Be ready at every moment to help your neighbors, whoever he be. —St. Mary of the Incarnation.

As soon as a self-made man gets married, he [illegible] —Southwest Courier.

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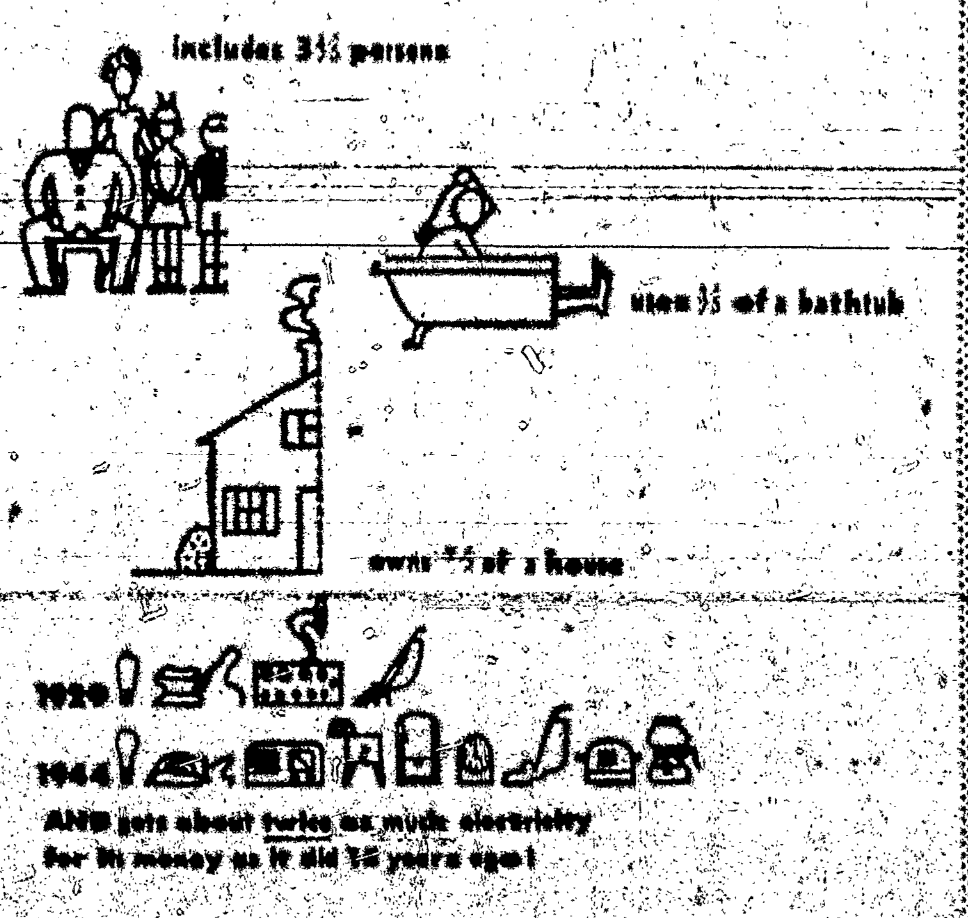

STATISTICS are tricky things to toss around.

Obviously, 3/5 of a bathtub wouldn't hold water very well! That figure means merely that some 3 out of 5 American homes *have* bathtubs.

Most families own more electric appliances now than they did back in the Nineteen-twenties. Over the years, as they used more electricity, they earned lower rates—and the rates, too, were steadily reduced.

So even if your bill today is as much as it was 15 or 20 years ago—*you're getting about twice as much for what you pay.* And remember that the price of electricity has *stayed down* while most other prices *have gone up.*

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The report on students in schools of social work, Nov. 1, 1942, shows that the National Catholic School of Social Service, Washington, D. C., now tops all Catholic Schools of Social work in enrollment of full-time students.

Estimates reveal that an extremely low number of Catholic college graduates enter the profession of social work.

Social work abounds in opportunity for both spiritual and material helps to others, and leads most professions in opportunities for secure positions and rapid advancement.

"We advise our young women to consider positions and careers in social work."

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To say there is a connection between the International conferences which are taking place today and Public Relations work of the Catholic women's society of a small parish church may seem a little strange.

No one will deny, however, that the men who are making history today and deciding the way of life for millions of people are the members of our families and our communities. Their philosophy of life will go into the making and keeping of peace.

Is it not important that their decisions be governed by true Christian principles? Do we not wish those who represent us, whether on the town council or at the world conference table, to reflect in their deliberations the social teaching of Christ?

If this is to be so, then those both inside and outside the Church must know these truths, must have these Catholic principles so constantly before them that they become a part of their thinking, become the motivating power of their actions.

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Program on Health of U. S. Soldiers Overseas

Through the Women's Interests Section of the War Department, Bureau of Public Relations, Washington, D. C., the women of the United States have been informed on the physical, moral, and spiritual welfare of the soldier in training. Mothers and wives recall gratefully the series of booklets issued by the Women's Interests Section on "The Soldier and His Health," "The Soldier and His Religion," etc., which told them the facts concerning the welfare of "their soldier" in training.

In these latter months we women find our attention shifting—and our worry too—toward the soldier overseas. He is trained now; he is in the battle zone. We are concerned now over his survival. If he is a casualty, how is he treated? What is done to protect him from disease? To help us in our concern the Women's Interests Section has prepared a Fact Sheet with a suggestion for a club program on "The Soldier and His Health Overseas."

The Fact Sheet tells us of the treatment and prevention of malaria. Malaria is curable. It explains psychoneurotic breakdowns; it tells us how the Medical Department of the Army functions. Furthermore, it tells us that we women can influence soldiers in caring for their health by writing on the subject in our letters to soldiers overseas.

The Fact Sheet and Club Program on: **Health of U. S. Soldiers Overseas** is available on request from the above address. The N.C.C.W. suggests that your parish organization write for it and invite local leaders with a knowledge of Army medical problems to help you put on such a program as suggested. The N.C.C.W. further suggests that you invite representatives of other women's organizations in the community to attend.

Parents Given Medals Of Slain Hero-Son

WHEELING, W. Va.—The Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster which were awarded to Master Srgt. John P. Kreuger, a member of St. Joseph's Cathedral parish, before he was killed on a bombing mission in the South Pacific last August, have been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Kreuger, of this city, along with the official citations. Sergeant Kreuger entered the Army air forces in 1938, received his basic and his bombardier training in Hawaii and was at Hickam Field during the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

Trapeze Performer Leaves Circus To Become Nun

BANFF, Alberta—Mary Gordon whose name rose from 18th place in 1936, to 1st place in 1939 as the 'Billboards' selection of America's favorite aerialist and trapeze performer, will enter St. Mary's Priory, Victoria, B.C., to become a Sister of the Love of Jesus, O.S.B., March 21st next, the feast of St. Benedict.

About the time that Mary began to catch the public eye as a daring and graceful performer, these Sisters of the Love of Jesus, formerly an Anglican community, were being received into the Church at Vancouver, B. C., by His Excellency Archbishop Duke. Mary was then on tour in the southern States winning the hearts of the circus fans by her girlish charm and daring. Mary always performed on bars 110 feet above the ground with no nets stretched below in which to fall in case of accident. Not only was she a daring performer on the "flying trapeze," but used to thrill the spectators by lying on the ground without any bodily protection and allowing a 4,800-lb. automobile travelling at the rate of 60 miles an hour to run over her. Another of her stunts was to spill over in automobiles and to crawl out smiling and bowing. As a high diver she used to plunge from a 60-ft. high board into a 12-ft. tank and was a good "rough rider."

Fell from Height

While in the act of ascending the rigging to begin her performance at Lovoir, North Carolina, on the evening of Aug. 9, 1939, she fell from a height of 40 feet, plunging downward feet first. She has no recollection of what happened. She was rushed to the Sanitarium at Charlotte, N. C., where Dr. Millar, a great spine specialist performed a daring and skilful operation. For a while she sank very low and it appeared as though the final curtain of death was to ring down upon her performances. She made a brave and cheery fight for life and finally, just before Christmas, 1939, astonished even her doctor by sitting up.

Received Faith

Attracted towards the Catholic Church in early girlhood, she now gave the Church serious consideration and finally was received into the Church at Banff on the first Friday of July, 1941.

Mary's childish dreams of becoming a nun are at long last to be realized, and though the curtain that will close her off from the audience of the world is ringing down to finish her prologue, the curtain that will expose her to the audience of heaven is rising for her to climb the heights of sanctity.

A sketch of her life appears in the Western Catholic Almanac for 1944.

Make Dean's List At Nazareth College

Dean's list, announced after the Nazareth College mid-year exams, includes the following students:

Seniors—Edna Sorendo, Virginia Sullivan, Helen Dorchak, Irene Paolone, Jeanne Teddy, DeVerde Foley, Mary Jane Schwartz.

Juniors—Patricia O'Grady, Martha Sheedy.

Sophomores—Maria Beri, Alice VandeVoorde, Roseanne Forward, Mary Lombardo, Mary Ann Ludwig, Kathryn Cutler, Jean Schoen, Margaret McDermott, Madeleine Nucitelli, Jean Cappellino, Ann Bogan, Marion Maul.

Freshmen—Eleanor Humphrey, Florence Hotzler, Edith Goff, Louise Trautlein, Mary Margaret Kellick, Eleanor Maloney, Rita Zimmer, Catherine Barry, Mary Dedie, Marion Grossner, Yolanda Romano, Rosemary Loritz, Marie Antonacci, Betty Bradley, Frances Ennis, Jane Gleason, Helen Ryan, Mary Catherine Wheeland.

MARRIAGE

By Rev. Edward F. Garesche, S.J.

When a man and woman wed each other before God they offer great service to God and their country. They promise to keep a happy, holy home where children shall be born and trained to be good men and women. From such homes comes the strength of society and its citizens. Christ made the marriage contract a sacrament. The Church has carefully established wise laws for this contract, which all should know and obey.

If mothers and fathers do their full duty, all will be well with Church and State. If they shirk it, nothing can take the place of their service. They pledge to be faithful to each other, to take and cherish the children whom God sends. Christ said of marriage, "What God has joined together, let no man put asunder." Marriage is freely undertaken, but once the man and woman have begun to live together as true husband and wife, death alone can break its bond.

A wise man said, "Before marriage keep your eyes wide open, after marriage keep them half shut." Consider before you marry, whether he or she is suited to be your lifelong helper on your way to heaven. Never marry with the thought that you will reform your helpmate afterwards. Romance soon fades away, and leaves the man and woman bound to love each other for life.

It takes true manliness or womanliness to be a success in marriage — unselfishness, patience, chaste fidelity to duty, hard work at the full time job of being a good husband or wife, and a good mother or father. The rewards are very great. A holy married life brings many deep consolations, and much merit for the hereafter.

Whatever injures marriage wounds the home, the State, the Church. So-called Birth Control is a crime against them all, and against God, the Creator of all. Divorce, the cancer, eats into the very fabric of the State, and ruins countless souls. Stand firm against anything which injures married life, the home, the family. If you marry, live and act as God wills, for your lasting happiness and peace.

(This digested instruction on marriage was prepared in leaflet form by Father Garesche for distribution especially among the armed forces. It is also being distributed among schools and parishes. This leaflet is published by The Vista Maria Press, 8 West 17th St., New York City. It can be obtained for only 50c per 500, 80c per 1,000, or $3.00 per 3,000 copies.)

India Maharaja Receives Greetings of Holy Father

ERNAKULAM, India.—A message of congratulations and good wishes from His Holiness Pope Pius XII was received by the Maharaja, His Highness Sri Ravi Varma on the occasion of his ascendency as the new Ruler of Cochin. The Papal message was delivered by members of the Hierarchy, who visited the ruler at the Royal Palace.

Women Lead In Missions

VATICAN CITY.—The Catholic Mission World is a woman's world.

Sisters of the various religious communities laboring in the farflung mission field throughout the world are nearly twice as numerous as the Priests and Brothers engaged in the same work. Nuns comprise nearly two-thirds of the Church's mission personnel.

From statistics of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, the Rev. Frederick C. Deitz, M.M., prepared the following table:

	Priests	Brothers	Sisters
Asia	10,659	3,118	21,544
Africa	5,539	2,688	10,673
America	1,333	579	2,300
Oceania	3,453	2,177	15,161
Europe	941	363	2,770
Total	21,915	8,925	53,905