

SCREENING VOLUNTEERS

By Mary E. Fitzgerald

A social agency is as strong as its weakest volunteer. In these days of our national crisis, when case supervisors and workers are answering the call to service in other fields, there is an ever increasing need for the volunteer. Today the challenge to give unselfish and thoughtful service is emphasized against the background of our chaotic existence in stripes of crimson and white, against a tide of spite and hate.

And where does the volunteer differ from the professional worker? The successful volunteer and the true professional know the answer all too well, but the critical bystander with folded hands, is the one who makes that inquiry a haunting refrain. It should not be necessary to answer that question, but human nature, which makes some of us earthbound, forces this explanation.

Resorting to an actual example we submit it as evidence. Mrs. Y., a sad-eyed little widow of some sixty-eight years, who came to the attention of Catholic Charities about three years ago. When her own little son was ten years old, his father was brought home fatally injured. There was a long recuperating period of illness and then death. Mr. Y. had earned a good salary more than enough to provide the necessities and many of the luxuries for his little family.

The years following his death were lonely but busy for Mrs. Y. Thanks to a large insurance and a comfortable annuity, she bridged over that period. She worked at a part-time position and managed to keep her son and herself in much the same manner to which they had been accustomed during Mr. Y.'s lifetime.

John Y. realized the debt that he owed to his mother. His one thought was to return her loving care and make the last years of her life a time of rest and security. This would be too long a story for these columns, if we attempted to relate each chapter. So we pass over the days of happiness that were Mrs. Y.'s, to the tragic moment when John dropped dead on his twenty-second birthday.

Swiftly we go on, through the years when Mrs. Y. worked day after day, fighting against the menace of dependency. It was a losing race and when she came to Catholic Charities, she was ready to acknowledge defeat. Only a friendly professional worker, trained to understand and guide, could have helped during those first difficult days. First that worker had to just *relax* as a case worker and then explain the old-age pension as a federal acquisition for Mrs. Y.'s particular need.

And in like manner, only an intelligent and faithful volunteer could have played the part of an interested friend, the daughter substitute, and supply the moral support which Mrs. Y. still needs.

ONE OF MANY

This we can say, it is only one of the many opportunities for volunteer service, which is so eagerly sought by the members of the Ladies of Charity in Elmira. Patriotism does not follow one trend in spite of our thwarted thinking. It includes such service and thoughtfulness as the friendly visitor gives so generously. It has within its boundaries each of the projects of this splendid, county-wide organization. It numbers among its followers the Ladies of Charity who come through the screening of a probation period and accept the crucifix which is the emblem of service worn by these volunteers on the battle fronts of our American homes, our busy hospital, our "cas-ingly" institutions and into every corner of Chemung County.

Early in December the annual affiliation of new members, the "screened" volunteers, who have left behind the would-be-joiners, will make the solemn promises of a Lady of Charity. For them, it will be only a beginning of service to their country and their fellow-beings. They know what so few of us do, that our war effort reaches far beyond the confines of our defense factories. They have leaped in their screening that there are many contributing factors on which production and the boys in the service depend, such that must be done in the background and to that service is the name of the Master of all men, our Ladies of Charity are pledged.

Together with exterior worship we must worship God in spirit and in truth.

Second-Class Mails Barred To 9 Magazines

WASHINGTON — The use of the second-class mails by nine magazines has been denied by Postmaster General Frank C. Walker on the grounds of regularly publishing non-solicited matter. Six whose privileges have been revoked are: *True Confessions* and *Greenback Story*, published at Greenwich, Conn.; *Long*, published at Chicago; and *Our Modern Age*, *Patrol*, *World*, all published at New York. Applications for privileges were denied for *Long* for articles, published at Derby, Conn.; *World*, at Danville, N. J.; and *Our*, at Mount Morris, Illinois.

Fr. Chas. O'Donnell's Poems Published At Notre Dame U.

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — The spiritual resistance of the war era receives added impetus with the announcement of the publication of Notre Dame of the collected poems of the late Rev. Charles L. O'Donnell, C.S.C. Father O'Donnell, president of Notre Dame from 1924 to 1931, was the first president of the Catholic Poetry Society of America and was one of America's leading poets when he assumed office. Now, in the University's Centenary year, Rev. Charles Carry, C.S.C., a nephew of Father O'Donnell, has edited the collected poems of the great poet-priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross and has added many unpublished poems written in the six-year period of his presidency.

God-Given Privilege

We have not the true mind of Christ if we look upon our duty to the missions as a burdensome obligation imposed on us by God. For it is not merely our duty, it is our privilege that we have it thus in our power to co-operate in the building up of the mystical body of Jesus Christ.

OUR HIERARCHY

This is one of a series presenting American members of the Hierarchy.



No. 123, Bishop Hurley / Most Rev. Joseph P. Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine, Fla. Born in Cleveland, Jan. 21, 1884. Ordained, May 20, 1911, in Cleveland. Pastoral work, Diocese of Cleveland. Secretary to Archbishop Edward Mooney, when he was Apostolic Delegate to India, 1922-24, and when he was Apostolic Delegate to Japan, 1924-26. Charge d'Affaires of Apostolic Delegation in Tokyo, Feb. 26, 1932. Assigned to staff of the Papal Secretariate of State at Vatican City, 1934-40. Named Bishop of St. Augustine, Aug. 10, 1940. Consecrated by Cardinal Magalhães in Rome, Oct. 4, 1940. Installed as sixth Bishop of St. Augustine, Nov. 26, 1940. (OWAS)

As soon the clock folds its hands and says the Angelus.

WEDDINGS IN ELMIRA

Dolais - Mastromanni

Miss Mary Elizabeth Mastromanni, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mastromanni, 202 Dewitt Ave. was married to Henry Dolais Dolais, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cleri, 202 N. Main St., Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1942 at 9 a. m. in St. Anthony's Church. The Rev. Bernard C. Hanna performed the ceremony. Mr. Mastromanni gave his daughter in marriage.

Best of honor was Miss Margaret Patterson, and bridesmaid was Mrs. Walter Wilson, sister of the bride, and Miss Marguerite Cleri. William Cleri was best man. Ushers were Frank Olin and Valentin Moran, Christofani.

Following the ceremony a reception and dinner for 50 guests was given at the Fortuna Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolais left on a week's wedding trip to Cleveland. They will live at 202 Dewitt Ave.

The bride is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy. She is employed at Montgomery Ward Co. Mr. Dolais also attends Elmira schools. He is now in the employ of the LaFrance-Fosmick Corp.

Sweet - Nichols

Mrs. Catherine E. Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Nichols of Horseheads was married Saturday, Oct. 24, 1942 to Sgt. Leon M. Sweet, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sweet of Vahle, at St. Mary's Church. The Rev. J. E. McKay performed the ceremony.

Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, parents of the bride. Sgt. Sweet is stationed with the Army Air Corps at Orlando, Fla., where he returned Tuesday. Mrs. Sweet will join him in a week.

Phillis - Phillis

Miss Ann Margaret Phillis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Phillis, 161 Franklin St., became the bride of Albert Bates Phillis, of Buffalo Saturday, Oct. 24, 1942 at 2 p. m. in St. Mary's Church. The Rev. Joseph Hogan performed the

service. Miss Mary Catherine Callahan played the wedding music.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Finch, 202 Main St.

The bride was attended by Miss Ann Conroy of Horseheads. Mr. James Greene of Berlin was best man. Ushers were Harry Louis Jackson, E. Schneider, Jr., and Edwin Phillis of Fort Meade, Pa.

Following the ceremony, a reception for 50 guests was given at the home of the bride's parents. A wedding shower at the Mark Train Hotel for members of the bride party followed. The couple left on a wedding trip to New York City.

Mrs. Finch is a graduate of St. Mary's School and Southside High School. Her husband attended the Academy and Elmira Aviation Ground School. He is an employee of the Curtis-Wright Corp., Buffalo.

Shelby - Wasek

Miss Katie Frances Wasek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Wasek, 224 Horseheads Blvd., Elmira Heights, and Robert James Skebey, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Skebey, 799 1/2 Magee St., were married at 2:30 a. m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, 1942 in St. Patrick's Church. The Rev. John A. Murphy officiated. The bride was carried by her father. Mrs. Charles F. Lynch gave the organ music.

Attendants of the bride were the bridegroom's sisters, the Misses Edwina and Helen Skebey. Miss Ariette Wasek, niece of the bride, was flower girl. The best man was John Rogers. Donald Schmidt acted as usher.

A reception for 50 guests at the home of the bride's parents followed the ceremony. On their return from a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and Canada, the couple will live on Horseheads Blvd.

Mrs. Skebey attended Elmira schools. Her husband is a graduate of St. Patrick's School and the Academy. Both are employed at the Fortuna Hotel.

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