

Her Whole Family Enlisted



Serving at the Fourth WAAC Training Center, Fort Devens, Mass., is Auxiliary Mary Baird, from Holy Rosary parish, Minneapolis. She is shown holding a picture of her four sons, all in the armed forces. Her husband, an airplane worker, will soon join the Navy's Seabees. And as mother (she's the grandmother of two) decided she would do her bit to help win the war by enlisting in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. (N.C.W.C.)

Nation Proud of WAAC Says Msgr. Ready On Inspection Trip

FT. OGLETHORPE, Ga.—The nation is proud of the service being rendered by the members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, said in addressing the assembled members of the Third WAAC Training Center here.

Monsignor Ready was one of a small group of religious leaders who, at the invitation of Lt. Gen. Breton Besserve, Commander of the Army Service Forces, visited the WAAC Training Center at Fort Devens, Mass., and here. Accompanying Monsignor Ready were Col. George F. Rixey, Deputy Chief of Chaplains; Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, Director of the WAAC; Bishop W. W. Peck, Method. at Episcopal Church of Richmond; and Rabbi R. B. Brickner of Cleveland, Ohio.

Monsignor Ready, chosen to appear with Colonel Hobby after receiving the dress parade of WAACs, said:

"Word cannot tell how proud I am to be here and how very proud I am that the U.S.A. has the WAAC. We were in wonderment a year ago when the WAAC was started. We have the answer. You have given the answer to Hitler and Mussolini and the rest, who thought you and your brothers would not defend the freedom of the United States. You answered that challenge. We're proud of you."

Colonel Hobby told the WAACs that they were engaged in a communal undertaking in which freedom of religion is a principal tenet. "Church and State," she said, "have a common objective in this war. At this time the total strength of all the people is needed. And that is why women in uniform are a symbol of all that the free people of the world hold dear."

In a prepared statement the religious leaders said:

"We are convinced of the tasks assigned to the WAACs. Their program of training is the result of careful planning, and its administration is in the hands of competent personnel. We feel that parents concerned about the moral and spiritual welfare of their daughters can be reassured."

"We found careful provision for their housing, health and recreation. Their program of training includes educational, professional, cultural and religious pursuits. Particularly noteworthy is the intelligence and care being given to the nature of their spiritual life. This is provided through the chaplaincy and through contact with civilian church life."

"There is ample evidence that this experience will strengthen their womanly character. The balanced program makes them better trained individuals, more ready to do their duty for the duration. However, we find them eagerly

Two Priests Enlist For Army, Navy Duty

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Father Fraber, assistant to the pastor at St. Stephen's Church, left on Tuesday for Williamsburg, Virginia, to attend the Chaplain's School at William and Mary College.

Father Fraber was sworn into the United States Navy as chaplain with the rank of lieutenant several days ago in Rochester. He has been assistant at St. Stephen's Church since his graduation from St. Bernard's Seminary. He is the son of Michael J. Fraber of Mount Pleasant.

In announcing the departure of Father Fraber during the Sunday services at St. Stephen's Church, Rev. William H. McPadden, pastor of the church, stated that he would be greatly missed and that since his coming to the parish he had endeared himself to all.

Father Fraber was particularly interested in the school program and was popular with the youngsters of the parish. He was also active in parish projects and in all that pertained to the work of the church and community life.

Since the opening of the USO Club in Geneva, Father Fraber has served as Moderator.

Father McPadden asked the prayers of all of the parishioners for Father Fraber's welfare and safety.

LENINGRAD AUXILIARY NAMED LITHUANIA BISHOP

VATICAN CITY—As of May 21, His Holiness Pope Pius XII has transferred the Most Rev. Theophilus Matulevicius from the post of Auxiliary to the Apostolic Administrator of Leningrad to Bishop of Kaunas, Lithuania.

The Most Rev. Theophilus Matulevicius was named Titular Bishop of Matrua and Auxiliary to the Apostolic Administrator of Leningrad in December, 1941. He was imprisoned from 1925 to 1926 and again from 1929 to 1931. Then he was exiled to Lithuania.

CHRISTIAN HOME CRUSADE OPENED BY THIRD ORDER

LOS ANGELES—A crusade in behalf of the Christian home, subjected now to new influences which may lead to its disintegration, has been recommended to 1,000 members of the Third Order of St. Francis and will be initiated this month. It was announced by the Rev. Cornelius Snyder, O.F.M., Vicar-General of the Third Order of the Pacific Coast.

Looking forward to the time when they may take up again those time-honored joys which surround home life and children, which still stands as woman's historic contribution to the society of which they are a part.

48 Nurses Graduated

Four Oregon—Twenty-eight nursing the largest class in the history were graduated from the military training school at Meigs Camp, headed by the Daughters of Charity of St. Francis de Paul, at a reception held at St. Joseph's Church.

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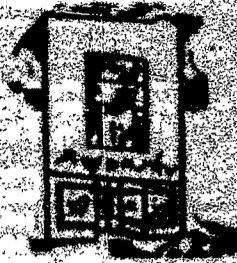
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