

VENARD VIEWS

Number III

Venard Views Has the News.

Nov. 19, 1924.

November 13, Annual visit of the Passionists. Three priests and thirty students arrived about two o'clock. After renewing old acquaintances, all went to the soccer field to enjoy a spirited game. For the second successive time the Venard ers came out victoriously, vanquishing eorum fratres to the tune of 2 - 0. Egger and J. Toomey, forwards showed the way to victory. After supper we bid them adieu pr omising to repeat this spring on the ball field.

ANOTHER SPORT Has manifested itself at the Venard on Wednesday nights; Fr. Kaschmitter's German class. The enrolled students number one even dozen; known to their fellow students as the Iris h Terriers. Besides the amusement this c lass affords, it helps one to acquire a valuable language.

FR. HUNT is not the only lover of outdoor sports, among the faculty, Fr. Winslow, canano w be seen with his trusty rifle over his s houlder, pacing the lawn of our apple orchard. He is a fairly goodo shot. Besides drilling a tin can with holes, he treats the boys to his spoils, as he picks the apples off the trees.

NOVEMBER 11th. Armistice Day. The boys celebrated the day with fine patriotic ars.

ANOTHER WEEK and the winners of the cross-country will be known. Although at present there are five sure winners, at least the captains feel that way, we expect to offer our condolence to the losers in the next issue.

NOW IS THE TIME to write to our missionaries if we want them to receive our mail by Xmas. Next sailing November 28th---Get yours off this week.

PRESIDENT HIGGINS called the regular monthly meeting of his Crusaders on Wednesday night. Bros. Egger, Carroll, P. Toomey and Marr delivered the preliminaries before the main talk by Fr. Kaschmitter, which brought all boys on their feet as the tap of the bell. Real enthusiasm.

LAKE VENARD has frozen over. Wintersports now a reality. The hockey team composed of seniors have issued a defi to all comers: Get your skates out, boys, and join the skimmers.

During las t week we los t one of our little Venard friends, Frances King of Clark's Summit. At the funeral services the Venard was represented by two priests, two sisters and six students. In your prayers remember her, for she was a lover of the Venard. New pastor of Summit, Fr. Healy, celebrated the Mass.

VISITORS. Among our recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. John J. Murphy, of Cambridge, Mass, gues t of St. Mary Una, Mr. John Garvey of Buffalo, father of one of our postulants. Father Denis Gavin of St. Anne's Monastery.

BRICKS! Four carloads were all "off col or" but at last the right shade is here. Now watch the walls mount.

TRA, la, la, BOOM! Enter the Venard Orchestra. Piano, fiddle, cornet, clarinet and a s-a-x on the way. Get us on your radio.

WOOF-WOOF has been assigned to the duty of locating the strange animal growling around the convent. Go slow, Woof, the animal may be stranger than you expect.

Bros. Callan, Burns, Fitzgerald and Carroll are taking a course in trimming trees. In their first lesson they discovered that trees are not only thing that can be trimmed. Occasionally a human being can be, even while following the same profession. Anyway they had an unbusy and serene Day.

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Number VI

VENARD NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

Dec. 17, 1924.

A Merry Maryknoll Xmas.

Already things are well under way for Christmas. Committees have been appointed to take care of the many decorating assignments, the plans are nearly all completed (each one a dark secret), and by Wednesday night the neighboring woods and Scranton's five and ten cent stores will have given forth their best and all will be in readiness for "the night before".

Brothers Mailhot, McCormack and Burns have looked the ground over and have located all the laurel and ground pine needed, and it will not be long, once our able purchasing agent, Brother Trzech gets to Scranton before the paper decorations are on their way up to the Venard.

How will you have your weather, folks? We have a day for each individual taste. Judging from the past few weeks, the boys are thinking that the weather man dropped his bag of samples in Clarks Green and that they are slipping out one by one. Like "Saive Raging" Xmas cards, "no two alike".

To-day the addition has cost something over \$20,000. Remember "Economy" invocations to Bl. Philomena and Bl. Joan Vianney (Cure d'Ars) have been incorporated pro tem into night prayers.

Keep your batteries charged. Ere long the Venard Publicity Committee will deploy into action and doubtless their speakers will be asked to radiocast.

Have you a little appendix in your home? Come to the Venard and get one. Two more cases here but no serious results, thank God.

S. W. H.
The sympathies of all at the Venard are extended to Brother Thomas Nolan, who suffered the loss of his father on Friday, December 12.

Something new has appeared on the Crusade bulletin board. "The Venard Forum" has sprung into existence under the management of "The Vanishing Scribe", and interesting results are expected. Have you any questions on your mind? Consult "The Vanishing Scribe". See all knows all.

Lake Venard has exceeded all expectations and is in fine shape after the recent snow-rain-thaw-freeze. There is room for two hockey games and then a little left for those too young or old for the strenuous sport.

First Xmas gifts are being exchanged. Sr. Ura receives one in shape of key for new store-room lock, handsomely bound in a wide gold ribbon. We don't know why the new Yale lock, but someone said that a large turkey flew out of the ice box one night in the vicinity of Thanksgiving.

Attention! cross word addicts. What's a seven-letter word for something every Venarded is eagerly anticipating? Begins with "v".

Interesting exhibition Monday noon by Fr. Winslow, on "Results of Applying One's self Seriously to Manual Labor". Claims he applied, and learned useful trade at Maryknoll. Demonstrated on Fr. McGinn to prove statement. Fr. McGinn appears with a close approach to a Catacomb haircut and boys decide to drop manual labor from curriculum.

Fr. Borer's radio in operation. All we lack now is a movie machine and a Gym. Oh yes! A Handball Court.

The new extension is coming along like the proverbial "house afire". The walls are now completed, except the chapel and one wing in the rear, and our "refectory" is all roofed in and ready for the interior work.

NO MORE EXAMS THIS YEAR! How nice those words sound until someone reminds you that after the vacation 'twill be another year, with the big term exams. only a month away.

FATHER SUPERIOR We are happy to chronicle the visit of Father Superior who sought the quiet and repose of the Venard for a few days. He was a spectator at the Keystone Academy game and enjoyed seeing his boys defeat their husky rivals.

FOURTY HOURS. We have just concluded the Forty Hours Devotion which began last Sunday morning.

LAKE VENARD. Mr. Axel Oelgaard, a local real estate agent paid us a friendly visit last week and before leaving took a panorama view of Lake Venard, popularly known as "Down's Pond". The finished picture gives the impression that we own one of the Great Lakes.

BASEBALL. The team has been very fortunate in the home games, defeating Olyphant High 13 to 10, and last week Keystone Academy of Factoryville, 8 to 2. This week we are pitted against a very strong team, St. John's High of Pittston, which has been undefeated for three years. Father Healy, pastor at Clarks Summit, has been an ardent Venard rooter at all the home games.

FIELD DAY. Next Tuesday we shall hold our annual Field Day celebration. It is expected to be one of the most successful yet held. The prizes will be better than ever, and several dark horses are expected to display unusual athletic prowess. The trial heats will take place in the morning; the finals, and all the field events, in the afternoon. After dinner, immediately preceeding the afternoon program, the usual costume parade will take place. This is the main feature of the day, and some startling effects have been promised.

TENNIS. As yet we haven't thought of dusting off our tennis rackets, but if the weather man will give us reason to believe that spring is really here we shall be tempted to try out the court, which is undergoing a thorough overhauling.

SODALITY. The Crusade Forum is endeavoring to stimulate interest in the formation of a Blessed Virgin Sodality.

ANNOUNCEMENT! Mr. Willis Reed, of St. Louis, Mo. won the twenty-five dollars raffled off by our Athletic Society on Palm Sunday, on ticket number 100.

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GREETINGS: to all, at the end of our first fortnight back "on the job" after Fr. Connors' fine Retreat. Today is the official end of the summer - merely a calendar summer this year, during which we have had the finest winter weather this hill region can boast. - St Swithin is no patron of ours.

EIGHTY is our official count, though actually we are a few shy. Three of our regulars are on the sick list, and five more acceptees are en route. One has already "came and went". He wanted to be a missionary he said, but there were enough haythen at Harvard. Anyhow Clarks Summit was too far from Cambridge and mamma. All the old-timers are looking well, and the new-comers are the finest batch we've ever seen - this year. The Infantry is well-represented, with about a dozen in rompers.

CAMP VENARD has been stowed away for another year. It had a very successful season, despite old Jupe Pluve, thanks to the Venard Gym and a very efficient and enthusiastic band of Counsellors from Maryknoll. Next year, we Venarders are to be given a chance as Apprentice Counsellors. Besides increasing the circle of our friends in Scranton and as far west as Detroit, the Camp is more or less responsible for two Scranton vocations this year, both of whom are from medical families, as was the first Scranton vocation, recently happily crowned in Father Davis' departure for the Field Afar.

DEPARTURE DAY was a great event this year, with a double ceremony - here and in the Scranton Cathedral. An essential Catholic note was missing in the Episcopal function. Somebody forgot to take up the Collection. Fathers Sweeney and Kennelly, who made the full Venard Course, and Father Davis, our first local vocation, gave fine addresses. Fathers Swift, Tibesar, and Hilbert were also interesting and edifying. The Faculty looked sleepy the following morning, as the priests had awaited the departure of the midnight choo-choo for San Francisco. The fine article in the Scranton Light was written by one of our Auxiliaries.

BASEBALL: Naturally, after teaching the Seminary at Maryknoll a few things about the National pass-time last June, the game has not died. College and High School seem to be about equally strong, but one of our special students promises to make up for the loss sustained in last year's graduation. Home runs are his specialty, and he pitches equally well left and right-handed. Maryknoll - Beware the Ides of Coming June! The Faculty seems to have plenty of "pep, also. With the Rector umpiring, Father Powers does very well at first base. He and the young members show great speed, something you can't find in every faculty.

LAKE DOWNS is rippling blithely in today's glorious sunlight, the more appreciated since so rare. The Duck Commissioner reports considerable erosion on the East Shore Road, due to the ~~XXXXX~~ Trade Winds piling up the billows to leeward. The Campers emptied out the Old Swimmin' Hole, and between Brother Tractor and the Student Volunteers, we're going to have a miniature Lake Superior before ice-harvest time cones 'round.

THE LANDSDOWN PIKE is progressing. Cunnegan, Schaff, Devereau, O'Toole etc. gave it a fine start during vacation. At present it runs "from Nowheres to Nowheres else", but pretty soon the Golden Spike will be driven at the Byrne-Road end, and we'll have a fine 100 yd. dash to the Hand Ball Courts. Nor is this the only Manly Labor. The Gardeners and Infantry are getting in bumper crops of plums, tomatoes and apples, and the renovated lawns shine back the refulgent care of Saint Jimbo and his merry squad.

THANKS are due Father Superior for his recent visit. We know he would like to spend more time with us, away from the Center's bustle and care, but very care calls him back too soon. Among other recent visitors was our good friend Bishop Hoban. Spiritual visits from the missionaries whose diaries we've been reading since school resumed have also been enjoyed.

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POOR MINK! Not "monk" but "mink". Like all the rest of us he was cold, and like some others he flocked to the fire room, the only warm spot on the Compound during the past four days of arctic blasts and leaden skies. Mahoney the fireman caught him. But too far gone, he could not survive the exposure nor the cold "hot-dogs" on which Fr. Jones fed him. The biology class will watch Fr. Borer discourse over the remains. -Maybe that escaped Leopard from Jersey way will come next.

SOUTH CHINA NOSTALGIC:- The past fortnight for Fr. Rector. That hot damp spell for four of five days was just the same as pre-typhoon weather; and the 30 to 40 degree period we're now enjoying is what tropical China often has for six weeks in January and February. -If the Chief doesn't come down soon, we'll have to send over for some of those portable bamboo "belly warm" ers.

SOME FACULTY, we'll admit. Talking of "old soup-bones" belonging to World Series Veterans like Alexander and Johnson, do not forget our own Father Lavery, - Zip! We do not know what you'd call it, whether an "out-drop" or a "knock-out"; but it did the trick. The Varsity team had to take its hat off to the Faculty in two out of three games. Perhaps we'll get revenge before the snow flies; but, anyway, we're glad our Profs can teach us something besides Latin and Greek. They must have been good when in their prime.

HAND-BALL COURT is again under way. It will be of wock, instead of the $\frac{1}{4}$ rick one at first contemplated, but which was away "out of bounds" in cost. Fr. Superior is letting the volunteer manual labor pay for the \$300 estimated cost. Work on the road is going right along, but the "Swimmin 'Ole" dam is awaiting more suitable weather for diving operations.

GOOD SHEPHERD DRIVE winds up this week. Said to have gone over the top for \$300,000. Will probably begin building in the spring on the hill to our north.

BASKET-BALL came into its own yesterday. Looks like we're going to have a good season. The "Midge" will have two teams in the field. -For a nice quiet nook, the gym's the thing, with a basket-ball game below and the band above. -We expect to make Clarks Summit take notice this Xmas Eve, with our band and our 4-part Mannerchor.

MEETIN' WEEK: More meetings last week than a Georgia Cracker after harvest-time. All were well-attended, from Crusade down the line through Athletic and Dramatic Societies. -Father Coulehan "admires" we've got more "pep" in our meetings than our elder Brothers on the Hudson.

AUXILIARIES: They went b'ar-hunting up in the Poconos, with Fr. Kashmitter to show them how 'twas done, the way they do "out where men are men" and railway stations fifty miles apart. -This year they didn't go to jail, but they spent part of the day as usual, - in the repair shop. Anyhow, they enjoyed it, though they brought back no b'ar.

PUDDLE-JUMPER, says our scintillating contemporary, the Maryknoll Sparks, has jumped to the Venard. So it did, - but it hasn't jumped since, nor will it even move. We're trying to swap in our Ford relics and Thirty cents for a bran' new Henry. And Bro. George, as he cranks he back to home, grins in hope. -Oh, for a Brother Julian, says our Proc. -Our tractor is humming again, after its week lay-off. We'll not know the cost till the corn's all in. But Meester Ford, who did the job, says she'll tract along for another five years. *Monthly Exams. the coming week,

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BISHOP HOBAN'S death is the outstanding item of this issue. On the tenth, when Bishop Brennan, the bishop-elect of Richmond, came up for his farewell Venard dinner, escorted by Fathers Vaughn, McHugh and Healy, he brought the news that our beloved bishop was ill with pneumonia. Though the symptoms were not alarming, pneumonia - the great Terminal disease - is always dangerous when accompanying advanced age. From that time we offered prayers twice daily for his speedy recovery of happy death. However, the end came sooner than was expected, and none of the Maryknoll family was present at the bishop's bedside. He had the great happiness of living with unimpaired mental faculties up to the last day of his long career of 74 years, and his physical condition was marvellous till the Sunday before his death. He had started to preach on the Community Drive at High Mass but had to cut short his talk.

During the Bishop's last hours his words were always turning to the Maryknoll priests and sisters, as his last year had been spent in witnessing their work on the Field Afar. Maryknoll lost its closest friend in the Episcopate. Fr. Superior, who was deacon of honor at the Mass celebrated yesterday morning by Cardinal Dougherty, recalled to us that Bishop Hoban had been the first to offer the young society hospitality and had even called to Fathers Walsh and Price while still at Rome. He agreed with the Founders that New York was the better location for the National Society, but was delighted when they agreed to place here their first Preparatory College. Not content with encouraging the Venard students, he followed their further career in the Seminary, and it is believed that every Maryknoll priest departing from Scranton was given a goodly material as well as a spiritual blessing.

Venard students were privileged to serve as Door-Tenders during the time the Bishop's remains were lying in state before being brought into the Cathedral. Father Fagan, of Hazleton, has been made administrator of the Diocese, with Fr. Kelly Econome. Fr. Kelly is to continue acting as Chancellor.

FATHER DOWNS has been bereaved by the death of his father, Mr. Samuel Downs, at Erie, Penna. - Father O'Shea represented our good Hongkong Procurator as Celebrant of the Solemn Mass of Requiem at St. Anne's Church in that city. The pastor, Father McBride, under whom Fr. Downs had been curate for a time, was Deacon. He gave a touching address on the life and virtues of Mr. Downs. A Classmate of Fr. Downs, Father Kennedy, was sub-deacon, and with Fr. O'S. accompanied the remains to the cemetery. - Our sympathy goes out to our former rector in his great loss, and we have been praying daily that God will console him the more abundantly as his sacrifice has been the more generous. - Mr. Downs was just one year beyond the allotted 3-score-and-10.

CHRISTMAS on the Field Afar was brought home to us today by the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Connerton, our good Scranton friends, with a dozen envelopes to be addressed to as many fortunate Maryknoll Missioners. - We take this opportunity of wishing the happy recipients and all our Maryknollers-abroad a truly Blessed Christmas and Glorious New Year. As we draw near the manger of the Divine Babe the entire Maryknoll family both triumphant and militant will be one in spirit in the communion of Saints.

FATHER SUPERIOR announced himself as very pleased with the physical appearance of the Venard boys, we know we're good, but we enjoy being told the happy tidings. - Our two Lakes are "just simply beautiful", - as one of the new postulants said. Lake Downs has been raised nearly two feet.

AS FOR THE OLD SWIMMING HOLE, - Oh Boy! We've got a straight-away 100 yard course with a six to eight foot depth, reaching its maximum at our new dam. Here the water is gushing over like a miniature Niagara. - Some bright intellect has suggested the lower pond for the skating rink. - By siphoning water from the upper lake - as we did for the concrete-mixing - we can wash off the unwelcome snow and keep a mirror-like surface for the Champion Hockey Team of North East Pennsylvania. (Maybe it is the only one, - what of it?)

ON VOYAGE to our Father Cody, not forgetting Fr. Meyer, Fr. William and the two new Korean Sisters.

ACTORS! You said it. And two shows in one night! Our Gaelic Shiek was to the manner born. Sure and isn't he a descendant of the Ancient Kings of Sligo? And as for Vilyuns and Heroines, - well, it is a good thing we're humble.

EXCHANGE - It looks good in the Hongkong Telegraph, for which our heartfelt thanks to the Kongmoon Mission and particularly brother Michael. - But we've got to exchange just now.