

# Open Short Story Contests For Catholic Writers

ST. LOUIS (NC)—Announcement that two separate short story contests—one for magazines and one for newspapers—are to be conducted by the Catholic Press Association was made today by the Rev. Herbert O'H. Walker, S.J., Chairman of the Literary Awards Committee of the Association. The contests are to close at noon on February 28, 1943, when all entries must be in the hands of the member publications.

In announcing the conditions for the contests, the purpose of which is to benefit the editors of the individual publications by providing fiction material and discovering new writers, Father Walker stated that entries for the magazine contest shall be of 2,000 words or more and those for newspapers of not more than 2,000 words. The fiction entries, it was emphasized, must be such as will not contain matter opposed to Catholic teaching.

Each publication, magazine or newspaper, is to conduct its own contest and submit its two winning entries to the national judges. In the case of magazines the two winning stories must reach the chairman of the magazine contest, the Rev. Herbert O'H. Walker, S.J., The Queen's Work, 3742 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., by March 17. In the case of newspapers the two winning stories must reach the chairman of the newspaper division, the Rev. Thomas A. Meehan, The New World, Chicago, Ill., by noon, March 17.

The national winners are to be announced by the Secretary of the C.P.A. on March 23.

Cash prizes in the magazine contest will be First, \$200, second, \$100; third, \$50, fourth, \$25. In the newspaper contest the cash prizes will be First, \$150; second, \$75; third, \$50, and fourth, \$25.

The Literary Awards Committee, Father Walker announced, is seeking to work out a plan whereby the best stories submitted might be made available to the weekly Catholic newspapers, members of the Association, for printing.

## On USO-NCCS Front First Year Record Of NCCS Club Lauded

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — The USO club operated here by the National Catholic Community Service, marking its first anniversary, is praised by the Virginia Beach News in a special edition published in commemoration of the club's first birthday.

"None can question the value of this agency," says an editorial in the News, "nor of the wisdom of those leaders who brought it into being. Nor can there be anything but praise for the salutary manner in which the local club has done the job set out for it to do in the entertainment of our citizen soldiers and sailors. Its first year has been an excellent one."

Congratulatory messages from local officials and civic organizations were received by the club.

At the celebration in the club, Edward Kelly, Director, expressed appreciation to the people of Virginia Beach for their cooperation since the club began operations in October, 1941. At that time, Mr. Kelly stated, the efforts of the Virginia Beach Defense Service Committee were joined to those of the USO, locally entrusted to the National Catholic Community Service, in order to prepare and carry out a complete program of off-duty activities for members of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps stationed in the Virginia Beach area. Originally occupying shared quarters with the local defense committee, the USO club is now located in the recently completed Federal Recreation Building.

One of more than 300 NCCS "homes away from home," the local club has served thousands of soldiers and sailors since its doors first were opened. Scores of widely varied personal services have been rendered in addition to the club's regular schedule of individual and group activities. Approval of the USO program has been voiced by visiting military officials, as well as by Governor Colgate Darden, of Virginia, who recently inspected club facilities.

### 20,000 IN SERVICE

Detroit—More than 20,000 Catholic men and women of the Archdiocese of Detroit are serving in the armed forces of the nation, according to a compilation of figures made by the Michigan Catholic, archdiocesan newspaper.

# Church Ever Opposes Racial Persecution

LONDON.—The Catholic Church has always opposed racial persecution, the Most Rev. David Mathew, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, declared in an address delivered at a meeting in Albert Hall to protest against the persecution of the Jews. Bishop Mathew represented the Eminence Arthur Cardinal Hinsley.

"We defend the sovereignty of conscience, the rights of human personality, and the freedom of each individual," Bishop Mathew said. "Throughout the world of the United Nations, in Latin America, in Ireland, and in Portugal, the Catholic Church has welcomed victims of racial laws. There is only

# Irish Priest With 'Chapel On Wheels' Is Manila Angel of Mercy

ST. COLMANSKY, Mass.—The Rev. Fr. Patrick Kelly, pastor of the St. Columban's parish in Manila, is a unique figure in the Philippine Islands as a mobile chapel on wheels. He is the only priest in the Philippines who has a portable altar with him at all times.

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one view of anti-Semitism among the whole strong unity of priests and bishops of the Catholic faith.

Prayer is not reserved to us for those who trespass against us.



Chaplain Aloysius F. Terralva, S.J., has been commissioned as First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. He is assigned to the Filipino outfit recruited from this country, now in training on the West Coast. Father Terralva was in the U. S. at the outbreak of the war. He has just finished his studies.

## St. Bonaventure's Opens Free Courses For War Workers

ST. BONAVENTURE, N. Y.—Approximately 300 students, comprising workers in defense industries and others interrupted in furthering their education in order to help the United States in War Production, have already enrolled in the Engineering, Science and Management War Training Program being held at St. Bonaventure College. Professor John L. Worden, M. S., of the St. Bonaventure College Biology Department, has been appointed Institutional Representative and Director of the program in the Olean, N. Y. district.

E S M W T courses are short courses of college level conducted by colleges and sponsored by the United States Office of Education. About 200 colleges and universities in the country are now offering these courses and cooperating with the government in this program.

Courses range from 12 to 18 weeks, and are held from four to six hours per week. The subjects taught at St. Bonaventure range from Science to Business topics, and include: General Chemistry, Office Management, Personnel Management, Industrial Spectroscopy, General Physics, Electrochemistry, Industrial Management, Cost Accounting, and Management Statistics. In addition, courses in Industrial Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry, Auditing, Mechanical Drawing, Business Mathematics and other subjects will start soon, according to Professor Worden.

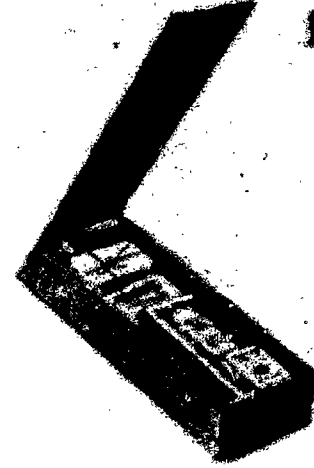
Classes are being held in Olean, N. Y. and on the College Campus. Should the demand warrant it, classes will also be conducted in Salamanca and other cities in the St. Bonaventure vicinity, according to the director of the program.

The object of this program is to provide short courses which are designed to meet the shortage of chemists, physicists, and production supervisors in fields essential to national defense. Courses are open to men and women who are high school graduates or the equivalent, and are entirely free of cost to those participating. While not a part of the regular college curriculum, this program is made up solely to meet the particular needs of industry and workers. Courses have been planned after consultations with various plant executives and employees in the vicinity.

ADOPT SERVICEMEN  
Marrero, La. — Pupils of the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Grades of Immaculate Conception School on Navy Day adopted spiritually the 121 men of the parish who are in the armed forces of the country. The children will pray for them continually and remember them at Mass and in Holy Communion.

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