

# Record Turnout For Weekend Retreat Made By Blessed Sacrament Men

First group to tax Our Lady of the Lake Diocesan Retreat House to capacity since its establishment by the Redemptorist Fathers in June 1942, was that of Blessed Sacrament Parish. Thirty-eight men comprising officers and members of the Holy Name Society made the trip to Geneva last Friday.

The group was sent on its way to the annual week-end retreat of that parish with the encouragement and blessing of the pastor, the Rev. Thomas F. Conway. The men made the trip by motor cars.

A veritable cross-section of Catholic men comprised the group: doctor, lawyer, city official, business executive, undertaker, shop mechanic, retired man, salesman, factory worker, student and many others from other walks of life.

Directed by Fr. Aylward

Upon arrival at the retreat house about 7 o'clock the men were greeted and welcomed by Rev. Augustin J. Aylward, O.M.I., who acted as host and retreatmaster. After dinner the men assembled in the chapel for the first conference from which point on they ardently entered into the real spirit of a very edifying retreat.

The men from Blessed Sacrament established two significant records. They are the first parish group to fill the capacity of the retreat house and for the first time since the retreat movement was started at St. Bernard's Seminary about 35 years ago, had the largest parish group ever to make a single retreat.

The retreatmaster captivated the complete confidence of the retreatants, his conferences were most inspiring and practical, the subjects discussed were based upon solid Catholic doctrine and reasoning.

This retreatants were unanimous in proclaiming Father Aylward as the priest "with golden thoughts and golden words." A truly edifying experience was the strict silence observed throughout the retreat and the manner in which meditations were made.

Surprise Visitor

At the conclusion of the retreat on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Alphonsus P. Cilmmins, assistant pastor and Moderator of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Name Society made an unexpected visit and in addressing the men expressed his appreciation for the splendid manner in which they made their retreat, stating that their pastor regarded them as the spiritual power house of the parish.

After bidding good-bye to the retreatmaster the men returned home with a firm determination to practice the truths brought home to them and to become lay apostles in spreading the value of an annual retreat to many more members of the parish Holy Name Society.

Several members from St. Mary's Holy Name Society joined the numbers from Blessed Sacrament. Other parish groups are making plans for weekend retreats throughout the summer until early October.

Any man who is interested in invited to join any parish group on any week-end provided reservations are made with Father Aylward at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva, N. Y., a few days in advance. Telephone is Geneva 7188.

St. Peter and Paul and St. Francis Assisi parishes are sending a delegation to make a retreat this week-end.

## Named Grant Store Manager

George N. Burns, formerly manager of the W. T. Grant Company store in Boston, has taken over his duties as new manager of that firm's store here. Eight years in the company's employ, he has served in 14 of the chain's stores. For the past four years, Burns has held managerial positions.

The new manager is married and is the father of two children. He attended Brown University. His predecessor, Lawrence Bridge, has not announced future plans, being now on vacation.

A fortune awaits the man who'll design an old-fashioned one-horse buggy complete with reins, heater and cigar lighter. — Pittsburgh Post-Gazette



STRIKE ONE! MISSED! Softball is played daily at Camp Columbus, east side of Oswego Lake. Thomas Florsch of Rochester, who is Director of Athletics, is shown swinging the game. Joseph Bergen of Flushing, L. I., is the catcher, and Gary Jankey of Rochester, is batter up.

## Wartime Activities Feature Program At Girls' Camp Madonna

Beginning of the second period at Camp Madonna finds a camp filled to capacity with enthusiastic campers. There isn't a dull moment in the day's program which begins with flag raising at 7:30 A. M. and ends with taps and a good-night circle at 8 P. M. Swimming and hiking, outdoor cooking and games of all kinds make up the busy day.

In keeping with the present wartime activity campers are having more first aid and simple Red Cross projects. Blue denim "beanies" with white "M's" for Madonna make an interesting introduction to the use of a thimble, needle, thread and scissors. After learning how to make bed rolls, build a fire and cook breakfast, these accomplishments were put into practical use with a "sleep out" Tuesday night.

Fri Day Enjoyed

Saturday was "Fri Day." The name of each camper and counselor were drawn in the morning and kept secret throughout the day. At night, each girl was asked to guess her pal from the special friendliness that had been shown her during the day.

Everyone is working to win the head which is being offered by the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation for the best name for the patriotic picture on the cover of their July Messenger, sent out to all their patrons.

Many young swimmers have passed the Red Cross Beginners' Test and Certificates will be awarded them upon termination of their camp stay.

Season campers are: Karin and Marcella Brown and Carol Herold of Buffalo; Geraldine Meyers of Niagara Falls; Felicia Esser, Barbara Humphrey, Mary Lou Janich, Marilyn Kresser, Jane Ann Rose, Marjorie Spitz, and Joyce Waryon of Rochester.

New campers are: Mary Wechter of Buffalo; Lucy Ann Purcell of Hornell; Eleanor and Suzanne Harvey of Lima; Jane and Suzanne Brown of Syracuse; Carolyn and Joan Sit of Webster; Nancy Blessad, Patricia Coleman, Harriette Ferras, Eileen Hanley, Joan Judge, Leona Meisenbach, Little O'Donoghue, Patricia Sanders, Macy Catherine Schanz and Suzanne Wilson of Rochester.

## Notable First Mass

St. Gertrude, Que.—When the Rev. Joseph Masse, O.M.I., said his first Mass here, he was assisted by his brother, Rev. Felix Masse, and two cousins, all priests.

## Camp Columbus Cullings

AUBURN—Despite many difficulties pursuant to war-time rationing, Camp Columbus has begun a new season which gives promise of being as successful as ever. The camp this year is under the direction of the Rev. Thomas M. Reddington who succeeds the Rev. Gerard J. Coffell.

Camp personnel this year is as follows:

- The Rev. Thomas M. Reddington, Camp Director.
- Edward A. Zimmer, Head Counselor.
- Joseph T. Connor, Spiritual Director.
- Thomas J. Florack, Sports Director.
- William M. Hart, Craft Director.
- Charles A. Bennett, Waterfront Director.
- Robert H. Coffell, Assistant Craft Director.
- Clarence A. Amann, William J. Amann, Theodor S. Graney, Junior Counselors.

We have received encouraging messages from two former camp directors, Father Fischer and Father Gofell, and from two former camp counselors, Father Shannon and Father Shannon.

The camp area now holds a new building to be used as an infirmary. It is a white wooden structure; it has three rooms fronted by an ample, screened-in porch.

The sports program is well underway with a major and a minor baseball league playing on the diamonds. While a group of avid volleyball fans indulge in the favorite game a short distance away. Swimming is still the most popular pastime. There are two regular swims each day augmented by daily swimming instructions in the morning and an occasional evening dip.

The program is begun with the rising whistle at 7:00 a. m. At 7:30 Holy Mass is celebrated in the Queen of Peace Chapel; attendance at Mass is optional. Mass is followed by morning prayers, salute to the flag, and breakfast. After the morning meal the campers adjourn to their cabins to prepare them for inspection which takes place at 7:45. Baseball, volleyball, and craft are begun at 9:00. Swimming instructions are given at 10, and a general swim begins at 11. The Angelus is rung at noon after which the campers assemble for dinner. The program is resumed at 2:00 p. m. with a ball

# Crusaders' War Bond Sale Over \$8,000 Mark For June

Taking an active part in the sale of U. S. War Bonds and Stamps by women's groups of the city, the Catholic Crusaders under the chairmanship of Mrs. Alice M. Conway, have recorded a total sale of \$8,222.55 for the month of June.

Mrs. Conway's co-workers handle the booth at F. W. Woolworth Company store next the Four Corners where they sold \$2,428.55 in Stamps and \$375 in bonds. At their other post, Low's Bookstore Theater, the Catholic Crusaders recorded \$1,000.00 in Stamps and \$2,223.00 in War Bonds.

The volunteer saleswomen at the various stores and theater booths throughout the city have sold the staggering total of \$1,320,000.00 in Stamps and Bonds, since they opened their sales.

Contestants of the Catholic women's efforts in the campaign has brought them the commendation of the Rev. John A. Ruskak, representative of Bishop Kearney, in all war activities in the diocese.

Addressing Mrs. Conway were Miss Virginia Crowley, Miss Marie McKay, Miss Pat McCarthy, Mrs. Jean Koch Cole, Miss Helen McLaughlin, Miss Martha Tierney, Miss Betty Gardner, Miss Fatty Schuppel and Miss Peggy Schoopfel.

Others who would like to volunteer are urged to get in touch with Mrs. George A. Conway, 126 Pearl Street.

## Former Anglican Rector Convert, Dies At 85

LONDON (NC)—Former Anglican rector in Edinburgh, John Faber Schofield, who was received into the Church in 1904, has died in Devonshire at the age of 85. His mother was first cousin of Father Faber, noted hymn writer. Mr. Schofield leaves eight children, one of them a nun.

game, boating and fishing. These activities continue till the second swim which begins at 8:30 and ends at 9:00. The campers assemble at 5:15 in the chapel for the recitation of the rosary after which they go to the mess hall for supper. After the evening meal there is a ball game or dip followed by boxing, amateur hour, play, or other entertainment. Night prayers are recited in common at 8:45, and all retire at 9:00.

There are occasional deviations from this program in favor of supper hikes, over-night hikes, field days, movies, etc.

## Msr. Arnold's Parish Gets First Chaplain Service Award

WASHINGTON—First Certificate of Award to Churches and other religious groups whose members are serving as chaplains in the Army will be presented by Gen. Vernon S. Sumrell, Commanding General of the Army Medical Service, at a public ceremony in the South Post Chapel at Fort Myer, Va., on July 22, at which the Most Rev. John F. Hall, Bishop of Fort Wayne, will make the principal address.

The first certificate will be awarded to St. Charles Borromeo Church, Park, Ind., the parish from which the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold, now Brigadier General and Chief of Army Chaplains, came when he entered Army service. A special delegation from the Fort parish, headed by the Rev. P. A. Welch, pastor, will attend the ceremony to accept the certificate.

Following the ceremony, general distribution of the certificates to thousands of churches and religious institutions will begin.

## Directs School Of Sacred Music

RIO DE JANEIRO—The Rev. Pedro Sinzig, O.F.M., editor of the sacred music review, Musica Sacra, and a well-known composer, has accepted the appointment to direct the Conservatorio Brasileiro de Musica to be conducted along lines similar to those of schools of sacred music in Europe.

The school, the only one of its kind in South America, is open to all who are interested in church music. Its aim is to develop choristers, organists and composers of sacred music. The curriculum includes Gregorian Chant and other church music and chant, legislation on the subject and the history of sacred music.

BUY U. S. BONDS AND STAMPS

# Transportation to Camp Stella Maris

Diocesan Camp For Boys and Girls



Bus leaves Blue Bus Terminal, 83 South Avenue, Rochester, at 7 P. M. Sunday evening. Bus leaves camp for Rochester on Saturday at 3:17 P. M. Arrives in Rochester at 4:10 P. M.

ROUND TRIP \$1.21

For full information regarding camping dates, call or write camp secretary.

**Camp Stella Maris**  
50 Chestnut St. Stone 1492