

### Free Phone Call Home For Soldiers

NEW YORK—A free long distance telephone call is awarded each Saturday night to one of the several hundred soldiers, sailors and marines who attend the regular Saturday night dance given here at the National Catholic Community Service club for men in uniform.

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permitted to call his folks, wherever they are in the nation. Last Saturday night, Seaman Bill Powell, U.S.N., spoke with his mother back in Brooklyn, Ind., while the Saturday previous, a soldier had a chat with his folks in Chicago.

Another program innovation at the NCCS center that has met with wide approval among the service

men is free legal service for men in uniform which is available under the auspices of a Legal Committee. It was inaugurated by Robert H. Devlin, Director of the club.

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## CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

### MEN'S MISSION CLOSING

Closing of Men's Mission at 2:30 P. M. Sunday. The Lenten Mission by the Passionist Fathers, Rev. Berchmans Lanagan and Rev. Raymond Houllhan, comes to its solemn closing at 2:30 P. M. Sunday, Mar. 22. The final exhortations to Christian living, the blessing of religious articles, the reception of candles from the men for use on the altar, the imparting of the Blessing of the Holy Father, carrying with it a Plenary Indulgence to each man who has made the Mission, and the farewell word of the Fathers, make up the Solemn Closing. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow. Our men and women are deeply indebted to these men of God for the splendid and devotional mission they have given at Corpus Christi.

Negro and Indian Mission this Sunday. After the Communion this Sunday, the annual collection for our Negro and Indian Missions will be taken up. It is suggested that Dollar Offerings be made for this cause where possible, smaller offerings in other cases. In the West and in the South, these Negroes and Indians are spiritual

charges of all American Catholics, looking to us for that succor that will bring them the light of the true faith and will support them in its practice. This collection was postponed from the 1st Sunday in Lent.

Monday Novena Services at 8:00 P. M. The Mission took the place of these services for the past two weeks. Lenten Services are resumed in the church on Wednesday and Fridays: Stations Wednesday, Sermon Friday.

Lenten Self-Denial Banks for all! New ones when the first one is filled. Envelopes form for your convenience in carrying bank with you; an offering for Our Lord every day in Lent. To be returned to the sanctuary on any day in Holy Week.

Subscriptions and Payments may be made any Sunday. We still await an answer to the personal letter sent out to parishioners some weeks ago; many have responded—we look for all to reply before Easter.

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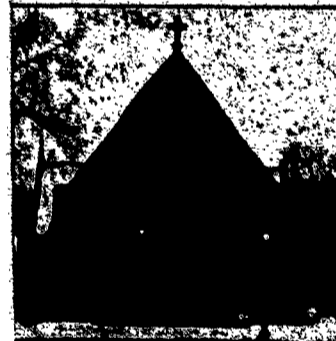
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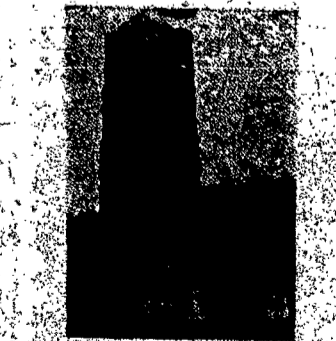
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*He Never Moves the Whole of Him*

I pulled up the roots of twenty years  
To come to the city.  
"You can earn enough money by Spring"  
The salesman said,  
"To buy all the things you want.  
It's a pity  
The city is warm.  
That you should stay on the farm in winter.  
The city is warm.  
A couple of months is all you'll be gone."  
Roots as old as that don't transplant easy.  
For the thousandth time  
I came home from work today and no one there  
To greet me.  
I remember turning the corner with loitering step  
To lengthen my share  
In some people I met. The city's unkind.  
The country folk I left behind  
Would have invited me in.

Generally, besides being one of the most senseless things in the world it is also one of the saddest. A man (or woman) moves on and on, from that one spot on earth where he was born, and reared and grew to manly fibre—he moves and the roots stay there, for a man somehow gets rooted in the things and people he sees, hears, feels, touches many times through many years. Never when he moves does he move the whole of him.

But roots in a city are shallow and the city born and bred move with comparative ease from one city to another. Their roots are not even deep in home and family, because home is hardly more than a house and family life (if there is so much as a family) little more than an eating together in the evening. A man picks himself up in Chicago to go live in Detroit. It may make a news item but not a story for it does not tug at the depths and heartstrings.

Now, there is many and many a story been written of a man—old and young, with a wife and without one—taking himself and his things into the country to live. Generally, it's a wholesome story and a happy story.

Such things are not sad things. Such things are not even senseless things. The sad stories and the senseless stories—and the number that might be written are countless—are the stories of those who pull up and tear out their country roots to go live in cities.

The roots he deep in the country—deep in the soil, deep in the home and family, deep in neighbors, deep in spring's green grass and the changeless landscape

white with snow, deep in things that grow and deep in the things that feed on the things that grow, deep in the valley's country Church, and the mounds behind it, deep in Christian thought and customs—ESG.

### Women Have Sent NCCS Club 10,000 Cookies in 5 Months

CONEWAGO, Pa. Eight members of the Conewago Deanery Council of Catholic Women devote every Friday morning, and donate all necessary materials and talent, to keeping filled the soldiers' cookie jar in the USO club operated by the National Catholic Community Service in Harrisburg.

"We figure that we have baked 10,000 cookies since last October—we haven't kept count of the doughnuts," was the brief statistical report of the Deanery Council President who organized the service. Special delivery mail carries the finished products each week to the Harrisburg club to provide a traditional home-like touch for the weekend service guests.

The "cookie and doughnut squad" was the Council's answer to the problem of aiding NCCS work from a rural area many miles away from the nearest club.

Do what you can with what you have. Buy U. S. Defense Bonds and Stamps.

Do not criticize a thing unless you can do better yourself.

### Meditation

By Dolores Hoffman

O my soul, look with love and sorrow, upon the dying Christ  
For the torn-bleeding Body, the thorn-crowned Head our sins were priced  
Willingly He bore the savage nails that hit into His Sacred Hands and Feet  
Gladly lovingly He died for you and me; that one day we might meet.  
And if we could but see the love for us within His Sacred Eyes  
We'd hold no sacrifice too great, even though it be our very lives  
Oh, let us lovingly embrace Him in His arms, no more  
The green and happy earth, the blue sky.