

Nyssa Catholic Priest Gives Review Of Activities During Study Course For Language and People in Mexico

By Father John Baumgartner

Father Kirkpatrick and I have completed our journey to Mexico City. We left Nyssa by car Monday morning, Nov. 10, and drove as far as Nogales, Ariz., via Reno, San Francisco and Bakersfield. Nogales is a border town. A high wire fence separates Nogales, Ariz., from Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. In Nogales we received our clearance papers from the Mexican consul. Then from the Mexican Nogales we took a plane to Mexico Saturday afternoon, arriving in Mexico City about midnight. Sunday we moved to our temporary residence in the Seminario De Misiones which is in the Tlapan district—10 miles south of Mexico City.

The purpose of our trip and stay in Mexico is to acquire a working knowledge of Spanish so we may appreciate the Mexican mentality and also to converse with those who speak Spanish in that language. Seeing the need for this we were induced Bishop Leipzig to send the two of us to Mexico for a few months.

For the past two weeks we have been studying privately and carrying on limited conversations with the faculty, students and workmen here at the seminary and also the citizens living nearby. On Dec. 2, I shall begin a three weeks' intensive Spanish course at the Instituto Mexicano Norteamericano De Relaciones Culturales. This course is intended for newly arrived visitors and residents.

Education Unlimited

Having been in Mexico only two weeks, one definitely cannot be considered an authority. However, one can obtain impressions during such a short period. Bishop Leipzig sent us to study and learn, and criticize, but I have been taught by a Mexican that one should never give criticism unless one can offer a suggested remedy.

To obtain a background of Mexico, I am reading a very highly recommended book: "Mexico—A Land of Volcanoes" by J. H. Schlarman. There can be no doubt but that the characteristics of people are attributed to their history. That the Mexicans have suffered much during the past 200 years has left a mark on their personality and explains a great deal of their attitude towards life.

A citizen of the U.S.A. might be inclined to look with disdain upon conditions here: there are the immensely rich and great poverty. However, one almost envies the poor because they are happy; and, after all, to be happy in this life as well as the next, is the goal of all. Despite poverty, these people have a great dignity. They are polite and courteous. Ask a child his name, and he has been taught to reply "at your service" after giving his complete name. On the street cars, I noticed that any mother carrying a child in her "rebozo" was always offered a seat not only by men but also by women. A "rebozo" is a type of shawl that serves not only to keep a person warm but also can be fixed as a cradle for the child while the mother goes about her duties.

Good Family Life

There is a healthy family life in Mexico: fathers and sons, mothers and daughters have much in common. Children have a great love and respect for their parents. It is an ordinary sight to see families out for a stroll on Sundays and holidays.

The people also have learned to make the most of a situation; they look for and find some good in every happening. Last Wednesday two of the Padres and I drove to town to buy a Bible in Spanish for me. While in the book store, someone broke into the car and stole a typewriter. After surveying their loss, one of the Padres laughed—the joke was on the thief; he had been cheated also. There were two typewriters in the car and the thief had taken the old and nearly useless one and had missed the new one.

Mexico is 95 percent Catholic and has kept that religion despite the fact that it has had to suffer much. The government has confiscated church property and even the churches themselves. Because the priests and sisters have had to undergo privations and even death in very many cases, they are highly regarded and loved by the people.

Church and State

On Dec. 1 the new president of Mexico took his oath of office. In his inaugural speech he proclaimed that the government realized that the work of education was immense and he asked that private corporations (churches) help in education but, of course, in accord with the constitution. This seems to be typical of Mexican political life: to ask or promise something and then to qualify it with a phrase to nullify its guarantee or help. Article 3 of the constitution reads: "Ministers of religion and religious corporations are forbidden to establish and direct grade schools." Article 27: "The churches are declared property of the Nation and may be destined for other uses."

Yet there is great faith in Mexico. Article 24 of the constitution reads: "Everyone is free to embrace the religion of his choice and to practice all ceremonies, devotions, or observances of his respective creed, either in places of public worship or at home, provided they do not constitute an offense punishable by law." And who knows what will be declared "an offense punishable by law." Still in public buses you will see pictures of Jesus and His mother; cab drivers invariably have pictures of Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Study Classes Are Completed On Middle East

The final session of the study class on Middle East Pilgrimage sponsored by the Methodist WSCS was held Sunday evening. The four class sessions taught by Mrs. Paul Ludlow have included reports, discussion of the middle East situation, the old cultures and the problems facing those people today.

Grover Lytle spoke on Iran and Ethiopia; Mrs. Herke Stam gave a resume of the book, "Eternal Ideal" by Irving Miller dealing with the rebirth of Israel's western world and the Jewish people; Mrs. James Hartman, formerly of Egypt, told of the cultural development of that country and Mrs. Roy Knoedler led devotions. An offering was taken to be sent for use in the Middle East area.

Mrs. Harry Wakefield and Mrs. Kinsey Kevenen were hostesses at the coffee hour.

the Patroness of Mexico, in plain view in their cabs. Daily thousands pay a visit to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe to honor the Mother of God. Their faith is simple, beautiful and wholehearted. There one finds a cross-section of Mexico: the poor and rich; the young and old; the well and the crippled. They are not ashamed to walk on their knees the length of the plaza to the Basilica. Our Lady of Guadalupe has been the symbol of their faith and has kept them faithful to the teachings of Christ.

Mexico has much to teach visitors from the North and as Schlarman points out "Not everything that works in the United States works in Mexico."

Mrs. Max Schweizer of Boise visited Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. George McKee.

Adrian United Presbyterian Church

There has been a growing attendance in the Monday afternoon first through fifth grade classes. The children meet each Monday afternoon at the church from 2:45 to 3:40. If your child wishes to attend these classes he may be released from school by sending a note to the Adrian grade school principal.

Adult choir practice each Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.

Mary and Martha Society will meet Thursday afternoon, Dec. 11 at the home of Mrs. Wesley Piercy with Mrs. Lynn Hurst, assistant hostess.

Church official board meeting Thursday night, Dec. 11, at the home of Maurice O. Judd.

God's Acre sale, Saturday, Dec. 13. A chicken dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 o'clock. Sale to begin immediately after the dinner.

A kindergarten class, under the direction of Mrs. M. O. Judd is being conducted each Friday morning from 10 to 11 o'clock in the primary church school rooms in the parsonage. Any mother wishing her child to attend, please contact Mrs. Maurice Judd, Jr. or bring your child to the class Friday morning.

Owyhee Community Church Events

"I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:9.

Tuesday, Dec. 9, young people attended the Protestant Youth Fellowship meeting at the Christian church in Nyssa.

Prayer and bible study service was held at the parsonage Wednesday.

The board of elders held their monthly meeting Monday. The pastor's sermon topic for Sunday, Dec. 14, is "A Lion, or a Lamb?" In the evening service the message is entitled "A King's Reward."

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Russell spent the Thanksgiving week end in Bend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lowell McMeen and Mr. and Mrs. Dale McMeen.

Mrs. Joe Maughan spent last week in Boise on business.

Girl Scout NEWS



Make Christmas Gifts

Brownie Scouts in troop 80 meet each Monday after school at the home of their assistant leader, Mrs. Max Urry. The past two meetings they have been making Christmas gifts for their parents. Refreshments were served this week by Marilyn Lemon and Karen Main and last week by Teresa Hamilton and Sheila Huffman.—Diane Alters, Reporter.

Troop 4 Has Election

Girl Scout Troop 4 met at the home of their leader Nov. 20. Several members worked on the nature field for their second class rank.

During election of officers, Marilyn Gonyer was chosen patrol leader and Sandra Weeks, assistant patrol leader for the Stars of Orion; Kris Parks, patrol leader and Kathy Low, assistant for

Wilton Jackson Home Scene Of Wednesday Eve Bridge

Mrs. Wilton Jackson was hostess to her bridge club members Wednesday evening at her home with Mrs. James Yost, Mrs. Leonard Hewett and Mrs. Walter McPartland as guest players.

Prize winners for the evening's play were Mrs. Hewett and Mrs. Bert Huff.

the Twinklers. Janice Richards, news reporter and Marilyn Pond, refreshment chairman.

Meadowlarks Elect

The Meadowlark Girl Scout troop met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. C. M. Pounds. Aleta Anderson was elected president; Charmaine Williams, vice president; Sylvia Holly, secretary; treasurer; Judy Roberts and Lynette Birrell, refreshment committee; Margaret Roberts, game committee, and Bonnie Sager, reporter.—By Bonnie Sager.

New Brownie Troop

The newly organized Brownie troop met Wednesday at the Catholic church with their leaders, Mrs. Bob Skow and Mrs. James Yost. The girls made hot chocolate. Refreshments were served by Joanne Bunn.—Mary Jo Richter, Reporter.

Adult Leaders Map Girl Scout Local Activities

The Nyssa Neighborhood of the Oregon Trail Girl Scout council held its regular monthly meeting at the high school Monday and scheduled activities for the local Girl Scout program for the coming months.

Girl Scout leaders took samples of the gifts their troops are making for Christmas. Recipe cards with instructions for these projects will be filed with Mrs. Boyd Wilson for future use of other troops. Mrs. Victor Haburchak reported that with the organization of a new intermediate troop under the leadership of Mrs. Wayne Stites, there is a need for intermediate as well as Brownie dresses. She sent out a reminder to anyone having an unused dress that they will be reimbursed up to half of the original price for a uniform turned in in good clean condition. Several girls were outfitted before the last court of awards with uniforms that had been turned in, she reported.

The Brownie troop under the direction of Mrs. Earl Hastings will make favors for the hospital trays during the month of December. Mrs. Houston Wilson's

Roy Wilds Host Holiday Guests

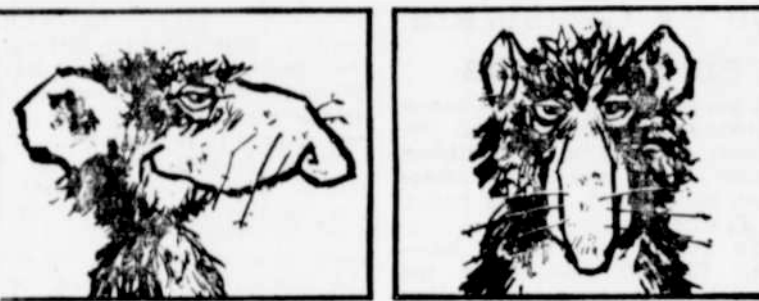
Holiday dinner guests at the Roy Wild home were Mrs. Nola Medlock, Phyllis, Sharon and Becky Lee of Nyssa, Janet Medlock of Kelso, Wash., Jerry Emerson of Jerome and Elaine Medlock, formerly of Nyssa who is resuming her nurse's training at St. Luke's hospital in Boise.

Brownie troop made Pilgrim hat nut cups for patients in November.

Monday, Jan. 27, was set for the father-daughter dinner with Mrs. Carl Grunke as general chairman. Each troop will be responsible for a centerpiece for their own table and a covered dish which they will be assigned. Mrs. Bill Lemon was appointed Nyssa chairman of the cookie sale for March.

The group expressed their thanks to several organizations for favors extended to the Girl Scouts, to the Gate City Journal for the column started for individual troops and coverage of adult meetings, to the Gate City Cleaners for cleaning the flags so the girls could carry them proudly in the Veterans' parade, to the FHA under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Steffens for the \$15 to purchase a new Brownie flag, pole and emblem and to the school for the use of their rooms for meetings and the court of awards.

MEET CLYDE [the dirty rat!]



Until a few days ago, Clyde was on his rampage of stealing and pilferage. Stealing feed from the chickens and hogs... ruining twice as much as he ate... spreading disease... and tearing up property. But we've got him behind bars now.

Come and see him. While you're here, enter the contest we're having in Clyde's honor. Right soon now we're going to put him on a ration of Purina Rat Control. If you do a good job of estimating when he will "kick the bucket", you'll probably take home one of the valuable prizes.



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