

Benefit Pilgrim Springs Mission Worthy Cause

The Catholic Ladies will on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17th, sponsor a card party and dance for the benefit of the Pilgrim Springs Mission. This entertainment has become traditional and the support it receives is a good example of the friendly cooperative spirit of the people of Nome towards the Pilgrim Springs Mission. While we are all fairly similar with the work done at the Springs either from actual visits or from hearsay still it might be useful to learn a little more of the actual conditions of the school, its

hopes, aims and finances. Father Thomas Cunningham of the Catholic Church at Nome was interviewed and had the following remarks to make concerning this great humanitarian work: "The general aim of the Mission is to provide a home for orphaned and semi-orphaned Eskimo children regardless of religion or place of birth. It was founded by Fathers Post and Lafortune and later by Father Rupert just after the Flu epidemic of 1918. The number of children has always been on the increase and now there are 68 under the care of the Jesuit Fathers and Ursuline Sisters. Father Ed Cunningham, the present superior has hopes of building in the near future. He says that the school is so

crowded now that if another child is sent up he will probably be obliged to sleep on the floor. "Pilgrim Springs is financed mainly by friends of the Fathers and Sisters outside. Everyone will admit that the problem of financing the institution is fairly considerable. Were it not for the individual efforts of those in charge, the school could not continue. Nome has always been very generous, not only by donations and gifts but also by providing a market for the vegetables produced in the Pilgrim Springs gardens. Nome recognizes the necessity of such an orphanage and the Catholic Church in Alaska is very appreciative of the generous support it receives." We cannot help but admire the devotion and self-sacrifice of the Jesuit Fathers, Brothers and the Ursuline Sisters who without any remuneration have devoted their lives for the training of the homeless Eskimo children. At the same time we must not forget that all of this would be impossible were it not for the loyal help, encouragement and moral support given by the people of Alaska in general and those of Nome in particular. At the Springs we find homeless children from Point Hope, Kotzebue, Candia, Nome and the islands and we can tell ourselves that our own generosity has made this good work possible. Very often it's the small sacrifice of an unknown that has the most value in the eyes of Him who sees all things.

but fleet since the international fisheries commission was formed to control production and insure against depletion of the halibut fisheries. The season opened in March and did not close until December 26, but boats did not start operations until April. The delay was occasioned by a voluntary layup of the fleet in an effort to obtain better prices which was successful. Halibut fishing last season has been described as the best in the past few years, fishermen receiving an average of 8.19 cents a pound for their product in Seattle, compared with 7.49 cents in the previous year. Additional revenue for the fleet is seen in the higher price for halibut livers this year. The lone bid—by Parker-Davis company—was for 45 cents a pound, compared with 40³/₄ cents paid last year. The higher prices for halibut in 1935 were attributed to curtailment of catches which the Vessel Owners' association and the Deep Sea Fishermen's union worked out in order to prevent flooding of the market. Recent reports from the bureau of fisheries show that there is less halibut on hand now than at the same time last year, adding further encouragement to boat operators. Following receipt of word on the opening of the 1936 season, local boats are preparing to outfit for the grounds. It has been estimated that 3,575,000 pounds of halibut were sold in Ketchikan last year, representing a value of about \$225,000.

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Snow was falling between Tanana and Fairbanks early this morning while fair skies with considerable ground fog restricting visibility obtained west of Kaltag to Nome. It is colder this morning in western Alaska; the lowest reading at Nome being 21 below at 3:45 a.m. Barometric pressure is low over most of Alaska and the western Canadian Provinces with the center charted off the coast southward thruout Oregon and Washington. Airways conditions at 11 a.m. were as follows: Nome, clear, temp. —9 Solomon, clear —9 Golovin, foggy —12 Nulato, foggy 10 Kaltag, clear —8 Unalakleet, foggy 4 Candle, clear —19 Flat, clear —2 Kotzebue, clear —22 Cordova, cloudy, 32 Juneau, cloudy 34 Ketchikan, cloudy 34

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