

## Graduation Marked by War



Carrying their gas masks, students from the graduating class at the Maryknoll School in Heerstown, present Father John M. Conlehan, M. M., pastor of the Maryknoll Parish, with a \$50 War Bond as their farewell gift to the school. Class members engaged in defense work were given specified assignments of school work at home and in that way completed their graduation requirements. (N.C.W.C.)

### Society for Propagation of the Faith

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#### IN HIS NAME

Each year the Society for the Propagation of the Faith appeals to its friends and benefactors for a share in their Christmas giving for the lepers of the mission world and the priests and Sisters laboring among them. The contagion of their disease has made isolation a necessity. Not even the charity and protection which the Church offers to them and the Christ-like ministrations of the priests and Sisters who have sacrificed their lives for them can ease the cross of suffering laid upon them in separating them from their loved ones. Never do the barriers of isolation seem so forbidding as at Christmas time. With the hope then that we may make Christmas a brighter and a happier day for these people and for the priests and Sisters who, no doubt, have warm and rich memories of other Christmases, we ask your aid in the way of a contribution to our Christmas Leprosy Fund. Many of these people are now Christians. Let them find in us the same selfless love which brought Christ upon the earth on the first Christmas Day. Give then, in His Name.

#### LEPERS AND NO RICE

Maryknoll's Father Joseph Sweeney of Hartford and Father Joseph Farnen of Baltimore are at their wit's end these days trying to keep their leper asylum running smoothly. With the Japanese in possession of a fort directly across the river, with starvation and famine spreading over the countryside, with prices rising higher and higher, with medical supplies lacking, the problem presented is not easy of solution.

Once the leper colony was shelled by mortars and 75 mm. guns but there were no loss of life or damage to property. The chief worry of the missionaries, however, is not their own personal safety but rather the well being of their charges. Food and medical supplies have become rare and costly. The priests have to feed 900 people every day and they must search far and wide to get rice and even farther for the money to buy it with.

You will be given an opportunity to rescue Father Sweeney from his plight in the Christmas Leprosy Appeal of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Those who care to assist this most deserving work may forward their gifts through this office. Money can be remitted to China. Four dollars will buy a sack of war time rice.

#### 38,000 IN PENNIES

According to the Catholic Herald of Dublin it is 32 years ago

At the age of 9 Rosanna began collecting money for charity and she has continued ever since. Starting from her home in the Coombe (olden Dublin, in the shadow of St. Patrick's) she makes her rounds gathering ha'pennies and penny pieces from people who expect her call—the regular clients of her charity. All her copper gleanings are turned over to the Pontifical Society for Propagation of the Faith. Thus patiently laboring for God, Rosanna Byrne has collected in 70 years a total of £38,000! Even at today's rate of \$4.04 for each pound sterling that sum equals \$153,520, although actually it totals a much larger sum.

In August of this year this wonderful old woman—a simple, well-preserved, active, pleasant soul, typical of the older Catholic womanhood of her city—was presented with a gold medal, "La Medaglia Benemerita" which the Holy Father has conferred upon her. The presentation of this award was made by Rt. Rev. Mgr. P. J. Walsh, V.G., National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith at the headquarters of the organization at 35 Daniel St., Dublin.

Just another proof of the power of the laymen's apostolate for the mission work of the Catholic Church!

We do not wish the opportunity to pass without extending a word of thanks to our friends who have been so kind in purchasing from the zealous children of the Holy Childhood in our schools the Holy Childhood Christmas Seals. The proceeds of this annual sale are used for the support of the children in mission orphanages. The children know this and have therefore worked hard to make Rochester's gift to the support of children in other lands a generous one. With your help they can attain this goal.

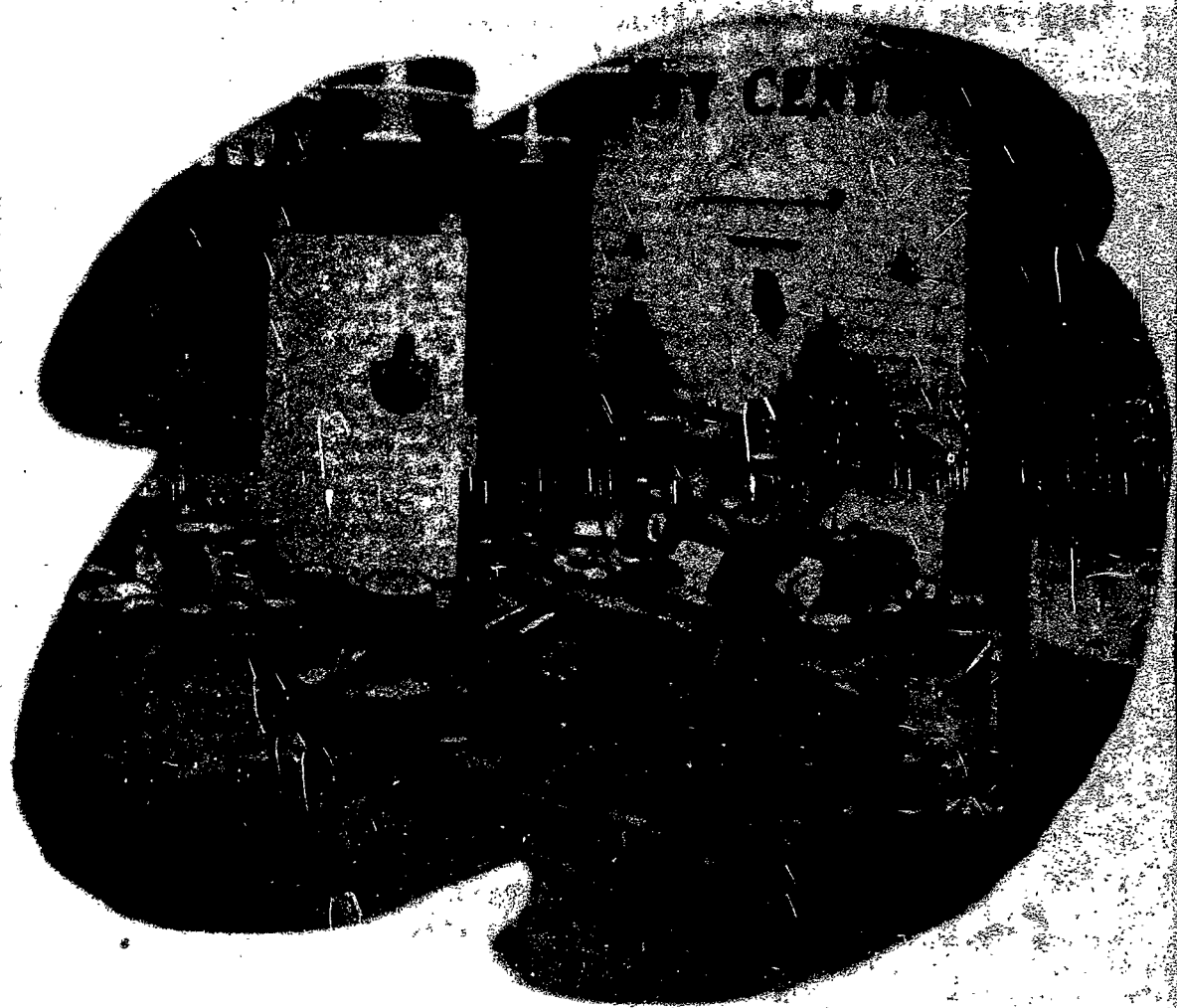
#### Your Christmas Gift Suggestion

Have you decided upon a truly worthwhile Christmas Gift for your dear ones—for those in the service.

If not, how about a membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith? You would then have the assurance that they would participate in the \$5,000 Masses offered annually for our associates and share in the prayers and merits of our missionaries throughout the world.

In the case of the service men, upon receipt of your application for enrollment, together with the rank, name and address of your boy in service we shall be happy to forward his enrollment card. Enroll him today at the Office of the Propagation, 35 Chestnut St.

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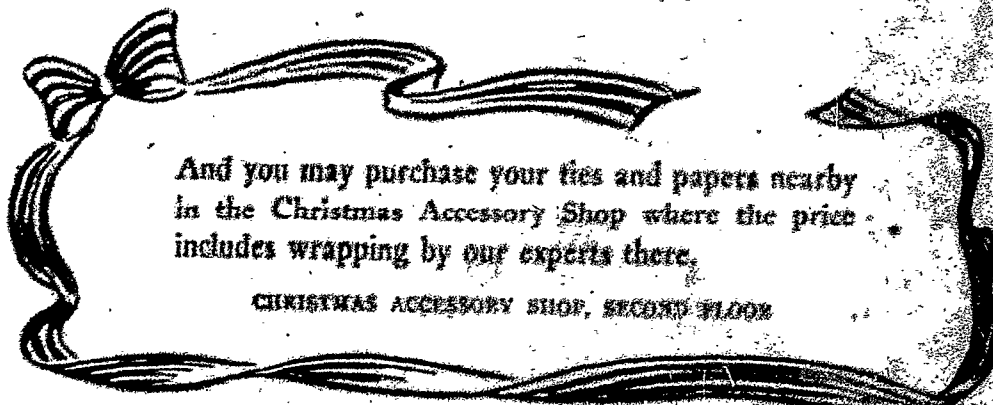
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