

Camp Stella Maris Opens For Season On Sunday, June 27

Diocesan Camp To Hold 6 Weeks' Encampment For Boys, 2 For Girls

Camp Stella Maris, the diocesan camp, will open Sunday, June 27. The camp this year will operate six weeks for boys and two weeks for girls.

Due to war-time stress, travel inconvenience and working parents, this year is expected to be an extremely heavy camp year. Camp Stella Maris is now cultivating five acres of property purchased last year, so that fresh vegetables can be raised for the campers.

Dates for the boys' encampments this year are as follows: June 27 to July 3; July 4 to July 10; July 11 to July 14; July 15 to August 7. Girls' encampment will begin August 8 and close August 21. Seminarians from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries will serve as counsellors for the boys, while young women, especially trained in youth work, will serve as girls' counsellors.

Camp Stella Maris occupies twenty acres along the eastern shores of Conesus Lake. Property includes a large administration building, four sleeping cabins, craft shop and store, St. Jude's Chapel, priests' home, two barns and a caretaker's house. American Red Cross waterfront is divided into areas for non-swimmers, beginners and advanced swimmers.

Registrations for Stella Maris are now being taken at the Camp Office, in the Columbus Civic Center, 100 Chestnut Street, Rochester. Detailed information may be obtained by writing or calling the Camp Secretary in the Columbus Civic Center at Stone 1492.

Contribute To Successful CYO Spring Dance

The Spring Dance of the Catholic Youth Organization was held on Friday, May 21, in the Mark Twain Terrace Room. Chaperons for the event were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. O'Neill and Mr. and Mrs. William E. Sullivan. Miss Margaret Gaffey was chairman.

Patrons who contributed to the success of the dance were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan F. Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brochar, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph V. Cleary, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Doran, Dr. and Mrs. Walter C. Moran, Mr. and Mrs. David P. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Gaffey, Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Hanavan, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Haysch, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Kelley, Dr. and Mrs. Louis J. Lodi, Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Lagorego, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Lagorego, Dr. and Mrs. John F. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. William F. McNamara, Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer L. McInerney, Dr. and Mrs. Donald H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. O'Hara, Dr. and Mrs. Daniel F. O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sheehan.

Mrs. Evelyn M. Kevin, Mrs. Daniel McInerney, the Misses Jane Cuffey, Margaret Gaffey, Helen Coney, Julia B. Murphy and Dr. John H. Burke, Dr. William J. Casick, George A. Good, E. T. Grove, Thomas J. MacDonald, Frank O'Dea, John L. Peters, Bernard F. Ryl, William Sullivan, William J. Sullivan, Herbert A. Tierney, St. Patrick's Sodality, St. Patrick's Holy Name Society.

Bishops Fly Nazi Treatment of Women

NEW YORK.—(CNS)—The Catholic Bishops of Belgium and Holland, according to a report in the Swiss newspaper, Tribune de Geneve, have launched another protest against the German practice of forcing Dutch and Belgian women to work in the Reich. The Netherlands Information Bureau here reported on address received from London.

The address stated that the protest was launched against the conscription imposed on the women by the Nazis which the Church de-

THE PRESIDENT HAS THE KEYS



During a tour of USO Clubs, Chester I. Barnet, President of the United Service Organizations, Inc., drops in at the USO club operated in Macon, Ga., by the National Catholic Community Service. He is pictured at the piano with Sgt. James Ryan and an unidentified soldier. (N.C.W.C.)

Elmira Catholic High News

By Kathleen Milliken
Annual Junior-Senior Banquet of Elmira Catholic High School will be held on Thursday evening, May 27 at the Mark Twain Hotel Terrace Room. Kathleen Milliken and Robert MacNamara have been chosen em-chairmen for the affair. Assisting them are the following: James Collins, President of the Junior Class; Robert Sullivan and Eleanor O'Hanion.

BLACK WINDOWS

By ESTHER H. DOOLITTLE
Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 40th St., New York City. These articles are appearing weekly in our columns.

Peter, aged three and a half, came screaming into the dining room where Mother was lighting the candles for supper. "Peter! Whatever is the matter?" The child pointed to the living room where he had been for some time contentedly building bridges with his blocks. "In there! A thing, looking in the window!" he sobbed. Mother took him by the hand. "Let's go see, shall we?" The shades were up and all the windows in the bright room showed only the darkness of the shutters outside with the exception of one. In that was reflected the back of an old wing chair that had a white embroidered headrest fastened on it. Peter pointed to it and hid against Mother. "It's a face! Looking in at me!" he whispered. "Why Peter! It's only the old chair!" Mother laughed. "How funny! See!" She moved the chair away so that it was not reflected; then back again. "It's just like a mirror because the glass is black, you see. Come closer, now. There's Mother and there's Peter!" Soon Peter joined in her laughter, but for several nights he spoke about the reflection and could be seen to glance apprehensively, with a catch in his breath, at all the black windows.

Rosary At Field Mass Led Comrade To True Church, Elmira Soldier Writes

One of the happier stories of this second world war is the one Mrs. Anthony Serosky, 1142 Oak St., quotes from her son Sgt. Joseph, with the Army in Africa.

Taking a non-Catholic friend to field Mass with him in Africa, Joe found himself besieged with questions about the religious service from the uninitiated one, who was unacquainted with any religion at all. Feeling that this was no time to discuss doctrine and custom, Joe thrust his rosary into his friend's hands, with the instruction to say a simple prayer on each bead—"Our May the Lord's will be done" or something. His friend followed directions easily enough, until he came to a broken bead, whereupon Joe heard the worried query, "What do I do now—say half of it?" The lovely mysteries of the rosary are not quite so mysterious for Joe's friend now; one of Joe's recent letters home reports his friend taking instructions previous to his entrance into C.S. church.

Now an aerial engineer in Africa, Joe serves on a transport plane for men, supplies and ammunition. Veteran of more than 1,000 hours in the air, Joe arrived in Africa with the November invasion. He has seen plenty of action and his last letter home brought a gift for his little sister Dotty—a plastic ring formed from the 2 1/2-inch thick windshield of a German bomber downed in Africa. The letter also included a plea to "say a prayer for me once in a while," and a description of a New Year's Eve service—rosary, litany, sermon and benediction, with Communion, the next day.

A member of St. Cecilia's parish, Joe has been with the army for 17 months. Following basic training in Maryland and Missouri, he went to the Western School of Aircraft. He has been in Newfoundland, Greenland, Iceland, England and Scotland, before reaching Africa, where "the sand flew like hailstones" and "I'm getting along fine." He is married to the former Miss Doris Telesh, who is staying with her parents at 452 E. Market Street, First Sole Flight.

Not so long in service, but quite an enthusiastic in his work is Aviation Student Paul "Coach" Serosky, studying at Grider Field Arkansas. With his first solo flight last week ending in a perfect three-point landing, it seems that he should make his goal. His parents received a letter from Brigadier General Warren R. Carter, his Commanding Officer, which said in part:

"In order to win this war, it is vital to have the best qualified young men at the controls of our military aircraft. Upon their precision, daring and coolness will depend in large measure the success of our entire war effort. The duties of an Army Pilot call for a high degree of mental and physical alertness, sound judgment and an inherent aptitude for flying. Men who will make good material for training as Pilots are rare. The Classification Board believes your boy is one of them.

"You have every reason to be proud of him. . . I congratulate you and him." Paul was formerly stationed at Mitchell Field, L. I., and San Antonio, Texas. He entered the service in October, 1942. His nickname was derived from his interest in all sports—soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, hunting and fishing. His room at home, which Mrs. Serosky keeps as he left it, is filled with trophies of his hunting, which he stuffed himself, and with pictures of aircraft, with even phosphorescent planes pinned to the ceiling.

The Seroskys came to Elmira two years ago from Weatherly, Curran County, Pa., where they were associated with St. Nicholas Church. Both boys belonged to the Holy Name Society, the Knights of St. George, and to the Sodality which in Weatherly was a mixed group.

BISHOP IN BOLIVIA
Mexico City.—The Most Rev. Alonso Escalante, Maryknoll Missioner recently designated Vicar Apostolic of Pando, Bolivia, was consecrated Titular Bishop of Serra, in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Squalus Survivor Wins Promotion In Navy

Raymond F. O'Hara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew O'Hara, 1116 College Ave., St. Patrick's Parish, survivor of the disastrous sinking of the submarine Squalus in 1939, and hero in the South Pacific war, has received his promotion from ensign, to Lieutenant (j. g.) The promotion, received on May 4 coincided with his 30th anniversary in Navy service. He expects a furlough soon.

Now stationed in a hospital in the South Pacific, Lt. O'Hara has always been interested in medical work. He was a pharmacist's mate when the Squalus was sunk off Portsmouth, N. Y., and also 1940 when he became chief pharmacist's mate, has progressed rapidly to his latest rating.

His South Pacific career included a decoration for valor in the battles of the Gilbert and Marshall Islands.

One of 33 men who escaped death after more than 20 hours imprisonment in the Squalus, O'Hara had headed for the after-torpedo room which was later to be a death-trap for many of the men, when a shipmate asked for a sedative for a cold. When O'Hara stepped into the aft-battery for medicine, water came rushing in; with three of the other seven in the compartment, he made his way to the control room before the bulkhead door was closed to prevent water from entering there. He was rescued by a diving bell.

Communications Chief Returns For Furlough

Staff Sergt. Paul M. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Lewis, 400 Livingston St., is home on a 30-day furlough, at the termination of which he will report to Camp Beale, Calif.

Now communications chief, Sergt. Lewis has long been interested in radio. Before his enlistment in 1940, he had studied radio with a government-conducted class here in Elmira. After a month with Company 1, he attended radio school in Alabama, and was then transferred to the Hawaiian Islands. He wears an honor ribbon for service before Pearl Harbor.

A member of St. Patrick's Parish, Sergt. Lewis attended St. Patrick's School and Catholic High School. He also attended a post-graduate course at the Academy, and an extension course at Elmira College. He was employed at Barker, Rose and Kimball.

Community Action Pamphlet Issued By N.C.W.C. Groups

WASHINGTON.—Under the joint sponsorship of the Department of Education National Catholic Welfare Conference, and the National Council of Catholic Women, a 24-page pamphlet titled "We Catholics and Our Community" has just been issued.

The pamphlet, it was announced, offers concrete suggestions to lay groups for community activity and is complete with references and discussion outlines.

The introduction to the pamphlet is the text of an address on "Education Through Community Action" delivered by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Johnson, Director of the N. C. W. C. Department of Education, at the Twenty-first National Convention of the N.C.C.W.

Too Difficult?

"The primary condition of world peace is that the nations do justice to one another and cooperate for their mutual benefit."—A Catholic Primer on World Peace. (N.C.W.C., Washington, D. C.)