



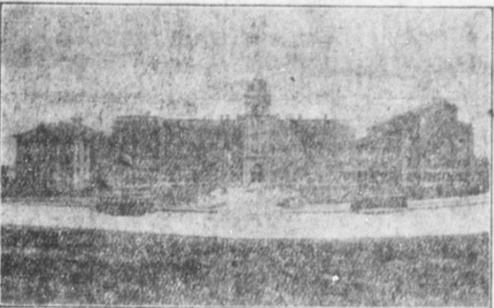
"The Burning of St. Mary's Industrial School"

Plans for the \$2,000,000 fund raising campaign for St. Mary's Industrial School, of Baltimore, a part of which is to be raised in this section, are practically completed and the drive will get under way early in February. The money raised will be used to rebuild the school which was almost entirely destroyed by fire, April 24, 1919.

At the time the school was destroyed by fire it housed 904 boys, which was the full capacity of the school. In the rebuilding program it is planned to more than double the capacity as at the present time the school has a waiting list of over 2,100 applicants seeking admission to the school, these applications numbering 10 daily.

Immediately following the fire emergency appeal for funds was made in order to raise money to complete two buildings, intended for use as recreation centres and a gymnasium, in order that these buildings might be used as temporary dormitories. About \$200,000 was raised at this time and the buildings rushed to completion, with the result that the school at the present time is able to care for 500 boys, although this number badly over-crowds the facilities.

As St. Mary's Industrial School is more than a Baltimore institution, being in effect a State one in that approximately 50 per cent. of the boys trained there since the start of the school have been boys from outside the City of Baltimore, the present drive is being made a State wide one. In fact it goes farther than that, and is a nation-wide one in all respects, although the work of the intensive campaign will be confined to the State of Maryland.



St. Mary's As It Appeared Before the Fire.

Preparations for the actual drive have been going forward for several months and the City of Baltimore and the State outside of the city is well organized for the actual money raising campaign, which will take place in the State during February, and in the City of Baltimore during the first part of April.

In the State each community, down to those having populations of 300, have been separately organized and the campaign in each community will be handled by a local committee, picked from representative business men and prominent women in the community. Card lists of prospective givers have been prepared and will be divided among the workers in each community so that no person will be solicited twice, nor, on the other hand, will any one willing to aid in the rebuilding of St. Mary's be missed in the house to house canvass of the different sections.

The actual campaign in the State will start in the western section on February 1, and will work eastward so as to end in the towns and cities contiguous to Baltimore at the end of that month.

St. Mary's Industrial School Boys' Band of 50 pieces will take an active part in the campaign, and will give a series of concerts in this section during the intensive part of the drive here, the actual dates of which will be announced later.

This band, which has been famous in the Eastern section of the United States for many years, extended that fame last September, when it made a 3,500 mile trip with "Babe Ruth, the Home Run King," and the New York American League Baseball Club, of which "Babe" Ruth is a member. Ruth is a former St. Mary's School boy and received his entire education there, entering the school when he was seven years old, and leaving it in 1914, when he was 19, to become a member of the Baltimore Baseball Club, then as now headed by Jack Dunn. "Babe's" career since then with the Boston American League Baseball Club, and more particularly last year, when as a member

of the New York Club, he batted out 54 home runs, more than double the number ever made by any other player, barring himself, in a single year before, is too well known to need repeating here.

On its trip last September the band played in Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, New York and Philadelphia, giving concerts each afternoon on the ball parks in the different cities and in the evenings at Elks, Knights of Columbus, civic clubs and other meetings wherever it was felt that the appeal of St. Mary's School for funds would have an effect.

At a conservative estimate over half a million people heard the band play on this trip and received advertising literature telling of the school. As a result many fraternal and civic bodies in the cities visited have become interested in the work of rebuilding St. Mary's, and are either making separate campaigns of their own or are co-operating with the Baltimore executive committee in putting on a fund drive in their respective cities coincident with the intensive drive in Baltimore in early April.

Founded in 1866 fifty-five years ago, as a school "to care for dependent and delinquent boys of the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland," St. Mary's Industrial School has always been self-supporting, even though the amount of per capita compensation paid by the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland for the maintenance of boys placed in the institution has been very small, especially in recent years when the increased cost of operation of such institutions is considered. Since 1914 the cost of every thing used in the operation of the



"Babe Ruth"
One of St. Mary's Twinkling Stars

SALIENT FACTS ABOUT SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL.

St. Mary's Industrial School was founded in 1866 "to care for dependent and delinquent boys, of the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland."

St. Mary's Industrial School is strictly non-sectarian in character.

About 50 per cent. of all pupils of the school since its inception have been boys from outside of the City of Baltimore.

During the World War 785 boys enlisted in the army, navy and marines directly from the school, while over 3,200 former pupils are known to have seen service in the war.

Judge Henderson, of Cumberland, calls St. Mary's School "A Life Savings Station in a Boy's Life."

At the time of the fire, April 24, 1919, St. Mary's housed 904 boys. It is now able to care for about 500 boys, but is badly overcrowded. The school has been forced to refuse admission to 2,100 boys since the fire.

The first Maryland man killed in the World War was Albert H. Vogel, a former boy of St. Mary's School.

At all times approximately 30 per cent. of the boys in St. Mary's are non-Catholic.

Records show that over 90 per cent. of the boys trained at St. Mary's since 1866 have become good citizens, and are filling positions in all the professions and in the business world.

salary remains at \$150 a year, the figure at which it was placed when the school was started in 1866.

In the reception and handling of boys placed in its care St. Mary's School is strictly non-sectarian, the creed or nationality of a boy having nothing whatever to do with his admission to the school. Of the 13,000 boys who have been trained at the school since its inception more than 90 per cent. of them have become good citizens and are holding positions in all the professions and in the business world.

On the day the school was burned about one-half of the 904 boys in the school were from Baltimore and the State of Maryland. The others came from 32 states and even from Argentina, South America, where the fame of the school had reached.

During the World War St. Mary's School responded to the call most loyally, no less than 785 boys enlisting directly out of the school, while a partial list of former pupils that took part in the war totals over 3,200 names. Albert H. Vogel, the first Maryland man to be killed in the great war, was a graduate of St. Mary's School.

St. Mary's Industrial School is an institution of which this section and the entire State of Maryland can well be proud. During the 55 years of its existence every city, town and hamlet in the State has had boys from its neighborhood in the institution for training and in every instance, with exceptions that are so few as to be almost negligible, the boy has been turned out a straightforward, honest and upright citizen.

This, in itself, is enough to make the appeal of the school for a \$2,000,000 fund for rebuilding it and allowing it to continue its great work, a most worthy one, and it is hoped and expected that citizens of this section will realize this and contribute liberally to this noteworthy charity.

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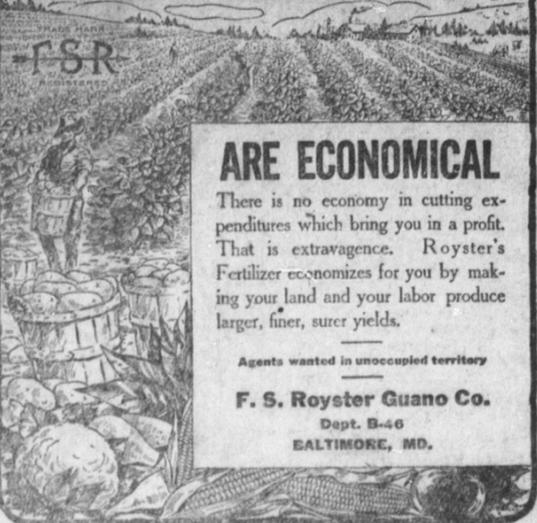
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