TWENTY-NINE YEARS ago next Thursday Knute Rockne, en-route to California to make a motion picture, died in a tragic plane crash near Bazaar, Kansas. From 1918 to 1930, Rockne, as head coach, chalked up a record of 105 victories as against 12 defeats. A wit, a great teacher and coach, he and his family have a claim on our prayers. Remember him on Thursday.

• THIS EVENING, the 5:10 Mass is going to be offered in the Crypt of Sacred Heart Church. In the upper church, the Office for the Dead will be chanted for Father Walter Conway. There will also be a Mass at 5:10 in Dillon Hall Chapel this evening. Those from the west side of the campus may save a few steps by attending the Mass in Dillon.

• TOMORROW, the Bermuda-bound contingent will start a run on sunglasses, etc. No doubt, Bermuda's a great place in the Spring. It would be a good idea for some to review motives and finances for the trip. Save Bermuda for your honeymoon......and the Bermudans.


• TODAY Pope John elevated ten new Cardinals. The names of three of the new princes were not published. When a Cardinal is elevated in petto, his name is published at a much later date. When the name is made public, the Cardinal takes his rank in seniority according to the date of the original announcement. Could the Holy Father wait and divulge the names of these three Cardinals in his last will and testament. He could. Pius IX did. But it is generally held that such publication would be without effect.

• TOMORROW, residents of SORIN, DILLON, and PANGBORN take their turn at making a half-hour of adoration in the Lady Chapel of Sacred Heart Church. On Wednesday, BADIN, HOWARD, and LYONS residents have the privilege.

• SINCERE THANKS to all who were so generous yesterday in contributing to the Bishops' Relief Fund.

• TONIGHT ....... GOOD AMATEUR BOXING. THE BENGAL BOUTS BEGIN AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE FIELDHOUSE. TURN OUT AND GIVE A HAND TO THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN A PUNCH OR TWO TO HELP THE MISSIONS.
SPRING HAS BEEN in the neighborhood for nearly a week already. The lingering traces of winter, snow and ice, and here and there a ski-victim, have kept us from recognizing it, however. Only the more adventuresome of our feathered friends have put in their appearance. But tomorrow should bring out the golfer and the pitcher in many of you. Spring is a time for putting away skis and mackinaws. It's a time for getting out of plaster-casts and in some quarters, unfortunately, for what is known as "spring madness".

HOWEVER, as the Church sees it, the Spring of the year is a time that is holy. She refers to Lent, for example, as Holy Spring. And Lent will be just that if it is well-spent. And, here at the half-way point is a good time to stop and ask yourself what use you've made of Lent so far. Chapel attendance has dropped in some halls. Is it because you've fallen back into your old ways? Are you letting excuses you'd never accept from anyone else serve as justification for some of the things you haven't been doing? If so, when will you start being honest with yourself, demanding of yourself the same thing you demand of others?

THE GREATEST AND THE HOLIEST of the weeks of Lent still lie ahead. If you haven't been in step with the Church up to now, get a move on. The weeks ahead will find us retracing our Lord's footsteps into Jerusalem. These days might well prove to be our first meaningful introduction to the Passion of Christ. Or we can allow them to remain meaningless and we will be guilty of a crime similar to that of those who accompanied Him into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. Now is the time to realize that it is our vocation to share Christ's burden, to be willing to die.

TOO MANY OF US, however, while recognizing our vocation, never seem quite able to accept it. We must learn not to be held down by the accidents of the past. Minor difficulties must not be allowed to hold us back. Get patched up, and join those who have been carrying the load up to now. Christ the King of Martyrs is entering upon his Sacred Passion. All martyrs and confessors should accompany Him. If you're hung over or can't get up and out to Mass these days or have made no sacrifices up to now, then you're really out of it.

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