

Stations Given Army Chapel in Memory of Late Official of NCCS

MADISON, Mo. — Stations of the Cross have been presented to the Catholic Chapel at Trues Field here by the Madlam Alumnae of Theta Phi Alpha society in memory of the late Anna Rose Kumpel, former Supervisor of Field Operations for the Women's Division of the National Catholic Community Service, National President of Theta Phi Alpha from 1933 to 1941 and a member of its National Board of Trustees at the time of her death in November.

For her "able guidance, tireless energy, and complete love of the fraternity and its ideals," Miss Kumpel was honored at the fifteenth national convention of Theta Phi Alpha at State College, Pennsylvania in August, 1941.

Students Journey 265 Miles For Retreat

VICKSBURG, Miss. — To make a three-day retreat, 23 seniors of St. Aloysius High School here journeyed 265 miles by bus to Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House at Grand Coteau, La.

A woman's advice is not worth much, but he who doesn't heed it is a fool. Pedro Calderon, 1630.

NUN-PILOT INSTRUCTS YOUTHS



Sister M. Aquinas, O. S. F., a physics teacher at St. Ambrose School, Ironwood, Mich., where she has organized an Airplane Club, is well qualified to carry out the government's war program in aviation training. She actually took up flying and got a student pilot's license and is shown here, with the aid of models built by her pupils, instructing the boys in elementary aeronautics. She is a member of the Franciscan Sisters from Manitowoc, Mich. Daily Globe photo. (N.C.W.C.)

Nun Teaching Aviation Principles Holds Student-Pilot License

IRONWOOD, Mich. — When high school boys get to plying their teachers with questions about aviation, there's only one thing to do, Sister M. Aquinas, O.S.F., reasoned. And that, in brief, is why St. Ambrose High School here has a course in aeronautics and is aiding in establishment of a similar course in the Ironwood public high school.

An instructor in physics, Sister Aquinas long had been interested in aviation, but it wasn't until last year, when the boys in her class began asking her aviation questions which she couldn't answer, that she decided something should be done about it.

First off, Sister Aquinas founded an airplane club among her students, affiliated with a national organization, encouraged the building of model planes and taught aerodynamics, which she knew from her physics.

But Sister Aquinas knew the best way to teach flying was to learn to fly. She had just completed a master's degree in physics and had a teaching appointment, which prohibited her from going to aviation college, but that didn't stop her. She explained her problem to officials at the Manitowoc Municipal Airport and got not only sympathy but results.

Aided considerably by men at the airport, Sister Aquinas wasn't long in acquiring a student pilot's license. The airport attaches also aided her in learning the intricate parts of planes and met with the same kindly treatment at the meteorological station in Milwaukee when she studied meteorology and navigation.

Sister Aquinas' aviation teaching efforts proved so successful that a State official, upon inspection of her work, induced the public high school to take up an aeronautics policy, with the result that Sister Aquinas soon had an evening class of six of the public high school teachers.

And what does Sister Aquinas think of it all? She said:

"I believe that aeronautics is an education in itself, besides an occupation. The boys in my class read better, spell better, talk better, know more geography and history now than they ever knew before. They can think better, they act better, they know better, because the subject makes them realize how much education is necessary to an aviator. I have impressed upon them that I have never met or worked with a broader people than the men and women in the field of aviation, and I believe that aspiring to that field, next to religion, is the best character trainer in the curriculum."

Sister Aquinas received her A. B. degree from Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., in 1938, and her master's degree in physics from Notre Dame University.

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And vanish from my sight.

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The gaiety, the cheer,
That always marks the coming
Of a new and hopeful year.

But here beneath the chance light
Is peace and hope secure,
And I would not change my vigil
alone,
For all the world's allure.
M. E. F.

Bulletin Dedicated

MEXICO CITY. — The Alumnae Association of the Convent of the Madames of the Sacred Heart, here, has published the first number of a monthly bulletin, *La Voz de Mater*—"The Voice of Mother." The bulletin is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, "Admirable Mother," and is intended as a demonstration of gratitude to the school where they received Catholic spiritual development and cultural education.

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