

Seek Family Photos For Boys Overseas On USO-NCCS Front

WHEELOCK, N.Y.—A campaign to furnish a picture of the family of boys for the boys overseas has been inaugurated by the Catholic Youth League here. The Rev. Francis Hicks, assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church and moderator of the

Catholic Youth League, instituted the program as a morale builder. The idea for the campaign was originated by Lieut. Col. William G. Thomas, top ranking officer of C. Y. L. members in the service, who is stationed at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., as business relations and special service officer.

Locates Former Pals Of Canadian Flyer

DETROIT.—(NC) —On Royal Canadian Air Force stationery, postmarked Chatham, New Brunswick, a cadet, A. Colleman writes as follows to the Detroit USO club operated by the National Catholic Community Service: "I recently visited Detroit and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful hospitality shown me while I was there," he wrote. "Your organization certainly gives the servicemen of all nations a very nice time including free rooms and board. I am a Canadian and if the hospitality and friendliness shown me in Detroit is any indication of the people of that city, I'd be glad to live there. While in Detroit I made the acquaintance of two RAF chaps who were stationed about twenty miles out of Detroit. They registered at the USO approximately at midnight on February 11, and were sent with me to the Knights of Columbus Hall to sleep. I would appreciate it very much if you would find out their full names and addresses and forward same to me. Their first names were 'Archie' and 'Paul.' Thanks very much. They know me only as 'Canuck.'" Back in their February dormitory records NCCS office helpers searched for an Archie and Paul registered on the specified night. Thanks to their duplicate filing system, a letter was soon on its way to Colleman, with the full names, location, and mailing address of his fellow fliers.

Extend Services To Men At Out-Posts

GALVESTON, Tex. — The Menard Park NCCS unit, operated by the National Catholic Community Service, has announced the extension of its services to include soldiers assigned to out-post duty in the vicinity. In cooperation with other local USO agencies, Menard Park Club provides a movie film weekly for men who cannot come to the club, as well as stationery, books, games, magazines, playing cards and other recreational materials. Similar entertainment aids are furnished in hospitals and service clubs at Fort Crockett and Camp Wallace for the benefit of men who are convalescent or restricted to the post. Religious supplies and literature are also provided upon request.

Opens Club For Women Workers

SAVANNAH. — The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James T. McNamara, superintendent of schools of the Diocese of Savannah-Atlanta, addressing a gathering of 350 at the formal opening of the NCCS Women's Division Club here, congratulated the NCCS on its work for women and girls in the South. The director of the club is Mrs. Rita S. Aprea, who is conducting a full program of practical and recreational activities to meet the needs of war production workers and their friends.

NCCS Club Conducts Victory 'Garden Party'

HEMPSTEAD, L. I. — Bringing the old-fashioned "Garden Party" down to earth in keeping with recent food shortages in the current project of this NCCS-operated USO club directed by Vincent Galvin. He opened the Food-for-Victory campaign with a Victory Garden dance at which the junior hostesses wore farmerette costumes. The real work began after the party, however, and during the coming season habitues of the club will be found weeding in the large garden plot now planted in the rear of the USO building.

21 Graduated

CINCINNATI. — After attending Mass celebrated by the Very Rev. Celestin J. Steiner, S.J., Xavier University President, who also gave the baccalaureate address in Ballantine Chapel, 21 graduates of the university received degrees following a breakfast held in Union House here.

First Trinitarian

PHILADELPHIA. — First member of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity in the United States to become a chaplain in the armed forces, the Rev. John Joseph Whelan, O.S.M., has been assigned as chaplain to the Marines on the Pacific Coast.

INDULGENCE ASPIRATION ANNOUNCED AT VATICAN

VATICAN CITY. The Sacred Penitentiary has issued a decree by which His Holiness Pope Pius XII grants a partial indulgence of 300 days and a plenary indulgence monthly under the usual conditions for the recitation of the following aspiration: "Most Holy Trinity we adore Thee and through Mary offer Thee our petition. Grant to all unity in the Faith and courage to profess it unswervingly." This has served to recall here the aspiration in behalf of Russia in which Pope Pius XI attached a 300-day indulgence, namely: "Saviour of the World save Russia."

VICTORY 'ARMY OF PRAYER' GAINS WIDE APPROVAL

PASS SALES, Calif. Twenty-six members of the Hierarchy have given approval to the plan for the Blessed Virgin's "Army of Prayer" which he inaugurated in his parish a little more than a month ago, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael Sullivan, pastor of St. Rose's Church here, announced today. "The plan has been adopted by a number of the Archbishops and Bishops. Enrollment in the 'Army of Prayer' is simple—all that is required is the recitation of a Prayer a day at a specific time for a member of the armed forces. Those who help in most one way are those who believe in it."

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