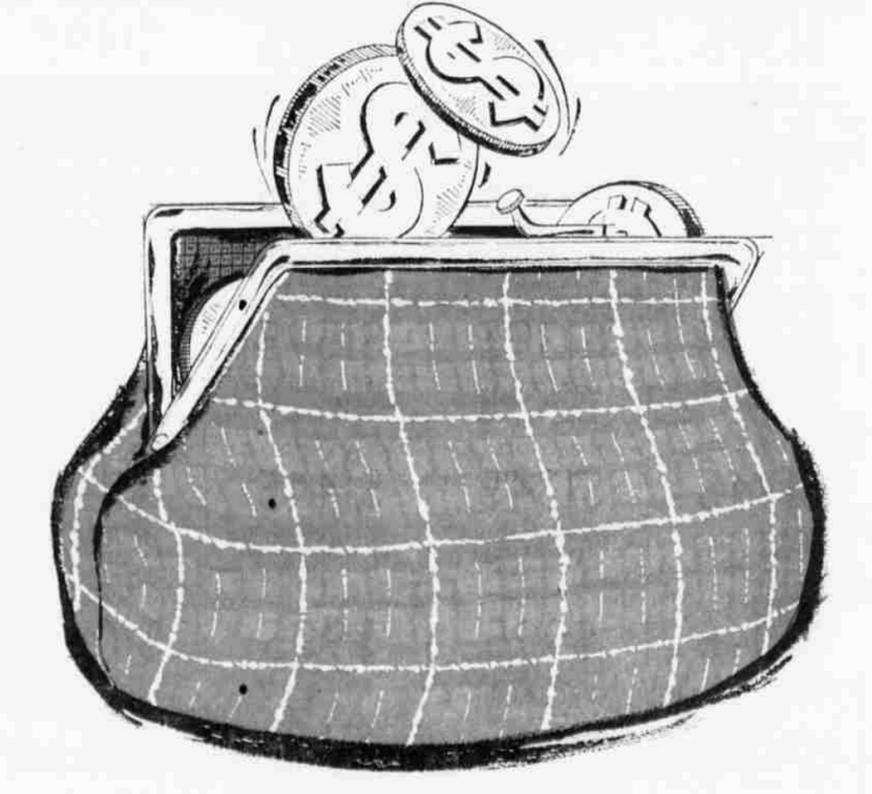
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