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VOLUNTEER MERCY HOSPITAL defense workers from Holy Family High School, Auburn, who help to make bandages at the hospital each Saturday afternoon under the direction of Sister Mary Celesta, O.M.C. They are: (from left) Sister Mary Celesta, Betty Casey, Jean Coughlin, Kathryn Cutler, Mary Lou Ringwood, Miriam Hickey and Alice Marie Mohan.

Air Raid Plans Announced For School Children

To meet any emergency that may arise during an air raid, children attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rochester are being adequately trained, it is announced today at the Catholic Education Office. In accordance with instructions from the Superintendent to principals, each school is conducting air raid drills weekly as a minimum.

Plan Outlined

The plan set up in Rochester diocese calls for the joint cooperation of pastor and principal in executing orders given. Older children are being trained to assist in directing the young children to safety positions in the shortest time possible.

An effective communication system has been worked out for notifying the schools of air raid warnings. With a direct telephone line installed in the Catholic Education Office and the Rochester Control Center, all schools can be notified of a warning within a space of a very few minutes.

Parents Warned

Parents have been cautioned through the schools to refrain from calling schools in the event of an emergency, since children will be well cared for by their teachers.

Handling all defense plans in the Rochester area for Catholic schools is the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent, Assisting him in the diocesan areas are the Rev. Thomas J. Toole, Elmira; the Rev. John J. Healy, Auburn; the Rev. William McPadden, Geneva, and the Rev. John A. Smith, Corning.

Children Keep Up Efforts For Red Cross

Following the suggestion of the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent, that banks be installed in all classrooms for donations to the Red Cross War Fund, regular contributions continue to come in to the Catholic Education Office. This week a total of \$28.28 has been received.

Holy Rosary School, reporting for the fourth time, sent in a check for \$8.75. St. Joseph's Commercial School added \$20.00 to their original gift and Holy Apostles' pupils increased their first donation by the sum of \$17.50.

The total amount now sent to Red Cross Chapters by Catholic Schools of the Diocese as reported has now reached \$1,233.41.

HEADS DOCTORS' GUILD

New Orleans.—Dr. K. L. Leckert has been elected President of the Catholic Physicians' Guild of New Orleans for 1942.

Birth Control Deprives Australia Of 360,000

BRISBANE, Australia — (N. C.) — If the average birth rate for the period 1911-1921 had been maintained, there would have been 360,000 children more in Australia at the time of the last census, figures just released show.

"If it is assumed that 20,000 men constitute a division then between 1922 and 1933 Australia lost five divisions of men to defend our shores," a deputation of Catholic chemists of New South Wales de-

clared in protesting against the distribution of contraceptive devices and propaganda in the State. The deputation was sponsored by the Catholic Chemists' Guild.

"If we persist in treading the same road as France, how can we escape her fate?" the statement said, adding: "We have seen the collapse of a world power because in her people the spirit of pleasure prevailed over the spirit of sacrifice."

Citing figures to show that the birthrate in Australia had fallen from 17.64 per thousand in 1914 to 7.83 per thousand in 1938, the statement claimed that "the cause of this decline is to be found in a changed attitude to parenthood," resulting from "the elimination of ethical training from the education of children" and the modern campaign for birth-prevention.

The Guild insisted "that the morals of youth be protected by a more rigid application of the censorship over papers, plays and books," and that "the advertising and display of contraceptives be forbidden, and their sale rigorously controlled."

Club Selects 2nd Book By Noted Convert

NEW YORK — "Fast by the Road," second book by John Moody, has been selected for February by the Catholic Book Club. The volume, published by the Macmillan Company, is characterized by Eberne Cunningham in the Book Club's Newsletter as "the answer to the layman's often inarticulate cry for theology in his mental diet."

Clergy Eligible To Buy Autos Under Rationing Rules

WASHINGTON (NC) — Members of the clergy, along with doctors and others engaged in "essential services," are included in the list of eligible purchasers in the regulations issued today governing the rationing of approximately 340,000 new automobiles now in the hands of dealers and manufacturers. About 140,000 of the 340,000 new cars, all of which are to be rationed within the next twelve months, will be made available for sale to eligible civilian buyers between March 2 and May 31, Price Administrator Leon Henderson announced.

As in the tire-rationing regulations, Mr. Henderson announced, the new cars will be made available against certificates issued by local rationing boards. The tire regulations specified tires might be issued for "a vehicle which is operated by a regularly practicing minister of any religious faith and which is used principally in, and is necessary to, the performance of his religious duties."

Manufacture of new passenger automobiles was suspended as each manufacturer finished assembly of his January quota.

Rationing quotas for subsequent periods will be announced after May 31, the Office of Price Administration announced.

Warns Against Man Seeking To Dupe Clergy

BUFFALO — A warning has been issued here against the activities of a man about 75 years of age, claiming to be recently returned to this country from Poland, who seeks "loans" from Catholic priests and institutions to settle hotel bills and to obtain transportation to other cities.

A check on the man's activities here revealed that he is known in a half-dozen other cities, and that he carries in a notebook the names of priests and institutions in various places including New York City, Washington, D. C., Detroit and Chester, Pa. In one place, the man is said to have sought instruction and to have received Baptism at the hands of a priest, despite that records in this city show that he claimed to be a Catholic at the time of his marriage two-score years ago.

Buffalo police took the man into custody for investigation, but released him next day because his particular activities are not covered by the law.

St. Mary's Pupils Moved Swiftly In Air-Raid Test

Responding to a trial "air raid" alarm, every pupil of St. Mary's School in Clark Street, left the building on Thursday, Feb. 19 in just two minutes and 22 seconds. In exactly six minutes from the time the test "alert" resounded, shortly before 3 p. m. every child was safely under cover in the Federal Building where basement rooms had been made available through the cooperation of Postmaster John F. McGrath.

The test was carried out under the direction of Police Captain Edward Arnold, air-raid warden of Zone 3. Captain Arnold stated that the test was very satisfactory. He expressed the opinion that as a result of the test, a system had been found to get the pupils with their teachers, safely out of the school and into the Federal Building in four minutes.

Watching the test were Captain Arnold, Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen, pastor of St. Mary's Church and assistant zone warden; Rev. Dennis W. Hickey and Rev. Edward McNamara, assistant pastors.

Assisting in the evacuation of the building were Daniel Gleason, sector warden; George C. Townsend, senior post warden; and Albert J. Smith and C. D. Blessing,

2 Broadcasts Weekly To U. S. From Vatican

WASHINGTON — (NC) — The Vatican Radio Station HVJ hereafter will broadcast in English to the United States regularly on Sunday and Thursday of each week at 9:30 P. M. Eastern War Time, over a wave-length of 31.06 meters, according to word received today at the headquarters of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Preliminary reception tests made in this country, it was stated, ascertained that the time and wave-length selected were technically satisfactory and were such as to afford a minimum possibility of intentional interference.

post wardens, also Dexter L. Nash, a sector warden in Zone 2.

Negro Benedictine At St. Bernard's Urges Ban On Evil Books Sent To Troops

A plea for the stoppage of a flood of vile, debasing publications, which has followed the arrival of American troops in the island of Trinidad, one of the military and naval bases acquired over a year ago from Great Britain, was voiced Sunday night by Rev. Basil Matthews O. S. B. during a lecture before the Mission Society of St. Bernard's Seminary.

The effect of such literature upon the inhabitants of Trinidad is, according to Father Matthews, of a kind to corrupt the native inhabitants of the island and to offset many of the good impressions which the character of the newly arrived American troops has given concerning the quality of the culture of the people of the United States.

Father Matthews, who stated that as far as he has been able to ascertain, he is the first Negro priest admitted to the Benedictine order since its foundation over 1500 years ago, came to Rochester on the invitation of Rev. E. J. Byrne, Moderator of St. Bernard's Mission Society.

Purpose of his address before

the Seminary Mission unit was to explain the needs of the Catholic missions among the Negro peoples of the West Indies. Descended from Negro stock, taken as slaves from the Gold Coast of Africa over a century ago, Father Matthews gave a very complimentary report of the cultural and religious work of the Catholic Missionaries in Trinidad since its discovery by Christopher Columbus until the present time.

Father Matthews himself proved to be an excellent personal illustration of what can be done for the Negro people, when they are given the opportunities of education and culture possessed by the whites. An accomplished and graceful speaker in several languages, after five years of study at Louvain University, Belgium, and a period of teaching in the diocesan Seminary at Trinidad, Father Matthews is now making special studies in Philosophy of Sociology at Fordham University. He has interested himself in the welfare of the Catholic Negroes of the Archdiocese of New York and the Eastern part of the United States.

The coming of a large contingent of soldiers of the United States with many of their wives and families at the naval base in Trinidad has, Father Matthews stated, created many problems for the clergy of the island. More than a third of the United States force are of the Catholic religion; the number of Catholic chaplains of the Army is relatively small. Assistance is therefore being given to them by the Irish Dominicans and Fathers of the Holy Ghost congregation who have charge of the principal parish churches of the island.

A delegation of Catholic Negroes of Rochester met Father Matthews on Sunday afternoon at the Peter Claver House on East St. upon his arrival from New York. He expressed great pleasure at finding that the spiritual and social welfare of Negroes of the Catholic faith in Rochester is being cared for.

Mr. Anthony Gomes, President of St. Bernard's Seminary Mission Unit, presided at the meeting on Sunday night.

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