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WEDNESDAY

Wednesday marks the beginning of another month. It is also the Feast of All Saints, a holyday of obligation. Masses in Sacred Heart Church and Keenan-Stanford Chapel will be offered at the same time as on Sunday. And speaking of Sunday, one of what might be called the "social exspectancies" around here is that everyone wears a coat and tie for Sunday Mass. Yesterday saw a few arriving sans tie, and in a shirt that looked as if it had been slept in! Neither this nor some of the "scenes" on Saturday night should be repeated.

MOON-BOUND?

Herb Elliott, in his book, The Golden Mile, raises some interesting, if questionable, questions about our competence to win the race to the moon. Lashing out at Americans for what he calls our "soft, synthetic" way of life, he says: "I hope all my American friends will not be offended, but I believe in frankness and it's a fact that the warm, soft, synthetic existence Americans lead poses a real doubt about their future. A people who so thoroughly mollycoddle themselves must become weaker spiritually and physically....The fact that the Americans have not produced many outstanding distance runners is directly attributable to their soft way of life. They are not a hardy race of people, whereas the Australians, Norwegians, and Russians are....Having reached its pinnacle as it were, America lacks the aggression, and initiative of smaller countries, who love nothing better than succeeding occasionally in knocking her off her perch. The fact that America still produces over-all the world's best sprinters, high-jumpers, pole vaulters and shot-putters shows that her people are capable of explosive bursts of energy and enthusiasm, qualities that make their businessmen so effective, but, patently, sprinters and field-games men do not have to train as gruelingly as middle-distance and distance runners. Twenty 100 or 220 yard bursts in a night may tire a sprinter. They don't wring his lungs out as a ten-mile would. On the whole, Americans are not temperamentally suited to any race beyond 880 yards." Elliott, who has run the mile seventeen times under four minutes, scoffs at the idea that four minutes was a "psychological barrier" for milers. "The reason that milers such as Wooderson, Haegg, Anderson, and Santee didn't break four minutes was that they weren't good enough, or rather that they lacked the high degree of physical fitness and mental inspiration necessary to achieve the goal," he says in the book. Something to think about.



IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Dr. Edward J. Lyons, '29; grandfather of Bob Jochum of Morrissey. Ill: mother and father of Cecil Mast of the Mathematics Dept.



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On a gray Monday that historians will remember as the day the 50+ megaton bomb was exploded, it's better than a couple of aspirin to find in the morning mail a reminder that three of last June's graduates are engaged in an apostolic venture that will never ever be down-graded. I refer to Jim MacDonald, Tracy Osborne, and Dan Griffith who are teaching as Lay Missioners with a group known as the Volunteer Teachers Service. This group has as its purpose to meet the mission need for teachers both at home and abroad. They work for one or two years teaching in areas where teachers would otherwise not be available. Jim, Tracy, and Dan are at St. Joseph School in Killeen, Texas, this year. Jim teaches 9th grade and Mathematics; Tracy teaches 8th grade and Science; while Dan teaches 4th grade and coaches. One of them wrote us the following:

".....St. Joseph's is really a wonderful place, Father. I'm still not sure if I understand all this, but you just can't help becoming a part of it. The Fathers are terrific. They have inspiration, desire, and drive beyond explanation. They're really solid. And the teachers--they're made of the same stuff. Hard workers all, with a wonderful Christian spirit. This is a team. A group of young men and women working together out of love of God. It's not all rosey, either. We have our problems and discouragements, but someone is always there, it seems, to help out. Sometimes I can't bring myself to believe that I'm here, but I'm happy, and I get closer to Christ every day. I call myself a teacher, but I learn more from these kids than I could ever possibly hope to teach them..... If you see Rigali, Billy Clark, Ed Butler, or the others be sure to say hello and give them our best."

Although today this three-some is somewhat removed from the discussions of how to get better refereeing in inter-collegiate athletics, or how to develop student responsibility, there was a time not many months past when they were very much involved in such discussions. Thus, we've reason for believing that others will follow their lead in this kind of missionary activity next year and in the years following.