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Britain's Nuns in Wartime

Sisters of various religious communities have won national admiration in Britain for their courageous cooperation in the defense effort, where they are serving as air raid wardens, fire watchers, nurses and in many other capacities. In this picture, Sisters of Mercy are shown working in a food kitchen in London's East End, following a recent air raid. Pax photo. (N.C.W.C.)

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While there is a notable change in this year's diocesan regulations on Lenten fasting and abstinence, let us give heed to our Bishop's exhortation to increase our spiritual observance of the Lenten season, remembering the duty of prayer and self-denial never ceases.

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We are informed by the Group Activities Committee of the Rochester War Council that the work undertaken to enroll volunteers for the War Effort from Catholic organizations has now been completed, names of additional volunteers may be added at any time.

Our volunteers are eligible for membership in the United States Citizens Service Corps when they meet the following qualifications for membership:

1. 50 hours of community war service since Nov. 2, 1942.
2. Registration in the Rochester Volunteer Office, in the Civic Exhibits Building.

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The following letter to all our women's organizations by Mrs. Stafford L. Warren, Chairman of the Consumer Committee of the Rochester War Council, speaks for itself:

With rationing problems increasing and the job of the homemaker getting harder, the Consumer Service of the War Council should help individual women manage their own wartime shortages more easily, and spread a spirit of co-operation and intelligent optimism throughout the community. Experience shows that you can't do good work among women in Rochester without the help of the women's organizations. Up to the present time, we haven't had a specific job for each organization, and we have omitted, in the face of very full days for homemakers, a big meeting to get your understanding and support.

But we do need you! Could you make this letter take the place of a meeting—get acquainted with your War Council Consumer Service, make suggestions for its improvement, and advertise it? It is a city service, paid for out of your tax money. Will you do these few things now to make it more effective:

1. Appoint a consumer representative and send us her name. Ask her to visit the Consumer Information Center in the Civic Exhibits Bldg., and to report at your meetings on the wartime suggestions we send her by mail.

2. Tell everyone about the Consumer Information Center. The Director, Miss May Benedict, is on duty every day from 9-5, and can help with rationing, recipes, methods of cleaning, repairing, conserving, etc. She has pamphlets for free distribution, and a wealth of material on every sort of problem. Come in or telephone Main 6131.

3. Announce the weekly demonstrations at the Center, every Friday at 2:00. An expert solves "the problem of the week," and they have been good!

4. Listen to radio program every Wednesday between 5 and 6:30, WHEC. Read newspaper columns: Questions and Answers every Sunday in the Democrat and Chronicle; Slick Tricks every Saturday in the Times-Union. Make suggestions.

5. Ask your members or friends who have had nutrition courses to volunteer as aides in the grocery stores. More aides are needed to help women buy nutritious food under rationing. Call Red Cross to arrange for extra training sessions, and to be assigned to stores near your home.

6. Read the enclosed list to your members or post it on your bulletin board. These homemaking centers are an invaluable resource at a time like this, and should be used.

With you standing by ready to help, your War Council can be of real service to the hard-pressed women of Rochester.

Very sincerely yours,
Mrs. Stafford L. Warren,
Chairman, Consumer Committee

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At 2 P. M. Friday, March 12, Mrs. F. J. Norris of the Rochester Home Bureau will talk on Helping the Homemaker Make Adjustments in Buying Foods. At this critical time a revised planning scheme is needed for plotting menus and marketing lists within the ration point budget.

St. Patrick's Day Innovation Set At Nazareth

By DORIS A. DUNLEA

It will be a great day for the Irish at Nazareth College Mar. 17, when the Irish colleens will present a new idea for St. Patrick's Day in the form of a Green Punch Party to be held in the Social Room from 3 to 5 P. M.

Virginia Bauman is honorary chairman and Beverly Jones is acting as general chairman. Committees will be headed by the following girls: Mariette Wicker, decorations; Ruth Maier, refreshments; Betty Sullivan, tickets; Dorothy Wegman, invitations; Jane O'Brien, and Eileen Tiernan, entertainment; Edna Sorrende, publicity; Patricia O'Grady, arrangements; and Dorothy O'Malley.

Study Clubs Formed

The beginning of Lent once more brings the Study Clubs into prominence at the college. The topic for this year is **Our Parish As the Channel of Grace.**

The following students are included in the group of Study Club leaders: Florence McGinnis, Agnes O'Herron, Dorothy Ann Kelly, Catherine McCarthy, Dorothy O'Malley, Marion Keenan, Rosemary Dooley, Erica Klemens, Beverly Jones, Betty Battersby, Alice Vande Voorde, Clare O'Neal, Mary Francis Neller, Mary Jane Schwartz, Geraldine Vandewater, Betty Thompson, Betty Coonan, and Mary Leach.

Operetta Listed

The annual operetta presented by the senior music students is to be given on Tuesday, March 16, at 3:45 p. m. in the auditorium. Patricia Barry is director of the play. Betty Rigney is director of the chorus and Florence McGinnis is director of solos. Marcella Caufield has charge of scenery and properties. Geraldine Vandewater has the care of costumes and lighting. Patricia Doyle is taking charge of make-up and publicity. Ellen Flynn is to be the accompanist. Avril Cochrane, junior, is chairman of the tickets and the invitations.

Debate Scheduled

The College Forensic Society will take the affirmative side in a discussion on **Is a World Federation Possible,** on March 19. Members of the debate club of St. Rose's College, Albany, will take the negative side.

Catherine Statt is chairman of the discussion. Helen Macchia and Rosemary Welch are the debaters on the affirmative side, and will attempt to prove that a world federation is possible.

Entertain Nuns

The Boarders will entertain the Sisters at a party to be given on St. Joseph's Day, March 19. Barbara Kelley is general chairman of the event and Florence McGinnis is honorary chairman. The following girls are acting as committee heads: Dorothy O'Malley, invitations; Florence Sini, entertainment; Peggy Beal and Mary Ann Burns, refreshments. The theme is to be Victory and St. Joseph.

Requiem Mass Said For Mrs. Beatrice Houdini

NEW YORK—(NC)—A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Beatrice Houdini, 67, widow of Harry Houdini, famous magician, was celebrated by the Rev. Charles S. Bonanno, S. P. M., at the Paulist Church of the Good Shepherd, here. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Westchester.

Before her death, which occurred at Needles, Calif., aboard a train enroute for New York, Mrs. Houdini returned to the Catholic faith in which she had been baptized as an infant. Just two days before she boarded the train, Mrs. Houdini went to Confession and received Holy Communion, it was revealed by the Rev. Enda Delaney, O. F. M. Cap., of Los Angeles.

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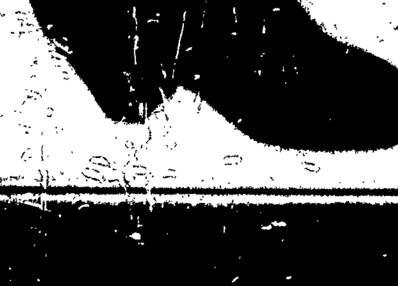

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