

WAR EFFORT OF BROOKLYN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CITED

BROOKLYN - Pupils in the elementary and high schools of the Diocese of Brooklyn offered almost a half a million Masses and sold close to five million Stamps and special prayers for servicemen and women during the last three months of the school year...

\$50,923 in War Stamps. They also sent to men in the service 11,240 copies of The Tablet, Diocesan weekly; 23,042 books and magazines and 16,800 packages of cigarettes and candy. 77,719 pounds of metal, rubber, silk and fat were also collected.

There are 21 Missions in the New Testament; 14 written by St. Paul; two by St. Peter; three by St. John; and one each by St. James and St. Jude.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

PLAN SUMMER FETE

The Summer Fair, August 13 - Officers to care for the approaching Fair have been appointed. John M. Hodges, is Chairman, with Miss Claudia O'Brien as Vice-Chairman. Committees caring for various occasions are headed by the following Chairmen: Refreshments, Jess Kelly; Tea Room, Mrs. Leo Fleming; Chuckler Game, John Kost, Sr.; Ovis Cage, John Carney; League Baseball, Peter Taylor; Grass Box, Mrs. Phillip Leary; War Stamp Booth, Loretta Halley; Cake Booth, Mrs. John Kost; Change Booth, Fred Caldwell.

More Men Helpers are wanted for various booths and committees. report at next announced meeting if you will serve. Donations of cakes and other baked goods are requested, may be sent to rectory or to home of Mrs. Kost at 22 Baldwin Street. Donations of toys, books, novelties, for the Grab Bag, may be sent to rectory or to the home of Mrs. Leary, 532 Goodman St., N.

Tickets have been sent out - more may be had at the rectory. Returns must be in at time awards are made. Dispose of your booklet, get some more!

Monthly Parish Debt Collection this Sunday at the Postcommunian. Remember your regular monthly donation to this fund will enable us to meet bills for principal and interest. The larger the number contributing, the larger the amount of your gift, the bigger reduction we can make on the debt. Please let us hear from you on Sunday!

Holy Name Journal next Sunday, Fr. Affleck, O.P. will be here to secure your subscription for the Holy Name Journal, official organ of the Holy Name Society in the United States. The Journal is a monthly publication, filled with articles of Catholic interest, especially for members of the Parish Holy Name Society. You will be glad to hear from Father Affleck.

Blanket Club this week, Mrs. Florence Rector of 59 Fair Place. Congratulations to Mrs. Rector.

Tuesday Parties start at 8:30 P. M., cost you 50c at the door, offer you two hours of pleasant entertainment with your friends. Our hall is not air-conditioned, but is generally much cooler than the

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Feast of the Assumption August 1 - With the closing Sunday, August 2, the new Quarter of Feast begins. Feast for the Assumption is due on this Sunday. New-comers to the parish and parishioners without jobs are invited to rent a dining room, and secure the honor of position of a place among our parishioners.

The Loyalty Sundays begin August 3 - Beginning with Sunday, August 1, all attendants at Mass are asked to make an addition to their Sunday Offering, to pay for improvements, repairs, decorations, in church and school, convent, rectory and hall. This plan will continue for 10 Sundays - called 10 Loyalty Sundays. Just add to your Sunday offering what you wish: \$1.00 a Sunday will mean \$10 in 10 Sundays. May we hear from you this coming Sunday!

LARGE FAMILIES HONORED ON ST. JEAN BAPTISTE DAY

QUEBEC - The St. Jean Baptiste Society of this city paid special tributes here on the feast of St. Jean Baptiste to the parents of large families.

While not including all the large families, 54 were selected for honor. The families were made up as follows: One of 19 children, one of 18, two of 17, six of 16, 10 of 14 children, 15 of 14, 10 of 13, two of 12 and three of 11 children. Mr. and Mrs. Adjutor Drolet, of St. Francois d'Assise parish, held the place of honor with 19 children.

Religion Ever Comfort, Says Woman Aged 100

CHURCH POINT, La. (NC) - Her religion has been a strong support and comfort to her in good times and bad, said Mrs. Valmont Guidry, a devout Catholic who has just celebrated her 100th birthday. Mrs. Guidry, who was Josephine Lathala, has been a lifelong resident of this area. Seven of her ten children are living, including an 81-year-old daughter. Mrs. Guidry's 300 living descendants include 41 children of the fifth generation.

A HEAP OF SAND

By LAURA GRAY

Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 40th Street, New York City. These articles are appearing weekly in our columns.

Mrs. Whentland was a widow with such a merry smile one wondered what she had done with her sorrow, for no trace of it seemed to remain.

When I was joining her house, one morning, she was gazing at a heap of sand that builders had left inside her yard, after converting a small building into a home for her. She looked up brightly, gray hair soft about a young-old face. "I was thinking this sand would be fine for the children to play in," she said.

"I didn't know you had any children," I answered, stepping nearer. "I haven't, but several have been coming in already. If I had a place made where they could play, this sand would give a great pleasure."

"It might attract all the youngsters in off the street."

"They'll come anyway, and if I give them plenty to do they won't get into mischief." She smiled.

"True," I answered. This new neighbor seemed a little out of the ordinary. But no one would object if she made a hobby of entertaining the many boys and girls - especially those of preschool age - who strayed about the neighborhood, wrecking the nerves of motorists and being a general nuisance.

I passed that way again. The sand was now enclosed in a wooden frame in a corner of the garden. Five lots were turning out pies from tin moulds onto a board, absolutely absorbed. A man was putting up a swing. The little woman looked up from weeding. "Good morning," I called, slightly shocked. No one who was a widow, poor, alone, had a right to look as if the world belonged to her.

"I see you are still making improvements."

"Yes. It was a pity to waste those two posts, and the twitches for a swing. I'm having a low table made for them in the shade of that tree."

"Your garden will soon be a playground."

"I used to be in charge of one,

she laughed. "That's how I know what youngsters like to do, and how good they are where they have plenty of interests."

"Don't they scrap and quarrel?" "Not often. One fight, and both are sent home. One little chap from away up the hill came and stood outside until I invited him in. I phoned his mother, knowing she'd be anxious. She came immediately. We had quite a talk."

"For so cheerful to you, Mrs. Whentland, for letting me know where Timmy had gone. He's always running away. We're terrified for fear he'll be run over, and we have quite a big garden."

"He would be welcome to play here, if only he hadn't so far to come."

"Perhaps I could bring him down now and again. These are not all your own children?"

"None are. I have none, but I like to see my little friends bump and happy."

"We thought of having a small pile for Timmy but were afraid sand would be tracked over the garden and we didn't want a gang of kids around the place."

The little widow ended the story with a chuckle. "To expect a wet one to remain in a garden - no matter how fine - with nothing to do, while boys and girls go laughing down the sunny street, is expecting too much. It's all right for me to have the gang - I understand little ones."

"You seem to," I smiled into her glowing face and walked on wondering. With all the gardens and pleasant homes in the neighborhood it took the only woman without children, and the poorest, to provide a place where boys and girls could play with companions, under sympathetic eyes.

The streets are too place for play. Children are too precious to risk exposure to traffic accidents and to undesirable influence. A place like this widow's garden should be provided for all children, and IT IS WORTH PAYING FOR.

Vatican Radio Lays War-Ravaged Belgians

NEW YORK (NC) - The "saddest, poorest, ugliest and open attack" of the Belgian faithful "in a ravaged and exhausted country" was broadcast last week by a Vatican radio speaker. It was reported to the OWI by the U. S. Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service.

Masses are celebrated regularly, the broadcast revealed, but often late at night and in out-of-the-way places in "the greatly suffering country, heavily covered by snow." Namur College students, the broadcast stated, recently raised 23,000 Francs for Maastricht "at a time when the burden of tremendous obligations lies on the country that absorbs all its wealth and heralds a universal impoverishment."

Teaches Army Radio Work in South Pacific

GENEVA - Sergeant Edward C. Fitzgerald of the Army Air Corps who has been stationed at McClellan Field in California is now serving as a radio instructor on an island in the southwest Pacific.

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