

St. Bonaventure College Activities

ST. BONAVENTURE — St. Bonaventure College will be represented next week at a regional meeting called by the Navy Department to explain to educators, details of the Navy's V-1 plan through which freshmen and sophomores may enlist immediately as apprentice seamen and continue their courses until at least the end of the second year.

The plan, open to first and second year men between the ages of seventeen and twenty is expected to produce 80,000 prospective naval officers. According to the announcement made by Navy Secretary Frank Knox, classification examinations will be open to the V-1 enrollees through which they will have the opportunity to qualify for special training for commissions as aviation, deck or engineering officers.

"This program is Democracy's intelligent and practicable way of meeting America's urgent need for thousands of young college trained officers without breaking down our educational system, or forgetting future need for trained men for civilian life after the war is won," Col. Knox.

SLAIN AT WAKE ISLAND

San Diego. — Four hundred persons, including teachers, students and former students, participated in a tribute at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School to Philip Killoyn, a graduate of the school, who gave his life in defense of Wake Island.

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Catholic Charities Case 1 A Gallant Battle

Long after the doctor told Mr. H. that he should have a long rest and change of employment, he continued to work. There was his wife and six children. How could he take a rest?

He would never have asked for help, but a relative put him in touch with Catholic Charities. It was only after hours of consultation that the worker finally persuaded him that his first duty to his family was to save his own health.

After his return to work his family was soon self-supporting, but their troubles were not over. Michael, 9, went to the hospital for several weeks with a serious kidney infection, and Joseph, 8, developed pneumonia and there was a long period of convalescence for each of them. Special diets and medicine made drastic inroads upon the family's meager budget.

Then, there came a day when Mrs. H. worn to the breaking point with long hours of worry and nursing, found the difficulties too much for her and so she walked out of the house and disappeared.

But Mr. H. still carried on. "I have a good housekeeper," he says, "but she would never have stayed without the help of the worker from Catholic Charities. She has always been within reach to help over the rough spots with the children. She has planned meals and done wonders with the money. She has taken the children to the dental clinic, and helped explain things to them so they do not hate their mother."

"I can't help but believe my wife will come back some day, but in the meanwhile I don't need grocery orders or rent slips like I did once, but I need other kinds of help and Catholic Charities gives it to me."

Relief cost for the above family is very small, but Service costs, i.e., the many hours of one worker's week that must be spent with this family and hundreds of others make it necessary for Catholic Charities to request \$11,360 as their share of the Community Chest and War Relief Campaign to be held in Elmira from May 11-20.

THE INMATE SOLDIER

(Following is the lead editorial in Don Bosco Bulletin, a Catholic bi-monthly publication, edited and printed by and for the inmates of Elmira Reformatory. It contains thought for all young men about to enter the service of their country.)

We have said before and we'll say again, that nothing pleases us more than a lively discussion of current events, because it shows that we are in there pitching.

We, like every other group of men, have our pet schemes for winning the war, but due to the activity of New York State Legislators concerning the release of prison inmates for military service, we are temporarily deserting our arm chair strategies to discuss this inmate-soldier business.

Like you, we have no definite information. But unlike you, we have spent a little time in studying some of these would-be soldiers. To hear them talk a person would be justified in questioning how the army is getting along without them.

We have a few words to pass on to these fellows and now is the time to do it, instead of waiting for their rude awakening; an awakening that is sure to come.

There's more to army life than band music and marching. Firing big guns and driving Jeeps is not as romantic as some of our newspaper reporters would have us believe. There's hours and hours of training that must be gone through before a soldier even gets near one of these big "persuaders." This training is what we should be concerned with now, instead of waiting for the army to call.

How to prepare? It's very simple. Anyone can learn to mark time, right shoulder arms, right flank and all the other maneuvers that make up a manual; but can anyone say that he is mentally and morally fit to take his place in a company of men, trained to repel an enemy? We have the greatest manual ever written to guide us along the moral path; and that manual is the Ten Commandments.

Here we have a manual that has stood the test of centuries. What more could a man want to keep himself in condition? The only other thing we can see that will help, is a friend at court, or in the vernacular of the institution—"a connection." Our "connection" is the Blessed Mother and Don Bosco; and if for some reason we happen to slip, we feel sure they will not hesitate to come to our aid. By the way, who is your "connection?"

Here then, is our base of operations; and anyone who thinks he can operate without observing God's law is badly mistaken and as a result will make a very poor soldier. If a man will not obey the orders of Christ, how can he be expected to obey the orders of his superior officers?

We have had a few samples of how these would-be soldiers carry out orders. They would have us believe that they are capable of following instructions, but we know they can't, because they fail to obey the orders of Christ. "Keep Holy the Sabbath Day." This order is too hard for them to obey. One hour

a week interferes too much with their plans, or, as is the case in this institution, it is too much trouble to walk a few steps to answer the roll call of Christ.

This is the picture of the few (it is always the few who spoil it for everyone else) who would don a uniform of the United States and defend the weak and helpless of this country. Can you imagine how safe we would be, if our entire army was made up of this type of man?

Well now, soldier, where are you going to get the help that you will need? Turning to Christ the night before a battle might be a little too late. You need Him more than you think; and if you do get into action you'll soon learn how important it is to have a protector that really protects.

The Don Bosco Chapel is where the real inmate-soldier prepares himself for his duty. He knows God is on his side and acts accordingly. The real inmate-soldier will be prepared to march out to face the enemy with a thorough knowledge of military procedure, but more important, he will not be alone when he goes. Marching beside him will be Christ Himself and all His General Staff. Then when bombs scream and men fall beside him, he will not falter nor look to fall back, because his heart is beating out "I am not afraid — my God is with me because I have prepared for just such a death."

Soon, it will all end. The guns will stop their mutterings; marching feet will be stilled and the hopes and fears of countless mothers will be recorded by the wearing of a gold star (what irony) or the smile of contentment that shows her boy has safely returned. Then it will be told — how the inmate-soldier conducted himself.

Perhaps the story will be told in cold stone or a simple wooden cross. Perhaps a gentle swell of the sea will mark the resting place of the man who left prison and gave his life that others may live. But no matter how the story is told, we will know that Christ was there, watching and waiting for His faithful servant.

Colombia Seminary Has 200 Students

BOGOTA, Colombia. — The Mission Seminary of Yarumal, founded and maintained exclusively by the Most Rev. Miguel Angel Builes, Bishop of Santa Rosa de Osos, reports encouraging progress. Its personnel at present includes twelve professors, 51 students in the major seminary and 150 in the minor department, six novices, four postulants, and 15 youths from the Mission of Caqueta.

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