

# Prayer Crusade Feature Wartime Activities In Diocesan Schools

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The Rev. Walter J. Kohl, Ph.D. gave two lectures on seventh and eighth grade science work. Crumming experimental techniques to be followed in the classroom.

A notable contribution was made in the formulation of a course of study. "Our Economic World" on the ninth year level prescribed by the State Education Department as a part of the social studies revision program. This course is designed to give to the ninth year pupil through a study of the present day economic world, an appreciation of the need of the application of Christian social principles for the solution of its problems together with the knowledge and recognition of the adjustments that he must make for his personal, social and economic life. The work of the tenth, eleventh and twelfth years is now under way. In granting approval to this course on July 23, 1942, Dr. Warren W. Knox stated: "The materials are excellent. It is therefore, with a great deal of pleasure that I inform you that the sixth year course as completed is fully approved." In granting temporary approval June 30, Dr. Knox declared that "we shall be glad to approve this course wherever it may be taught in the schools of your diocese or in the schools of other dioceses of New York State."

With the introduction of a diocesan high school course of study in Religion I and II last year, examinations were issued for the first time in June in these subjects, and a creditable showing was made.

### The War Program

Early last year the Superintendent was appointed a member of the Rochester School Defense Committee, and prepared and issued instructions for the safety and protection of children in city schools. At the same time priests were named by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, to represent the interests of the schools in local arrangements for war-time emergency sponsored by committees in the Auburn, Corning, Elmira, and Geneva deaneries. Telephones were installed in most schools of the diocese for air raid warnings. In Rochester the Superintendent's Office is connected with the Control Center and all schools may be notified in less than five minutes in the event of an "alert." Similar service is enjoyed by schools outside Rochester. Air raid drills are conducted regularly. Parents may be certain that the school authorities have done their best to prepare for any emergency that may arise.

Early this year Bishop Kearney asked for a prayer crusade for peace and victory when he launched a diocesan wide campaign wherein every boy and girl adopted a man in service for whom he or she promised to pray daily. After this crusade was well under way a drive for religious articles

## NECROLOGY

- Dr. Rev. Mgr. John P. Schell - September 29, 1941.
- Rev. Patrick J. McArdle - October 14, 1941.
- Rev. Leo Smith - May 23, 1942.
- St. M. Cohn, S.S.J. - October 25, 1941.
- St. M. Cohn, S.S.J. - Nov. 11, 1941.
- St. M. Florence, S.S.J. - January 17, 1942.
- Mother Mary Male, S.S.D. - February 3, 1942.
- St. M. Lucia, S.S.J. - February 11, 1942.
- St. M. George, S.S.D. - February 21, 1942.
- St. M. Beretta, S.S.J. - March 12, 1942.
- St. M. Dora, S.S.J. - April 14, 1942.
- St. Agnes Miriam, S.S.J. - May 14, 1942.
- St. Mary Ann, S.S.M. - May 17, 1942.
- St. Stephen, S.S.J. - July 14, 1942.
- St. Mary Edwige, S.S.J. - July 21, 1942.
- St. M. Walburga, S.S.J. - August 11, 1942.
- Mrs. Belle O'Neill - August 27, 1942.

May their souls rest in peace!

work conducted which netted some 10,000 rosaries, 20,000 medals, 12,000 prayerbooks and countless miscellaneous pieces of reading material. These were distributed among twelve of our priests then serving as chaplains with the Army, Navy and Air Corps in all parts of the country.

The children sacrificed their bit for the Red Cross War Fund which amounted to over \$2,000.00. The record of war saving stamps and bonds bought in and out of the schools by our children exceeded \$100,000.00.

In addition to leading the children in these various activities, our teachers were engaged actively in Red Cross work. Four hundred thirty-two completed the Standard First Aid course while nineteen hold certificates for advanced courses. Forty-six took up home nursing courses. The evacuation survey registering children and invalids was also conducted in our schools. In some areas the teachers assisted the sugar rationing program. Many of our pupils participated in the New York State-American Legion Publicity Rationing Contest and some of the prizes were won by children in our schools. The High schools participated in the model plane project, those sent to the Navy Headquarters by Aquinas Institute meriting special mention. Although we fell short of our quota, there were many who devoted much time to this project and gained through the experience. We feel that the record of our teachers and pupils in the war program thus far is worthy of commendation, and will, we are confident, be duplicated in the year to come.

### Health Services

It is worthy of note that medical inspection is now being given in practically every school of the diocese and the services of school nurses are available for preventive and follow up work. In addition to medical inspection and a routine cleaning of teeth by dental hygienists in all schools of Rochester, audiometer testing was initiated in ten schools last year as the beginning of a plan where all schools will be covered in rotation. The tuberculin skin test was given by the Rochester and Monroe County Tuberculosis and Health Association in these schools: Aquinas Institute, Nazareth Academy, St. Mary's Commercial, St. Joseph's Commercial, Holy Angela's Home, Academy of the Sacred Heart and Nazareth Model School. Branch county units offer the same service in other schools of the diocese.

Offering their services of specially trained workers to Catholic schools to assist in mentally or academically retarded cases, the Rochester Catholic Charities was called upon by 10 schools for such help. Following the study of any problem, a conference was held with the Superintendent before final recommendations were made. A number of children were assisted in making necessary adjustments.

The Surplus Food Program was extended last year, with a total of 15 schools enrolled and 2,074 pupils sharing. Many schools used these foods for a mid-morning or afternoon lunch, while St. Theodore's and St. Salome's served a hot dish

to children coming from distances too remote to go home for lunch. The program was used in the cafeteria of Our Lady of Mercy High School and the Home Economics demonstration project. These using this service noted with satisfaction the beneficial results of this program.

The I. F. C. A. Optic Fund, providing means for worthy pupils in need of eye glasses, enabled us to secure them during the past twelve months. A few were given glasses as gifts but the majority were granted a loan to make possible an immediate purchase after the prescription was given. Children needing eye examinations may secure them at clinics or share in those free examinations granted by the city of which about 500 are allotted to pupils in Catholic schools.

### Special Activities

A diocesan wide spelling contest, announced last fall, was held in May. Planned in Minerva effort in the field of spelling in the upper grades, keen competition resulted in school, regional and final contests. In addition to improvement in spelling, the contests offered a new social experience to the contestants as they met children of their own age and grade from other schools. Winners in the finals held in Geneva, included Thomas O'Connor, St. Patrick's, Owego; Doris Kohls, St. Boniface, Rochester and Eleanor Chapala, Holy Cross, Rochester.

Last year saw a new step taken in the field of music, as the Inter-parochial Grade School Orchestra was formed. Opened to pupils of the elementary schools, some 88 responded and remarkable progress was made in twelve rehearsals at the concert given in June indicated. Leadership was placed in the hands of music supervisors and music majors from Nazareth College directed and accompanied. The experience justifies the project continuing as a part of our curriculum. Through the generosity of interested patrons, the orchestra is now placed on a sure basis. Accordingly this year, the services of Mr. Raymond Hasenauer have been secured to direct the orchestra. Charter members are invited to return and new recruits will be recommended by music teachers and supervisors. Gains were made in instrumental music in our schools as this program is expanding steadily. In many places children with musical ability will now have an opportunity of taking instrumental lessons under the auspices of the Catholic school.

This fall saw kindergartens fully equipped and staffed opened in Sacred Heart, Holy Redeemer, Blessed Sacrament, St. Boniface, Corpus Christi, St. George, St. John's Clyde, St. Mary's and St. Patrick's, Danville.

### The Future

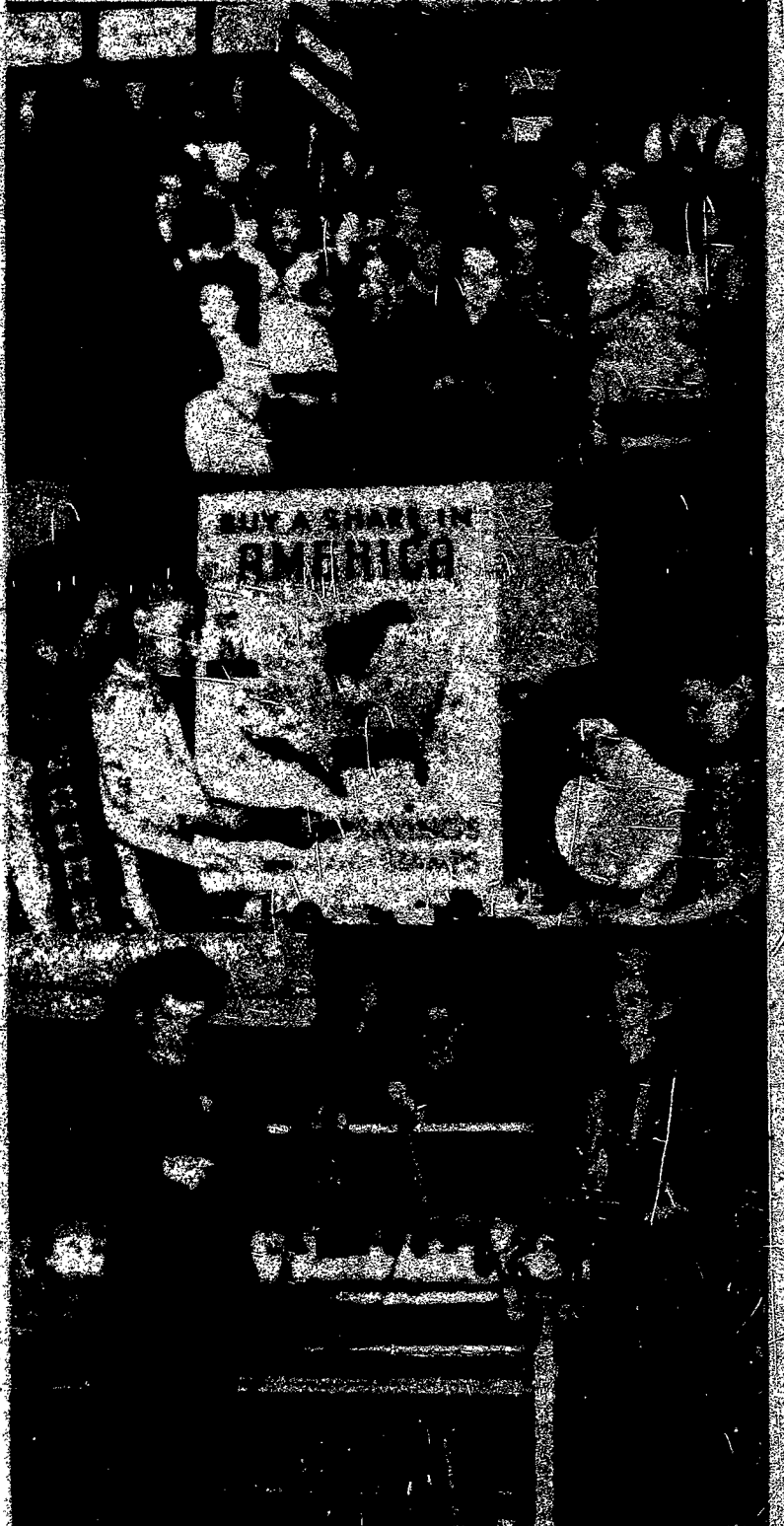
Renewed emphasis will be placed on the building up of Catholic school libraries, to include good reading habits and an appreciation of Catholic literature, and to improve the reading program in general. Pastors, principals and teachers have been urged to do whatever they can to carry out recommendations made by Sr. M. Dominic librarian at Nazareth College, in her paper on the Catholic school library at Teachers' Institute. Community library visitors are appointed for library visitation, to make recommendations and assist in book selection.

Work on the course of study in English for the primary grades will soon be underway to be completed by the end of this school year.

We have passed through a busy year. The present outlook bids fair to equal it. But keeping ever before us our goal of educating children for a full and spiritual life, here and hereafter—our planning will make for a program of "first things first." Our pastors, supervisors, principals and teachers merit our sincere thanks and praise for their work of last year. Patience will be taxed to the full again in the months to come, but I am confident that all will rise to the occasion, be prepared for any emergencies which may occur and be quick for ready sacrifices of time and effort for the love of God and Country.

In retrospect we turn to those whose efforts have helped us achieve whatever successes have been made. The devotion and leadership of our Most Reverend Bishop, together with his encouragement and understanding of our objectives is a constant source of satisfaction. Heartfelt thanks is voiced to the Reverend Pastors for their continued support, their carrying out of recommendations, especially in the improvement of

## Schools In War Effort



AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL school is pictured in above photos, activities in wartime outlined in the School Report for 1941-1942. Top photo—"The Prayer-Fund" with the kindergarten children paying for boys in the armed services. Center photo—War Stamp children depositing money for purchases. (From left) Joseph Walsh, Ben Lewis, Sister Agnes Mary, Barbara Vagi. Lower photo—Sergey Tokage, assistant university sanctuary lamp in church altar and lower and old soldiers in Sacred Heart Convent (from left) Paul Porter, James Gleason, John Cavallini.

## Faculty Granted To U. S. Papal Delegate In Adjudication Of Matrimonial Cases

WASHINGTON (N. C.)—A new faculty authorizing His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States to designate metropolitan regional courts in this country for the adjudication of matrimonial cases, has been granted by the Holy See, according to information received here.

This change in procedure is to continue for a period of three years. The new faculty has been granted to the Apostolic Delegate in response to his petition addressed to the Holy See on account of the "increasing difficulties and dangers of postal communication growing out of the war."

The Papal receipt, dated July 20

school property, and the many kindnesses extended to Dr. Mahoney and myself on visitations. Again we would be wanting were we not to mention gratefully the lady who makes Catholic schools possible, and to parents who see to it that their children are receiving a Catholic education. To those agencies which together assist in making school life more full and rounded—the health authorities of the various cities and towns, the public school authorities, the public libraries, museums, historical societies, the Catholic Charities members of the I. F. C. A. and others, we are deeply appreciative of the contributions which they are making to the physical, intellectual and social welfare of the children entrusted to our care.

Sincerely in Christ,  
JOHN M. DUFFY,  
Superintendent.  
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