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U. S. O. COMES HERE

Citizens of this area have been responding to campaigns for the United Service Organizations and, where there are families with sons and daughters in the service, have heard of the work of U. S. O.

It is getting closer to home now. The new Sampson Naval Training Station at Geneva has necessitated setting up the USO work there to take care of the thousands of sailors expected to be trained on Seneca Lake. An important factor in the program of the U. S. O. is the National Catholic Community Service.

The N. C. C. S. is the organization set up by the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States to represent the Catholic interests in taking care of the welfare of men and women in the armed forces and in war industries. The affiliated organizations with the N. C. C. S. are the Young Men's Christian Association, the Salvation Army, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Jewish Welfare Board and the National Travelers' Aid Association.

In evidence a little more than a year the National Catholic Community Service has built up a commendable record. More than 100 clubs are operated by the N. C. C. S. in 35 states and abroad.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney has given his full approval of the work to be taken up in this diocese and has appointed the Rev. John S. Randall to be in charge.

When the U. S. O. program was first announced, Archbishop Mooney, who, as chairman of the National Catholic Welfare Conference administrative board heads, the N. C. C. S. unit declared:

"Recognizing the important role that the maintenance of morale plays in modern defense plans, and the urgent need for a wholesome atmosphere in the camp neighborhood, the Bishops, in their meeting last November pledged the resources, both in personnel and facilities, of Catholic organizations in the fields of health, social welfare, education and lay groups to this great national effort.

"Our whole effort concerns the spiritual care of the men in the Army and Navy. We wish to provide a moral atmosphere which safeguards Catholic life. Morality is the best insurance for morale. Our Catholic people readily will recognize their duty of supporting this work."

It is now up to everyone in the diocese to respond when called upon to join in the actual U. S. O. N. C. C. S. work to which so many have pledged financial support.

WOMEN IN WAR EFFORT

Whether the WAVES will be permanent or the WAACS a fixture in our national life, the problem of Catholic women in the war effort is concerning those who have the spiritual responsibility of guiding Catholic women aright.

It is obvious that the mothers of small families cannot do justice to their children and the nation in general at this time by neglecting those children. A weakened family structure at home is not going to be a morale-builder for the men and women abroad.

Employment of mothers of young children in war work should be "the last resource of a tottering nation," the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City said in his sermon at the Pontifical Mass in St. Louis' Cathedral highlighting the joint convention of the Catholic Central Verein of America and the National Catholic Women's Union.

That is a point all are agreed upon. The man-power should be completely exhausted before these mothers are called upon to leave their homes and take from those homes the influence they exert on growing children.

Unmarried Catholic young women without responsibility are joining up in the war effort in representative numbers. Of course, this precludes their possible development of Catholic homes, but the emergency is one in which, without ultimate victory, there will be no home life as we know it. Archbishop Mooney declared at the Inter-American Seminar that to lose the war is to drive Christians back to the catacombs.

Winning of the war is of paramount importance now. The training of Catholic young women to do their part must go on. Every effort, however, should be made to keep in the homes those mothers of future citizens until the last resort calls for their leaving.

KEEPING CHRISTIAN

Pagan influence is rampant in these days of evil forces opposed to Christ and Christ's Church and every effort possible should be made to counteract it.

Sandwiched in with the multitudinous duties required in wartime should be those activities which will spur the spread of Catholic culture. These are times when the pagan and godless culture meets with least resistance and can influence even those who are staunch in their Catholic faith.

It is gratifying to learn that the Basilian Fathers in charge of Rochester's Aquinas Institute will again sponsor the series of Christian Culture lectures which met with general response last year. To give their series the proper impetus, the priests of Aquinas have secured the internationally famous Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen to open the series.

The eminent lecturers and leaders in Christian thought who are going to Aquinas might be secured by other sections of the diocese. Or the deaneries can arrange for their own lectures as was done in Auburn last year in bringing Monsignor Sheen to their city, and has been done in the past in Elmira and other key-points in the diocese.

War, at its best is not conducive to sane and reasonable thinking. Morality is besieged on all fronts when the pressure of killing is paramount. The Catholic, true to his faith, must take advantage of every opportunity, reading, lectures, discussion to build up resistance to the anti-Christian forces which are rampant today.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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Along The Way

Self Determination

By REV. DANIEL A. LORD, S.J.

Recently the newsreels were showing some shots of men in training for one of the major services. Among the pictures was one of the men taking setting-up exercises.

The camera moved along a line of some thousand and more men, and as it did, I grinned. Men haven't materially changed since the last war. Some of the men were giving the exercises all they had. Others, even with the camera on them, were giving just as little as possible. If the exercises by some magic spell would make them strong, fine! But if they had to collaborate, nothing doing.

It's just another case of that silliest of all ailments: "I tried it, and it wouldn't work." I'll make the trial; but the thing itself will have to do the work.

At any rate, the pictures took me back to the last war when, as secretary to the St. Louis University Students Army Training Corps, I used to watch the students getting their morning's exercises. Some of the fellows worked so hard you could almost see their muscles growing. Others went through all the outward motions required of them with no more effect on their development than if they had been lying in bed eating cream-puffs.

Life's like that, right enough; it's all a matter of what you throw into it yourself. Which is a moral lesson I apologize for needlessly hammering.

Snake By Suggestion

We were talking about fears, and animals and the power of suggestion. It was John Prendergast who told the best story.

He was in Forest Park in St. Louis, he said, and decided to visit the snake house. A lecturer was taking the visitors around the house stopping before the cages to explain the nature, habits and particular habits of the snakes. John said that he was standing watching with intent interest, his attention focused on the reptilian inhabitants of the cage.

Suddenly some child at his side gently and thoughtlessly touched his hand.

"I let a yell out of me," says John, "that was sheer terror. Instantly there were half a dozen other wild screams. And then I looked down to see the little kid gazing up at me in frank astonishment, while everyone in the crowd wheeled to see who had been stung by an escaped snake.

"I made my own escape—rapidly and silently."

Modern Homemakers

Says the modern cynic, "What's

the latest in men's clothes?" And answers, "Women."

One of these latest in men's clothes, straight from her job in the defense industries was leaning on the glass case in the market when I dropped in for some sandwich meat.

Her purchasing of the evening meal ran thus:

"I want some meat. What kind of meat have you got?"

The butcher looked surprised, and gazed toward his icebox crammed with meat.

"What kind of meat do you want?" he asked.

"To eat!" she replied indignantly. "I gotta get some for my husband's supper. What'll I give him?"

So the butcher suggested pork chops—the temperature being high midsummer—and she accepted them without further discussion.

How long do you think that marriage will last? And if the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, what's her chance of retaining his love?

Right In the Nick

A wealthy New York society lady had just finished a course in first aid.

Then a most astounding thing happened. Two of her pet dogs during the dog days of August look it into their canine heads to do a high dive. They dived right off the fifth floor of her apartment to the street below. The most unusual presence of trees in New York prevented their death; for they were caught in the branches. But they each broke a leg.

So the recently graduated first-aid-er got to work.

One of her courses had been in how to care for wounded dogs after air raids.

Patriotism had an unexpected reward.

Feast Days

Sunday, Sept. 6 — ST. ELEANOR.

Monday, Sept. 7 — ST. CLOUD.

Tuesday, Sept. 8 — THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

Wednesday, Sept. 9 — ST. PETER (CLAVER).

Thursday, Sept. 10 — ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO.

Friday, Sept. 11 — ST. PAPHNUTIUS.

Saturday, Sept. 12 — HOLY NAME OF MARY.

Death and taxes aren't alike. Death never takes another crack at you after you're dead.—Archibison "Globe."

QUERIES and REPLIES

'Why Do You Consider The Church and Not The Bible As Your Rule of Faith?'

We consider the Church and not the Bible as our chief Rule of Faith because Christ meant it to be that way. This is evident from the fact that our Lord did not write the Bible but instead set up a teaching Church to continue His work in this world.

Having established His Church as a teaching organization, Christ sent His chosen ones, duly prepared and appointed for that purpose, out into the world to teach and preach in His Person and in His Name. This teaching organization, called the Church, was in full operation in this world for more than ten years before the first book of the New Testament was written. Fifty years more elapsed before the last one was completed.

This teaching organization called the Church, may we repeat, was living and laboring throughout the world saving the souls of men just as she is doing today for fully ten years before a single line of the New Testament was written, for twenty years before St. Paul penned his wonderful epistles, and for more than fifty years before St. John wrote the last Gospel. What does that mean? That means that the Church is prior in time to the New Testament and does not depend upon it. What is of even greater importance, this means that the Church is not only prior in time to the New Testament but under the guidance of the Holy Spirit is the very parent of the New Testament itself.

Had there been no Church, there would have been no New Testament. The New Testament grew out of the Church, the Church did not grow out of the New Testament. Christ Himself wrote no book; those that did write, took up the inspired pen simply and solely as an instrument, as a means, as a help in their work of teaching; and this they did only after they had been laboring for years already in the ministry of the living Church throughout the world.—(From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.)

Getting On In The World

THINK NO EVIL

The glib ease with which the ordinary run of mortal jumps to rash judgment and haphazard conclusion is a mental and/or moral disease of epidemic proportions. Patience is hard work, and the tongue is hard to restrain.

The restraint and the patience must begin in the mind. There are some people who arouse a natural albeit inexplicable antipathy in others. It may be because of their manner of association, or such little things as their manner of conversing or not conversing, ways of meeting, of eating, and such like.

These things can in no sense be adequate criteria for judgment. They should give one pause, arouse a desire to know others better, to understand them better, and perhaps discover that they really are very fine people under the shell of their eccentricities.

Some of us get odd impressions from the mere name of a newly-introduced person—don't like the name and hence don't like the person who wears it. Clothes and bearing have the unhappy facility of arousing a kindred sort of snap judgment.

Give the other the same benefit of the doubt that you would wish for yourself. Wait and wait and wait. Don't listen to little tales, exaggerated stories about them. Be skeptical of the bad you hear about them, be generous of the good you hear and say about them. Nine times out of ten they will reward your patience—of mind and tongue by revealing themselves in good light. And if the picture should be the sad opposite, the unfortunate truth, well, after all who are we to say our little minds about it, who are we to set ourselves over and against them in pride and vanity, who are we to let our minds run riot in vicious thoughts?

Let the judgment to God. Think not rashly and you won't make an unkind fool of yourself.

The value of insurance is not what you get when you burn out, but in the peace of mind you have without a fire.—St. Louis "Star-Times."