

Red Cross Head To Speak March 6 At Fisher Theater

Of much interest locally will be the address to be given March 6 at Fisher theater in Detroit by Basil O'Connor, head of the American Red Cross and also of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

The Detroit Town Hall audience will hear O'Connor Wednesday morning, March 6, at 11 o'clock speak on "Postwar Plans for the Red Cross."

His engagement at the Forum will be of particular interest to hundreds of Red Cross workers in the Detroit area who will meet their chairman for the first time.

O'Connor's appointment to the top Red Cross post was made by the late President Roosevelt, after he had served the country for many years as national head of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation fighting the campaign against poliomyelitis.

ATTENDS UNO SESSION

Master Sgt. Robert H. Kehr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Kehr, 460 Wembley drive, was on furlough in London last week and attended the last session of the UNO. He is with the 34th Engineer General Hospital, 1st Army, near Nuremberg.

Michigan History in Pictures



La Salle, Iron Man of New France, traveled to Fort to Kingston—in 65 days!

Returning, La Salle found Cravecoeur destroyed, again turned back to Miami.

One more Kingston trip, and La Salle led his men from Ft. Miami on Dec. 21.



April 9, 1682. At Mississippi mouth he claimed the great valley for France.

H. Dale Rue Tells of Trip to Holy Land

Editor's Note: Following is the third installment of the story by H. Dale Rue, of Birmingham, now in Africa on war business. In the story he relates experiences on a trip to the Holy Land. The final installment will appear next week.

"We drove into the queer little hillside town of Bethlehem with streets so narrow that in places people have to step into doorways to let the car pass between the buildings. Here the native houses are all made of blocks of white stone cemented together with mud or plaster. We visited the Church of the Nativity which a built over the spot where Christ was born. As we approached the large courtyard of the church, we encountered an Arab wedding party just leaving the church. The bride was dressed in a lace dress quite modern in appearance but the groom wore

the native costume of the country. They were followed immediately by little girls in white dresses, carrying long lighted candles, and the balance of the wedding party followed in the rear.

"After going through the church, which is shared by the Catholic, the Greek Orthodox, the Coptic and the Syrian faiths, we were taken down into a cave beneath the church where the master still is identified by a stone slab. As we were about to leave the cave, a native woman with two small children approached the chancel with a tiny baby to be christened at the spot where the famous baby was born nineteen hundred and forty-five years ago. It was one of the most touching incidents of our journey.

"Visits Church
"After viewing the Field of the Shepherds, sloping down from the church, where the shepherds left their flocks as the wise men approached, we drove back to Jerusalem and next visited the Garden of Gethsemane. We were taken through this shrine by one of the Franciscan monks who control much of the Catholic institutions in the Holy Land. Three famous paintings cover the entire wall of the church behind the altar. They depict the betrayal, the condemnation, and the crucifixion. Sections of the original floor of the church have been cut away to show the remains of the original mosaic tile from the original cathedral in a most remarkable state of preservation. Adjoining the church in the old Jordan itself are eight massive old twisted olive trees that are claimed to be the original trees of Christ's time. The largest of the eight is claimed to be the very tree under which Jesus prayed during the last hours before he was taken prisoner.

"From there we went to the spot where Christ was betrayed and saw the spot on which he mounted the ass that took him to the city of Jerusalem to appear before Pontius Pilate. We traced his steps over the same little original road from the Mount of Olives to the city. It has been preserved in its original state.

"On our way from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Olives we stopped at the British War Cemetery where several thousand English soldiers of World War I are buried—men who gave their lives for the same basic principle that caused the death of Christ. It is a magnificent memorial to their poor souls.

"We lunched with Mr. Ramsey at the American Colony after dropping Mr. Khader off at his home. We arranged for a guide for the afternoon and after a short rest we started for the old walled city of Jerusalem which now lies in the center of the new modern city. We entered the Jaffa gate and drove the car in for a short distance through little streets so narrow the fenders barely cleared the buildings on either side. The streets were full of overflowing with all sorts of native life, donkeys, camels, children in mad confusion and little open shops where food, souvenirs, rugs, and all sorts

of life's necessities were offered for sale. There is not a level street in the old city—one is constantly climbing up or down the rough flagstone pavement.

"We pushed our way past to the old cathedral that marks the spot where Pilate's temple stood. A quaint little inn encroached upon the cathedral and we were taken into one of the old Roman cisterns below the floor which is supposed to extend 25 miles outside of the city and was built by the Romans to protect their water supply. We then went down underground to the church and stood on the exact old paved courtyard where Christ stood when he was condemned by Pontius Pilate.

"We left the church and followed the footsteps of Christ as he bore his cross to the gate of the city, then on to Calvary. We were shown the hole in the rock where the cross stood. We then visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and saw the rock from which Jesus ascended. Before we left the old city, we went to the famous old Wailing Wall, where we saw the Jews going through their contortions as they have continually day and night throughout the ages. As we left, we passed the tomb of Mary, the mother of Christ.

"At American Colony
"We returned to the "Y" for a most interesting entertainment in the auditorium and Christmas carols at 4 p. m. and then hurried to the home of the Khaders at 8 o'clock. We had dinner at 8 o'clock at the American Colony as guests of the Whittings, one of the most interesting English people—friends of Mr. Ramsey, with cocktails first in their apartment. Mr. Whiting has spent his life in Jerusalem and is an authority on the Holy Land. He is a well known archeologist and writer for National Geographic. Bill Dawley and I took a taxi to the "Y" at 10:30. It was completely exhausted physically, mentally and emotionally.

"On Monday, the 24th after having breakfast at the "Y" we met Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Whiting and visited the tomb of Helena of Adana, which is obviously a close replica of Christ's tomb and is definitely established as of the same exact period. An enormous courtyard had been cut out of solid rock and into the side of the sheer rock wall was the small round entrance to the tomb. A large rolling stone door was hushed aside from the entrance and was necessary to stoop way down to enter. On the inside were numerous crypts cut out of the solid rock and finished with remarkable skill. After leaving the tomb, one has a feeling that he has visited the real tomb of our Lord, which will probably never be exactly located.

"At Herod's Tower
"We next visited one of Herod's three towers, the Tower of David. A portion of the original old wall can be seen at the base and it is thought that probably that is the only original building above ground that remains which was actually seen by our Lord. The tower is surrounded by the old moats and reconstructed drawbridges. We next visited the post office and telegraph office to send stamps for our post cards. I also picked up a few Palestine stamps for Ed Bloosfield.

"We drove by the American Consulate to see about our return visas and then hurried back to the "Y" for lunch with the Terris. It

turned out to be quite an elaborate affair—12 people at the table—roast turkey and a marvelous meal.

"After lunch we left with Mr. Whiting and drove the old road to Jericho down to the River Jordan. On the way we saw hundreds of miles of trenches and numerous tank traps all along the road. (Last Installment Next Week)

'Info' Director



Rear Adm. Sidney W. Souers, USNR, of St. Louis, Mo., heads the new Central Intelligence Agency for co-ordinating foreign intelligence activities of the government.

County Badminton Tournery, March 30 At Ferndale High

Badminton players of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills have been invited to enter the Oakland County Closed Badminton Tournament to be conducted by the Ferndale recreation department on Saturday, March 30. The invitation was issued by David (Bob) Brown, director of the recreation department in Ferndale.

There will be women's single and double events and men's single and double events. The tournament is open to any resident of Oakland county and to any member of a badminton club in the county. All entries are to be filed by Friday, March 23. A small fee will be charged and medals will be awarded to winners in all classes. Inquiries should be mailed to Bud Brown, Recreation Director, 130 East Nine Mile road, Ferndale 30, Mich. The phone number of the department is Lincoln 2-1850.

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New Plymouth Cars On Display March 2

The new line of Plymouth cars will be placed on public display in dealers' showrooms throughout the United States on Saturday, March 2. It was revealed today by Joseph E. Bayne, general sales manager of Plymouth division, Chrysler Corporation.

ROTARIANS CELEBRATE

Monday, Rotary luncheon day at the Community House, found a number of members back from southern trips and several guests in from neighboring clubs. The occasion proved a double birthday celebration that of Mattie Cammarere and also that of Rotary International. Mrs. Cammarere sent a big birthday cake for the occasion and President Dwight B. Ireland ordered gifts from each member to the Grand Old Ladies' Club. For the program of the day Dr. A. K. Toepfer had one of those quick affairs.

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