

Youth From Elmira Serve Nation At Varied Posts

Graduates

Edward Joseph Wronkowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wronkowski, Johnson St., St. Casimir's Parish received his commission as second lieutenant from the Advanced Flying School, Douglas, Ariz. on Thursday morning, May 20, at 10:30. Lt. Wronkowski, who will pilot a bomber, wants to make flying a life career.

Enlisted sixteen months ago, he was stationed at Hollywood and Eagle Eye, Calif.

Quite as enthusiastic about his service life is his brother Lt. John W. Wronkowski, Jr., who received his commission in Georgia, and then joined the paratroops in Georgia, with whom he acts as an inspector. He says it's just a part of his army life was spent in the Hawaiian Islands. Both boys attended St. Casimir's School

and the Academy. Their father is head of the Recreation Society for St. Casimir's Church.

Serving in Africa

Helping lead our successful army in North Africa is Pfc. Lawrence Brusca, son of Mrs. Gustava Brusca, 755 Linden Pl., St. Cecilia's Parish. Member of the Quartermaster Corps, Pfc. Brusca has been with the army in Africa since the early stages of the invasion in November. He was previously stationed in Alabama, Fort Dix, N. J., and Staten Island, New York.

Here in the United States, Pfc. Harold Benson serves with the Medical Corps at Overburg, Tenn. He was formerly in Florida.

Max Jergl, Robert Brusca, is now at Boise, Idaho. He has been at Atlantic City, N. J., Scottsville, Ill., and Ft. Myers, Fla., where he received his latest assign.

Avers Encyclicals Offer Only Cure For War Evils

Rev. Louis Bauman, C.S.S.R., analyzed the great labor encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII and Pope Pius XI in a talk given by him last Sunday afternoon before the Catholic Central Verein of America, Rochester Branch. The occasion was the annual celebration by the Branch of the two great encyclicals.

Father Bauman stated that in approaching the encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII "On the Reconstruction of the Social Order" and Pope Pius XI "On the Reconstruction of the Social Order" one must keep in mind that this document is one of a group written by Pope Pius XI, and that to understand it, one must consult the other encyclicals.

He stated that while Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical on the Condition of the Working Classes devoted himself almost exclusively to a consideration of the labor question, Pope Pius XI took up the whole matter of the social order, and in considering the evils that afflicted the social order Pope Pius XI indicated, Father Bauman said, that there must be a return to the Christian life and Christian principles and a reform of Christian morals.

The An Yardside

Father Bauman stated further that in the work of reconstruction the principles laid down in the two great labor encyclicals must be used as a measure or a yardstick. If such a measure is not used, he continued, man will strive in vain to bring about a real reconstruction of society.

Father Bauman spoke about the effect that the war has had upon society and in particular upon the family. He pointed out that Pope Pius XI was far in advance of his time and foresaw many of the evils which now weigh heavily upon society. The attempt to solve these evils in any other way than through the application of the principles laid down by both Pope Leo XIII and Pope Pius XI will, in the opinion of the speaker, prove unavailing.

Father Bauman urged his listeners to review both of these great encyclicals and be ready to do their part in the work of social reconstruction that is ahead. He said that the hope of the future lies in such groups as he was addressing; that it was necessary in order to do effective work that those engaged in the work of social reconstruction become well acquainted with eight principles. He encouraged the group to continue their study of the great encyclicals and do all in their power to interest others in them.

Hit Compulsory Draft

Voting opposition to the proposed Austin-Wadsworth Bill calling for compulsory registration and drafting of men and women for war industry work, the Branch urged delegates to write their Congressmen opposing the measure. This action followed the reading of the letter by William F. Montavon, Director of the N. C. W. C. Legal Department to the two Congressional Committees.

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The Branch went on record in opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment; and directed the secretary to write the senators and representatives of its action. The evils that would necessarily follow from the passage of such an amendment were pointed out.

The Branch also went on record in favor of sending food to the starving children of Europe. Reference was made to an editorial

in the New York Times which stated among other things that the food should be sent, and that if it were diverted from the purposes for which it was sent, further shipments could be discontinued.

Classification was expressed at the action taken by the Federal Congress in regard to reciprocal trade agreements. It was pointed out that Social Justice Review, the national organ of the Catholic Central Verein of America, played an important part in the adoption of the legislation which in the first instance authorized the agreements.

William Wittman, vice-president, was chairman of the meeting. The Rochester Branch, National Catholic Women's Union, were guests of the Men's Branch.

Laura Schilling, President of the New York State Branch, National Catholic Women's Union, urged as much as possible to attend the services at Arlington Cemetery Va., on May 23. On that date a plaque in memory of the unknown soldier will be installed by the Catholic Central Verein of America and the National Catholic Women's Union at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Women Working For Victory

"Today the big news in America is this: Women are working for victory! To our basic units of fighting men we add the women who first helped relieve them for combat duty, and who now are helping them to maintain and win their fight... the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps." Lieutenant Colonel Helen J. Grady, WAAC, of Federal Bldg., said today in explaining the purpose and the work of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

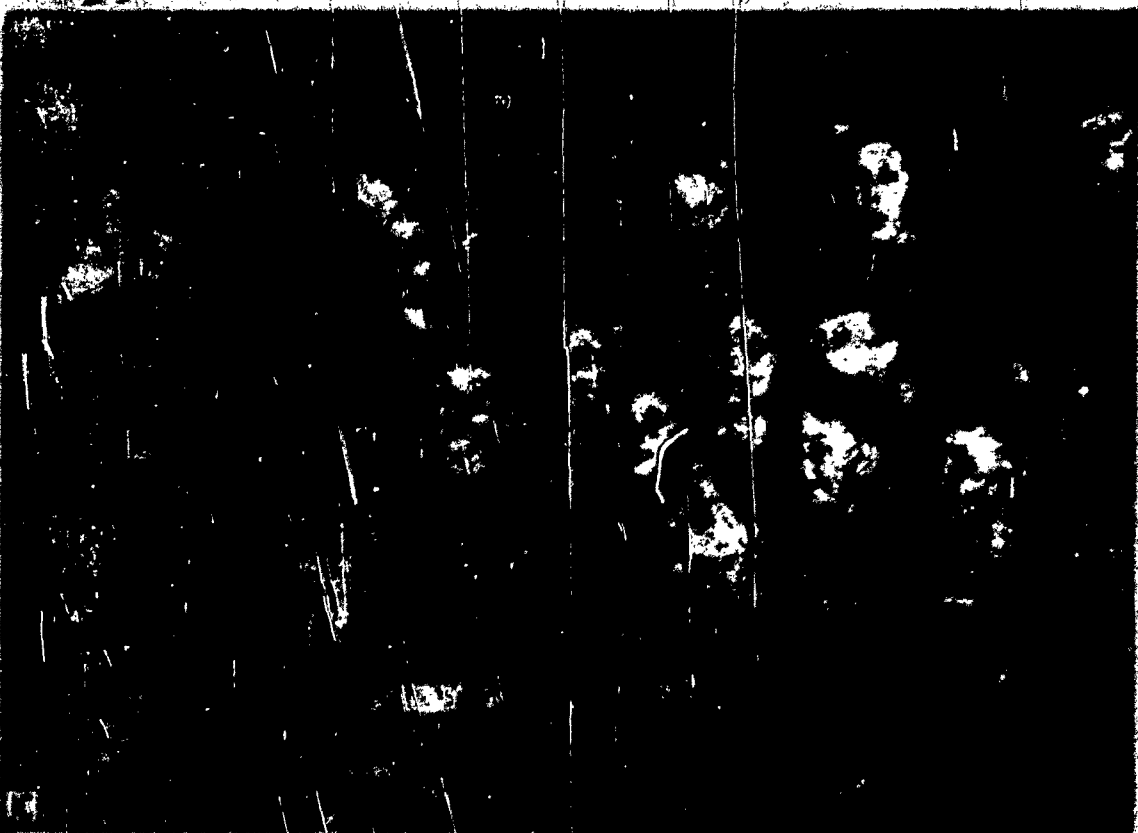
"This is a war in which women can and must take part. The fight for democracy is total. America's women as well as her men must now do their part. There are many opportunities for women in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. There is interesting work that women can do as well as, and sometimes better than, men.

"Through the WAAC, women can find the place where their skill and knowledge will be of most use in the war. After a five-week basic training period, the WAAC assigns women to noncombatant duties in the Army, where they can release men for combat duty." Lieutenant Grady said.

"Some of the duties for which the Army needs WAACs are those of typewriter operators, telephone and telegraph operators, radio operators and repairmen, secretaries and clerks, cooks, chauffeurs, automobile mechanics, and many others. Promotion is dependent upon demonstrated ability, and the opportunity to become officers through the WAAC officer candidate schools is open to all.

He that worketh pride shall not dwell in the midst of my house; the man that walketh in the perfect way, he serveth me.—Ecclesiastes, 10, v. 6.

SAFETY—AND A MAGICIAN'S TRICKS



Children of war production workers find entertainment and safety at a DMO Club in Hartford, Conn., operated by the National Catholic Community Service. In this picture, the youngsters seem to be getting a kick out of a magician's tricks, during their parent's working hours. (N.C.C.S.)

Eight Novices Receive Sisters Of Mercy Habits

The ceremony of the reception of the habit in the congregation of the Sisters of Mercy of 8 young women took place last Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Church, with His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, officiating.

Following the impressive ceremony of the interrogation of the candidates and blessing of the habits, the prospective novices re-enter the church clothed in their religious habit.

After Mass the Bishop addressed the newly received and the vast assemblage of people. He stressed the point that in the Lord's army of workers, there were no drafted members—the service was all voluntary. Among other things His Excellency reminded the parents of the novices how singularly blessed were their homes to have one of their members selected for service in our Lord's army.

The newly received were Rita Ferrara from St. Augustine's; Sister M. Barrow; Marion H. Land, St. Michael's parish; Sister M. Kynard; Audrey Kockenbruck, Holy Cross parish; Sister M. Thaddeus; Lorraine Mazuch, St. Ambrose's; Sister M. Cephas; Shirley Collins, St. John the Evangelist; Sister M. Catherine; Patricia Switzer, St. Modica's; Sister Joseph Mary, and Margaret Wilson, Holy Family, Auburn, N. Y.; Sister M. Brendan;

Norms For Denouncing Evil Books Cited

VATICAN CITY.—(NC) —The Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office has issued an instruction, dated Apr. 17, regarding the denunciation of pernicious books and the prohibition of their being read.

Affirming that, especially in our times, books contrary to faith and morals are being published everywhere and in various languages, the instruction says delay or omission in denouncing such works is often due to ignorance of the obligation to do so.

The instruction recalls the norms set forth in Canon 243, paragraph one; Canon 1206, paragraphs one and three; Canon 1206, Canon 1207; Canon 1206, paragraphs one and two, and Canon 1209, citing the obligations imposed by these Canons.

Nurse Broadcasts From Australia

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...and word came home to anxious parents. On one trip to Sidney, she met Capt. Edward Widman, of 711 Pennsylvania Ave., here of South Pacific flight, and the two Missions had a fine time reminiscing.

Although a temperature of 120 makes collecting the most comfortable dress she can find, "It's really fun," says Jean. "And we keep busy enough to keep us in a good state of health and a sane frame of mind."

Societies Alert

The pastor of the near-by Catholic Rectory has issued a standing invitation for periodic visits from Army nurses, doctors and educators. Jean has found the Catholic societies in Australia on the alert to help servicemen. Disappointed in her hope of obtaining prayers for the dying and other leaders which she felt an Army nurse should have, because of the speed and secrecy of her departure, Jean found no need for them in the continent down under — Catholic organizations were already actively handling the work.

Her basic training was at Camp Wheeler, Va., after her enlistment in 1941. Before that, she worked in a hospital at Glen Cove, L. I. With a B. S. degree from an Illinois College, Jean had her practical nurse's training at Arnot-Ogden hospital.

She attended St. Patrick's school and the Academy. Proof that she has not forgotten her old teacher was the cable which she sent to Sister M. Fidelis on the occasion of her golden jubilee—the message of congratulations which has traveled the greatest distance.

FAMINE VICTIMS

New York.—There are 1,000,000 persons in the Province of Honan, China, who are directly affected by the famine prevailing there, according to word received at the United China Relief headquarters here from the Most Rev. Paul Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic of Nanking.

Waac Teletypes for Victory



This member of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps is a typewriter operator, who does her work as efficiently as any man. Through her nimble fingers may go the messages, orders, commands, and news of America's armies in the field. Operating a typewriter is her way of releasing another soldier to fight for victory.