

Keep Fighting

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...and my eyes light on a thing only to behold it vanish. The struggle for existence is inevitable, but nothing can justify us in making our whole life subservient to it.

Keep Youngsters Active To Curb Youth Delinquency

WASHINGTON—Pointing out the need for an increased awareness of the plight of children in wartime and particularly in those war-impacted communities where recreational

facilities are inadequate to meet new demands, Miss Anne Sarachon Hooley, Assistant Executive Director of the National Catholic Community Service, today stated that juvenile delinquency was not new.

"It is assuming proportions at this time because the American family unit has undergone major changes caused by the migration of workers to all parts of the country."

Miss Hooley said the number of service men's wives with small children who move into camp areas to be near their husbands has aggravated the problem considerably.

"Such children," she said, "away from the normal home environment, and whose mothers find it necessary to work, will seek some form of diversion, frequently mischievous, to gain recognition. It is so often a substitute form of excitement which these youngsters seek, she said, adding that they are searching also for a substitute for that 'sense of belonging' which in peace times they would get from the home."

Shortened school hours to permit the schools and teachers to take care of the increased "load" on a school shift basis in overburdened communities is giving children more time to themselves, she said, and unless there is adequate supervision during these leisure hours the resulting hazards

of emotional displacement will seek revenge in a generation that will grow up to be unruly and socially maladjusted.

The Women's Division of the National Catholic Community Service, at the request of officials in overburdened communities, had been asked in numerous instances to plan juvenile programs for after-school hours, Miss Hooley said. Teen-age boys and girls have been organized under trained leaders in craft projects.

They serve as junior helpers at NCCS-UBO Clubs, straightening out the racks and book shelves, running errands, collecting scrap for salvage purposes. They have been managing their own small garden projects, she said, and learning to help their mothers do the cooking to all the family larger.

Those teen-agers whose new-found independence has come with jobs and extra money have felt a new importance in the war-bonds and stamps which they have been able to sell. Picnics, swimming parties and outdoor competitive games have been important in developing friendships and interest group activities. Many NCCS-UBO Clubs now feature Family Night, where the entire family is integrated into the program.

"The informal program for small children and teen-agers is increasing as the community requests us to help," Miss Hooley stated, "and to meet the emergency we will have to recruit more and more volunteer leaders who have special skills and aptitudes to work with children."

Costumes Enliven Halloween Fete For Collegians

By MARILYN MOORE

With the characteristic "Cider and Doughnut" lunch, an exciting evening of Halloween fun was ended at Nazareth College on Wednesday, Oct. 27. The College auditorium was decorated with Halloween cats and witches for the fall affair of the year to be held for the faculty and the entire student body.

Costumes, both beautiful and comical, were the ordered attire for the night and no student was admitted to the party except by entrance through the "Chamber of Horrors." The Chamber was set up in the school tunnels. After entering into the exciting mood of the party, the guests settled in their seats to watch a "Hair Raising" melodrama, entitled "Toupee or Not Toupee," presented by the Junior Class.

The cast of characters included Jean Flanagan, Rosemary Welch, Jean Dugan, Doris Dierdorf, and Jean Schantz.

The members of the faculty reviewed the "Parade of Costumes" and a prize was awarded for the most beautiful, the funniest, and the most original costume. With everyone entering into the spirit of the Ghost and Goblin party, Halloween was successfully celebrated at Nazareth College.

Debate Equal Rights On Thursday afternoon, Nov. 6, the Nazareth College Forensic Society will discuss the problem "Should Congress Approve the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution?" Discussing on the Pro side will be Helen Macchia, senior, and Jean Foley, junior; on the Con side will be Dorothy Wegman, junior and Claire Yarter, junior. Jean Schantz, junior, will be chairman of the group.

The date of the annual Soph Hop has been changed to Nov. 13, and heads of the committees have been announced by the General Chairman, Margaret McDermott. These committee chairmen are Katherine Foley, Date Bureau; Helen Mary Bauman, Decorations; Katherine Hogan, Orchestra; Alice VanDeVoerde, Tickets; Jean Lennon, Refreshments; Mary Esther Daney, Invitations; Mary Anne Ludwig, Clean Up, and Mildred Okolowicz, Reception.

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Renewals of National and Diocesan Affiliation with the National Council of Catholic Women have been received this past week as follows:

Parent-Teacher Association, Sacred Heart Parish, Rochester. Rosary Society, St. Peter and Paul's Parish, Elmira.

THAT 'PIN-UP GIRL'

By ALICE THERESE DIEHL  
Women's Editor of The Michigan Catholic

Just what is this thing called "morale"? Is it something we can build up by sending the boys pin-up pictures of gorgeous girls? That sort of morale building is more apt to lead to moral undoing and destruction. The spotlight of publicity of late has been turned more brightly, more frequently, upon the pin-up girl, until the entire idea has reached the ridiculous.

Last month's issue of a "smart" fashion magazine contains an advertisement of a sweater manufacturer. It shows two servicemen fervently admiring pin-up pictures of girls in the maker's sweaters. The message the ad conveys is this: Buy one of our sweaters, have your picture taken in it and send it to your serviceman. Conclusion: You will give a wonderful boost to his sagging morale. If you don't want to have your picture taken, however, send for the company's full-color prints.

We simply state this: The whole thing is a little bit silly, potentially very dangerous. As an advertisement in a woman's fashion magazine, it might conceivably "pass." But as a "pin-up" to send the boy friend, as a morale-building idea—NO. Go ahead and send him your picture. But we think your sense of decency—and not a sweater ad—will dictate the clothes you wear and the pose you assume for it.

ON THE HOME FRONT

Rags Make a Flowered Rag and Bag When you have made one rag you will find yourself a member of an enthusiastic clan, counting the days until you fall heir to a dress of a particular color that fits into the design that is develop-



ing under your fingers. These enthusiasts also bleach materials to tone them down; they brighten others with dye; they antique some with tea and they have a wonderful time.

The sketch gives all the directions you will need to copy this fascinating braided rag rug with a flower medallion in the center. Or you may make two of the medallions, sew them together and add a braided handle for a knitting bag. Braid the fabric strips tightly and keep the work flat while you sew the circles for the roses and the loops for leaves; then sew them together. Use carpet thread double for this and for sewing the braided rows around the edge of the rag.

NOTE: This rag design is from BOOK 8 which contains thirty-one other things to make from scraps of fabric and other odds and ends. Price of book is 10c plus 5c to cover cost of mailing. Address: Mrs. Spears, Drawer 135, Bedford Hills, New York.