Why print so much Catholic news??

Religion In America
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Newspapers and wire services are often asked, "Why do you carry so much Catholic news?"

The question usually comes from an irate Protestant, a circumstance which tempts editors to shrug it off as a manifestation of sectarian bias.

But that's too easy an out. It is a serious question and deserves a serious answer.

Except in areas where there is very little Catholic population, most American newspapers probably do devote more space to stories and pictures about Catholic church affairs than they do to any Protestant denomination.

Largest Religious Body

This practice could be defended on purely numerical grounds: The Roman Catholic Church is by far the largest religious body in the United States today.

It has four times as many members as the largest Protestant denomination, as many members as the Southern Baptists, American Baptists, United Methodists, Episcopalians, United Presbyterians, Southern Presbyterians, American Lutherans, Missouri Lutherans, Disciples, Mormons, United Church of Christ, Quakers, Unitarians, Christian Scientists, Mennonites and Seventh Day Adventists, combined.

In the world at large, Catholics outnumber Protestants of all varieties by a margin of more than two to one.

So if you make comparisons on the basis of so many inches of news space per 100,000 members, you'll have to measure the total Catholic coverage against virtually the total Protestant coverage—not the space given to one particular Protestant denomination.

This, however, is a somewhat misleading approach. For newspapers and wire services, if they're doing their job properly, do not parcel out space according to slide rule calculations of how many people are members of the denomination concerned.

Important Test Is Value

The important test is the news value of the story or picture.

Editors have a terrible time trying to explain to laymen how they determine relative news value. Basically, it's a subjective decision made by an editor on the basis of his intuitive judgment of the number of readers likely to be interested in a story or picture, and the probable intensity of their interest.

Actions of Catholic authorities, especially the Pope or those close to him in the Vatican, rate high in news value not only because there are a lot of Catholics, but also because the impact of official decisions on the lives of individual members is much greater in a hierarchical church than in a Protestant denomination which emphasizes freedom of individual conscience.

NEHAWKA
Mrs Norman Ackley

Recent dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Harold Scharp and family were Mr and Mrs Harmon Riggs and daughters of Lincoln.

Mr and Mrs Harold Scharp and family were dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Robert Brown Jr., and family in Nebraska City.

Mrs Harry Knabe attended a coffee social Thursday afternoon at the St. Paul United Church of Christ in Plattsmouth. Marianne Sanders, an exchange student from Holland, showed pictures of her homeland. Mrs Knabe saw the shore line where she left Holland 35 years ago to return to the United States after a two month tour of seven countries.

Mrs Harry Knabe visited with Katie Meisinger, one of the Meisinger's sisters, at the Methodist hospital in Omaha.

Mrs Harry Knabe and Mrs Will Warga of Plattsmouth visited with Katie Meisinger at the Methodist hospital in Omaha. She had major surgery Monday.

Mrs Harry Knabe and Mrs Will Warga called Sunday on Sister Mina Carlson at the Immanuel Deaconess Institute in Omaha. En route home they called on Mary Meisinger at Plattsmouth.

Mrs Harry Knabe attended a miscellaneous bridal shower recently for Miss Jo Luers at the home of Mrs Bud Manacueax in Omaha. Miss Luers is the fiance of Mrs Knabe's great-grandson, John Klinker Jr. Hostesses were Mrs Bud Manacueax of Omaha, Faye Stranathan of Logan, Iowa, Mrs Norma Speckmann of Yutan and Peggy Klinker

A dinner and bridge party was held recently at the home of Mr and Mrs Fred Hansen for their guests. High scorers their guests. High scores were won by Miss Frances Hansen and Mrs Doris Pollard. The next meeting will be held at the Victor Ross home in March.

Monday Mr and Mrs Fred Hansen, Mrs Doris Pollard and Mrs Charlotte Niday visited Dean Hall, a patient at the Bergan Mercy hospital, Omaha.

Valentine Day parties were given at the Nehawka School Friday. Mrs Hal Hansen and Mrs Roger Balfour gave the party for the first, second and third grades. Games were played, and treats were given. Valentines were opened at both parties. Mrs Jed Snyder also gave treats for the birthday of her son, Chris. Mrs James Gilley and Mrs Jim Wadsworth also helped in planning the first, second and third grade party.

COOK
Mrs George Fisher

Busy Bee Kensington met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs Gretta Holscher. Members displayed their wedding day pictures and also the wedding pictures of their parents.

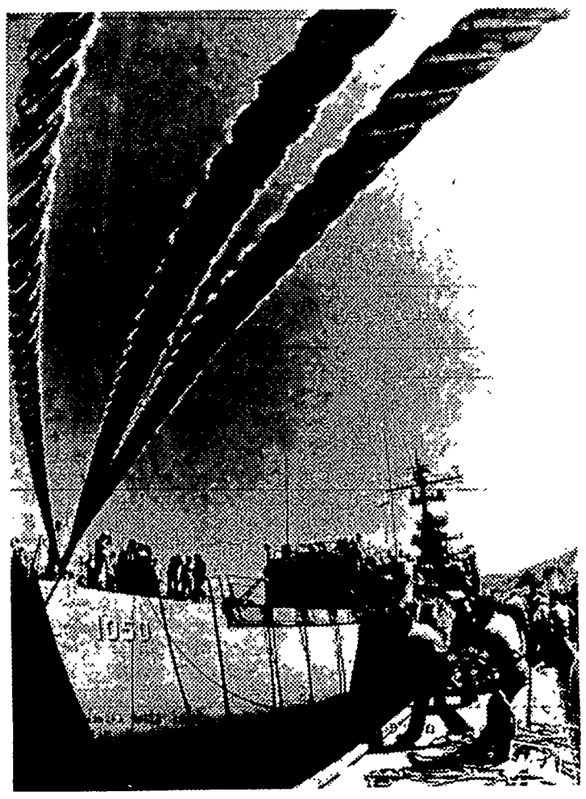
Mr and Mrs Ed Sillman were Sunday dinner and over night guests of their son and wife, Mr and Mrs Gerald Sillman and children at Wayne.

Spending Sunday evening in the home of Mr and Mrs Arthur Schacht were Mr and Mrs D. D. Brown, Mr and Mrs Floyd Dreyer, Mr and Mrs Victor Dierking, Mr and Mrs Warren Brown and Lori and Eric, Mr and Mrs Jamer Varner, Mr and Mrs Roy Peterson, Mr and Mrs Rudolph Blumhorst, Mr and Mrs Willard Feurer, Mr and Mrs Fred Kehlenbek, and Mr and Mrs Henry Ebeler. Pinochle was played. High scores were received by Mrs Victor Dierking, and Douglas Brown.

Mr and Mrs Wm. Mannschreck visited recently with their nephew and wife, Mr and Mrs Lester Mannschreck. Lester who has been ill in an Omaha hospital is now home in Auburn.

Mr and Mrs H. L. Niemann, Mrs Charles Wagner, Miss Louise Niemann and Mrs Minnie Zabel were recent dinner guests of Mr and Mrs August Niemann. Mrs Dale Jansen and children of Syracuse, and Mr and Mrs Eldred Niemann and family were evening callers.

Cashmere goats live principally in Tibet and India



SHIPS HOLD MAGNETISM for landlubbers, but a magnetic ship has no attraction for a sailor since even a small amount could explode an enemy mine. Here electrical cables are wrapped around hull of a Navy escort ship at San Diego, Calif. Jolts of electricity break down polarity and lessen magnetism.

Nuns and priests seek secular jobs

Woman To Woman
By PATRICIA McCORMACK

NEW YORK (UPI)—The nun in her late twenties wore her habit the first time she kept a business appointment with Tim Fogarty in New York.

The next time he saw her, three weeks later, she wore a mini skirt, saucer-sized sunglasses and a floppy-brimmed hat. The new clothes went along with her new job in a Wall Street brokerage house.

And her new job went along with her new way of life: that of a secular or ex-religious or former nun.

Fogarty, whose success employment agency has helped place ex-service officers in good jobs, got into the business of finding jobs for ex-nuns and ex-men-of-the-cloth nine months ago. His clients come from many denominations but the bulk are Roman Catholic.

Starts Personnel Agency

At the suggestion of a Jesuit who has now intention of becoming a secular, Fogarty and his colleagues started the specialist personnel agency just for the ex-religious.

"The nuns are easier to place than the priests," Fogarty said in an interview. "Banks, insurance companies and brokerage houses accept the ex-priests readily, but most other employers won't even interview them."

That angers Fogarty. "We only suggest interviews for those we have screened and know will be stable on the job," he said. "There is quite a bit of prejudice."

One highly educated ex-priest is a doorman. Another who has two master's degrees and a college professorship behind him is a counterman in a delicatessen.

The priest wanted something simple because, as he told Fogarty: "I've had enough problems."

Is Very Happy

He's very happy at this deli job.

Fogarty has 900 resumes from job-seeking nuns and priests. Some are waiting it out behind convent or monastery walls. Their superiors cooperate. There is nothing sub rosa about it.

The oddity of being an ex-nun or ex-priest is being removed, according to Fogarty. He thinks that's why so many are leaving.

There are no accurate statistics on the numbers of religious leaving but Fogarty says the numbers leaving all denominations has been increasing.

"The reasons the people leave are as numerous as the individuals themselves," he said.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

NEW CARS LICENSED AND TITLED:

Ralph or Gertrude I. Busacker, Talmage, Volkswagen, Omaha Volkswagen; Vincent Kreifels and Sons, Chevrolet truck, Attebery; LaVern Tiemeyer, Honda motorcycle, Bellevue Honda.

Leaseway All-Service, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, c-o Leo Heng, Ford, Southwest Ford Sales, Parma Heights, Ohio; Syracuse School District No. 27, Syracuse, Challenger, Rowe.

Alton C. or Mona M. Springman, Palmyra, Ford, Panama Auto Panama; Shirley Jo or Mildred Sedoris, Dodge, Rowe; Carl Fitzekam, Inc., GMC truck, Novak; Elwood or Phyllis Kreifels, Chevrolet chassis and cab, Haley; Charles R. or Jean Hauptman, Ford, Holmes.

Strong Brothers Leasing, Chevrolet, Strong; Charles P. or Marjorie L. Crook, Union, Dodge truck, Rowe; Charles F. or Sharon E. Knott, Honda Motorcycle, Ramer Motors, Omaha; Gilbert or Louise Heinke, Talmage, Dodge, Rowe; Robert Y. or Lola Murdock, Otoe, New Moon mobile home, Steve's Mobil, Omaha; Clemmy Holmes Leasing, Ford, Holmes.

The buck Ends here . . .
By Ivan D.E. Beaumont

Here's a tip: If you want something to do in your sparetime, say like mebbe six or seven hours some night, see Roger and Betty McCreary and get a roll of wallpaper, paste supplies and have-at-it.

You can have this guarantee — a backache, but a nice job.

I thought everyone (except me) knew how to hang paper until I started asking around. Mebbe they knew what kind of a job it was and wised-up.

Understand the pastors attending the Nebraska City Ministerial Association meeting were so busy with other church-related items that they overlooked the scheduling of the youth study groups during Lent.

Oh-oh-wee. If Doctor Prouty knew that!

Nebraska City's volunteer firemen are determined to come up with a plan that hopefully will be acceptable to the City commission and the voters for a new City Hall.

We've heard that before.

Somewhere in my junky desk is a drawing of another City Hall plan designed under the leadership of the late Clarence Vigen.

Firemen hope to show the voters the need for a new city hall, perhaps through a tour of the bumper-to-bumper fire station A standby unit, obtained through military surplus, is parked outside because no space is available in the City Hall or the addition on the north.

The firemen's special committee hopes to make a decision soon on the selection of the architect who they feel will come up with the right ideas for the best dollar value.

Now, if the firemen really want to get the job done, they should get their wives to form an auxiliary or the "we always have to stay at home on Wednesday nights club" and get the gals to help with the coming campaign.

Mrs Jim (Carol) Chaney, one of our cold type operators, reported that the Harlem Globetrotters are as great as ever, after attending one of their "performances" on the basketball court.

Meadow Lark is the comic who so well fills the shoes of Goose Tatum, master of them all.

Traveling plans — The Campbell Kropps and Ben Ryans are going to catch all the fish beyond Texas in the gulf. . . .the Virg Pitsticks will go to Switzerland next month. . . Doctor C.C. "Cappy" Case will go polar bear hunting next month way, way, north in Alaska. (Ask him to tell you the story about the hunter who waved to the bear).

The presentation of the charter of Troop 346 and the Court of Honor held at the United Methodist church recently stirred many thoughts while we watched the boys step forward, stand at attention and receive their awards.

The Rotary club in my hometown in Kansas sponsored my Scout troop and it was a mighty proud day when a group of us were luncheon guests and were called to the front of the dining hall to receive Tenderfoot badges.

I still have my Boy Scout handbook and treasure it dearly. I came across it the other day and enjoyed reading notes about troop meetings, attendance and merit badge requirements in a "secret Scout pocket" in the book jackets we made.

I remember the first campout when I took eggs (I worked the night before at a produce station) along for breakfast and about all the pop I could carry. S 'funny' cause the next day I tried to swap bottles of pop for a single canteen of water and had a thirsty day before we returned from that overnight.

For the record: H.H. Hall says the pronunciation of Pall Mall (Pell Melle) cigarets comes from the name of the street in England.

Betcha you didn't know that!

Confederate President Jefferson Davis convened his full cabinet for the last time at Charlotte, N C , in 1865

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