News from Elmirans in Service

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We are giving first place, this week, to the Fahs family of St. John's parish, who have a three star flag in their window. We also want our readers to know, that Mrs. Fahs gave us the idea of writing this column.

Sgt. Joseph Fahs joined the Army in February 1941. He received his basic training at Fort Sill, Okla., and was sent to El Paso, Texas where he was given a three months course in Pharmacy. In October 1942 he was sent overseas and was based in England but was sent to North Africa with the invasion troops. Joe missed the Sicilian campaign but managed to get in on the invasion of the Italian Mainland. He is attached to the 28th General Hospital Unit, and along with his duties in the Hospital Pharmacy manages to put in a few hours doing clerical work in the Headquarters office. He told his family in a recent letter that he had visited Rome and Vatican City and was much impressed with the beauties of both cities. Joe was graduated from No. 5 School, The Academy and Meekers Business School and was employed at Spear's Garage before entering the service.

Number two star in the Fahs' flag represents **Sergeant Charles Fahs**, who entered the service in November, 1942. Charles trained at Miami Beach and at Scott Field, Ill., where he entered the cook and bakers school and received his Army Cook and Baker's Diploma. After a few months Charles decided to try for the Traffic and Priority School. He was successful and after completing his course, was stationed in the Office of Air Transport Command at an Army supply depot, which for military reasons, we think it best not to mention. Charle's job is an important one, supervising the loading and routing of the big planes which carry the much needed supplies to the men overseas. Charles is going to be married on Sept. 9, to Miss Marie Dalbo of St. Louis, Mo., and they are going to make their home near where Charles is stationed. He was graduated from the George Washington School and the Academy and worked at the Kennedy Valve before entering the service. Charles and Joe are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahs, 1018 Hoffman Street.

The third star in the Fahs' flag represents son-in-law **Pvt. Arthur D. Field**. We can't tell our readers much about him at present because he just entered the service on July 27 and hasn't even become acclimated to army routine. Art is stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala., and his wife, the former Madeline Fahs, expects to join him there next month. Art was employed at the Kennedy Valve before entering the service.

Call 4053

We fear that we are missing the names of a great many boys in the service whose families do not have telephones. Time and shoe rationing will not permit us to call on these people personally and we don't want to miss anyone. So, if your boy's name (or girl's) has not been in the column, won't you give us a ring at 4053? We'll appreciate it very much.

But for those girls from St. Patrick's Parish who are in the service, we are afraid we would have to call this a man's column. We never hear about the girls from the other parishes who are in the service and if we have missed any we would certainly like to know about. This week Father Brien suggested S 2/c Mary E. Scopes who joined the Navy in May of this year. Mary received her preliminary training at Hunter College and was sent to Sampson where she was given instruction in the postal service. She is continuing her course in the Postal Service back at Hunter and expects to complete her course in about three weeks. Mary was graduated from No. 11 School, The Academy and Elmira College and was employed at the Board of Education before entering the service. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Scopes, 358 Grove Street.

Three star flags seem to be in order this week. We found another in St. Mary's Parish, which represents a father and his two sons. First let us tell you about Dad, who is Private Raymond S. Brady. He entered the service in June 1942 and after five months service at a camp in California, he was given an Honorable Discharge. He resides at 226 West Henry Street and is employed at the Remington Rand.

Sergeant John Brady joined the Air Corps in March 1941 and was a seasoned veteran before his dad got in the service. Jack trained at Macon, Ga., Lemoore, Calif. and is now stationed at the Army Air Base in Syracuse. He is a Link Trainer which we are told means that he instructs the pre-flight students on the ground, in something that acts like a plane in the air. Jack was graduated from St. Mary's School and the Southside High and worked at the Remington Rand before entering the service.

S/Sgt. Robert S. Brady only beat his dad by two months. He joined the Air Corps in April 1942 and trained at Macon, Ga. He was later transferred to Turner Field in Georgia and is still there. His family tells us that Bob is in charge of repairing damaged planes. Sometimes a plane has to be repaired before landing and occasionally members of Bob's group are called on to take a repair part to a plane and transfer it in midair. Bob is married to the former Miss Marjorie Truesdell, and they reside in Albany, Ga. which is a short distance from his post. They have a new daughter, Patricia Anne, who is just a month old. Bob was graduated from St. Mary's School and the Southside High, and along with dad and brother, worked at the Remington Rand before entering the service.

From St. Casimir's we heard about the Knott family and theirs too, is a three star flag.

Corporal William Knott, entered the service in April 1943 and trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He is now at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., where he is instructor and foreman in the communications branch. Bill says that at Breckenridge they have a Chaplain and the boys are able to assist at Mass daily as well as attend other special services which the Chaplain provides. Bill was graduated from St. Patrick's School and the Academy and worked at Hardinge Brothers before entering the service. He is the son of Edward F. Knott, 919 Walnut Street and is married to the former Miss Eleanor Flosphaler of Corning.

The two remaining stars in the Knott service flag represent Bob's two brothers-in-law. **Pfc. Robert E. Tunis**, joined the Marines in January 1943. After training at Parris Island and New River he was sent overseas in January of this year and is somewhere in the South Pacific war zone. Bob is in ordnance attached to the Amphibious Branch. He was graduated from the Elmira Schools and worked at the Carroll Motors before entering the service. He is married to the former Miss Frances Knott who resides with her father.

Pfc. Thomas J. Kiernan entered the service in December 1943. He is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., and is attached to CADRE. This, we are told, means that he is stationed there permanently and assists the new recruits, helping them to get adjusted to the new life. Tom was educated in the New York City Schools and Brown University and was employed by the Corcoran and Burke Real Estate Firm before entering the service. His wife is the former Miss Ruth Knott who also lives with her father.

SEEK DIRECTORS FOR NSSC-USO CLUBS IN SOUTH

WASHINGTON — Harry J. O'Haire, personnel director for the National Catholic Community Service, one of the six USO member agencies announced today that a concerted nation-wide effort is being made through regional supervisors and program consultants to recruit club directors for work in NCCS-operated USO Clubs, in the south and southwestern states.

Mr. O'Haire described the qualifications as 30 years of age, or over, and draft deferred for men, while women must be at least 26 years old. College training and experience in social work or social recreation are required.

Any young man or woman within the Diocese of Rochester interested in a club directorship should contact the Rev. John S. Randall, Diocesan Moderator at 50 Chestnut St. or write directly to the Program Department of NCCS in Washington, D. C.

SCHOOL TO PREPARE RURAL PRIEST, LAYMAN LEADERS

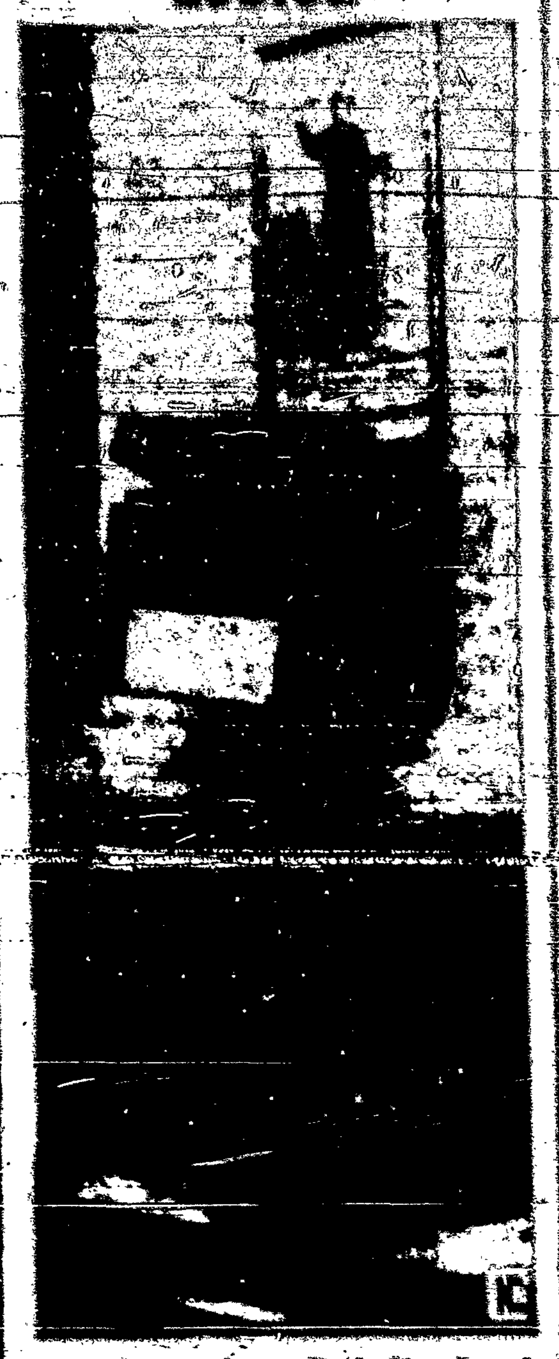
DES MOINES, Ia. (RNS) — A model farm and experimental laboratory for rural problems will shortly be set up by the Fathers of the Precious Blood as a unit of the Institutum Divi Thommae in Cincinnati, Ohio, it was announced here by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. The school will not be an agricultural college in the strict sense, but will offer courses to prepare priests and laymen for rural leadership.

It was also announced that the Rev. Howard Bishop, founder of the Home Missioners of America, Glendale, Ohio, is training priests to go out into the 1,000 counties of America in which there are no resident priests.

Timid Imitation

It's interesting to note, in the Queen's Work, that the Church marriage banns are slowly and timidly being adopted by the State in the form of a "waiting period" before the wedding ceremony can be held. Five states now have a waiting period after the issuance of the license. These are Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. Eighteen more states have a waiting period before the issuance of the license, ranging from 2 to 5 days' wait in 10 states, to a 2-day wait in Maryland.—The Victorian Magazine.

Looted



Alms-boxes in a Catholic church at Albano, a town adjoining the Papal property of Castelgandolfo, which it is charged German soldiers looted in their retreat. (NCWC)

28 American-Japanese Are Converts to Faith

HONOLULU—Twenty-eight adult American-Japanese on the Island of Maui have been converted and received into the Church by the Rev. Lawrence Vaughan, a Maryknoller from Salt Lake City. Father Vaughan has another large class of American-Japanese under instruction.

The Most Rev. James J. Sweeney, Bishop of Honolulu, intends to visit Maui in October to confirm these converts.

Yankee Choice

An Englishman, a Frenchman and an American were talking nationalities. Said the Englishman, "If I weren't English, I'd rather be French than any other nationality." The Frenchman, not to be surpassed in courtesy, said that if he weren't French, he would prefer to be English. Both looked at the American. "Gentlemen," he said, "If I weren't an American, I'd rather be one."—St. Anthony's Messenger.

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