

Lieutenant Bauer Comforts His Mother Writing of Brother's Death in Action

Shortly after learning of the death of his younger brother, Pfc. William R. Bauer, who was killed in action in the battle of Mykikyina, Northern Burma, June 28, Lieut. Robert M. Bauer, bombardier stationed in England, wrote to his mother, Mrs. William M. Bauer. Both boys graduated from Aquinas Institute.

In his letter, Lieut. Bauer said in part:
Dear Mom:
I received Dad's telegram yesterday afternoon, and I'm just coming around enough to write. It's very tough to write, Mother, as I know just how you feel, because I feel the same way. As the shock wore off I began to worry about you very much, Dear, as I want you to be strong enough and brave enough to take this and still come out on top. It's a terrific blow to you and the rest of us, but Billy Boy is much happier where he is right now, than he has been for some time, and he would want us to continue on as ever.

When you are in the Army for some time, Mom, it does things to you. After a while you begin to realize that you don't fear death any more, and you have a certain peace of mind that you never before experienced when you heard the word mentioned. It's rather difficult to explain, but we all feel it, and I know Billy did too. You place yourself in God's hands, and never worry about the outcome.

It was the Hand of God that took Billy out of that stinking jungle and gave him peace and everlasting comfort, Mom, and please remember that He must have been through some terrible hardships these past weeks, and God must have seen fit to end those hardships for him. It is the easiest way out, Dear, and the hardest way is to keep on fighting day after day knowing that your work is never done. That old saying "Life is Sweet" loses a lot of its truth when you get up in those front lines, and you are exhausted day after day still you have to go on.

I only pray and hope, Mother, that you are as brave as Billy was, and keep on going...
Love,
BOB

25 St. Thomas Men At Geneva Retreat

Highlighting the closed retreat at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva over the past weekend was reception of First Holy Communion by a Navy V-12 student.

Attending the retreat conducted by the Rev. Joseph Turner, S.S.S. R. were 25 men from St. Thomas parish with six others from other parishes in the Rochester area. The retreatants were greeted on arrival by the Rev. John P. Murphy, C.S.S. R. director and founder of the retreat house.

A group of V-12 Navy students accompanied the young men on Sunday morning at the retreat Mass for the reception of his First Holy Communion.

Retreat exercises were carried out following a new Retreat Manual prepared for retreatants at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House and bearing the imprimatur of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney.

Another group of 30 men from Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Charles Borromeo and Holy Cross parishes made the retreat over the Sept. 3 weekend with the Rev. James J. Bolger, C.S.S.R., in charge.

Weekend retreat for men of the Rochester Diocese will continue through September. The schedule reported this week follows: Sept. 15, 16, 17, Geneva; Sept. 22, 23, 24, Navy V-12 students; Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1, St. Joseph's, Rochester.

The week ends of Sept. 16 and 22 are completely booked, it is reported. Anyone wanting to make a retreat should contact Father Murphy direct or call Rudolph C. Schwenzler, Charlotte 2820-J, chairman of St. Joseph's group.

Prayer for the dead is more acceptable than for the living, for the dead are in the greatest need of it, and cannot help themselves.
St. Thomas.

Malta Workers Kneel In War Ruins for Prelate's Blessing

LONDON.—Thousands of over-alled, oil-grimed, sweaty dock-yard workers stopped their cheering to kneel for a blessing in the dust of workshop ruins smashed by German bombs when the Most Rev. Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, inspected the port of Valletta, Malta, during his visit to the island en route home from Italy.

Everywhere the British Archbishop was cheered by Malta's thousands of Catholics as he visited various Catholic institutions, hospitals and scenes of the island's heroic siege.

If you know the whole Bible by heart, and the sayings of all the philosophers, what would all that profit you without the love of God and without His grace?

If a task belongs to today, do it today. Tomorrow will bring its own work and its own responsibilities.

W. Ray Whitley Named To Head '44 CYA Drive

The annual membership drive of the Columbus Youth Association will be held from October 6 to 16 with City Comptroller W. Raymond Whitley at the helm as general chairman.

This was the announcement made this week by the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, director of the Columbus Youth Association, as work began on preliminary preparations for the drive.

A veteran of past CYA campaigns, Comptroller Whitley is a member of Blessed Sacrament parish. He is a veteran of the First World War and has been active in American Legion affairs.

A series of meetings will be held within the next few weeks to line up a campaign army headed by chairmen for the men's and women's divisions. A special committee will be formed among leading Catholic, Protestant and Jewish laymen to solicit memberships in the Columbus Youth Association for deserving boys and girls.

The campaign goal has not been announced as yet but it is expected to approximate those of the last few years. A great percentage of the campaigners this year is expected to be drawn from the women.

Father Lambert announced that William T. Nolan, general secretary of Catholic Charities, will serve as campaign manager. Headquarters will be established in the Columbus Civic Centre.

WITH THE MASTERS

Young Composer: "So you think my composition will be played after Beethoven, Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff are forgotten?" Critic: "Yes. But not until then."

Jap Agent Asks for U. S. Watch

"When you come back from America, bring me an American-made watch."

Mr. Halyashi, member of the Japanese Thought Control Department, whose less official Korean name was Kim Soun Sa, made this request of Father Thomas F. Kane, missionary of St. Columban in Kwoshu, Korea.

For four months, Mr. Halyashi had been watching the missionary, taking notes of everything he did. This, the official had to admit to Father Kane, wasn't much. "Every day you do the same thing," he complained one day. "You say Mass, teach the children and study. It does not look good on my report to Headquarters."

Father Kane grew quite fond of his guardian during the four months and even had him studying the catechism. He learnt the whole of it and the missionary and his "shadow" said their prayers together each night. If he had stayed longer, Father Kane feels sure that the man would have asked for baptism. But at the end of the four months, news came of the Pearl Harbor attack, and Father Kane was interned and later repatriated.

CHANGE OF OUTLOOK

"When I was twenty, I hoped to be able to send my name thundering down the ages."

"Now that you're forty, what do you hope for?"

"Well, if I can cause a bit of a rumble for a day or two, I shall be highly gratified."

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Even if we had not St. Paul's word for it we should have no great difficulty in recognizing that God wishes "all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." Since in His boundless wisdom and goodness He has destined all men for eternal life we can understand how ardently He desires that they should attain it.

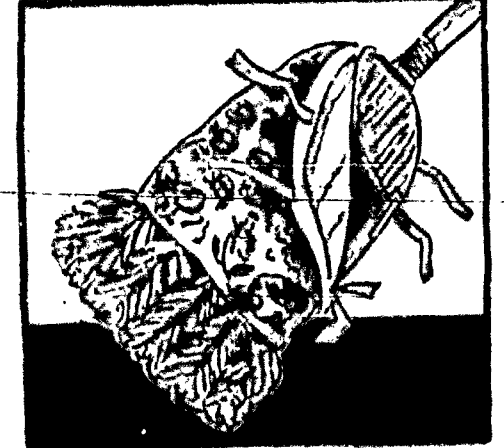
He has instituted the Church as the only ordinary means by which men can secure this eternal life, and He has placed on her the obligation of doing everything in her power to bring salvation within the reach of all. The Church is not free to accept or reject obligation at will; she has, in fact, no other reason for existence than that of helping all mankind to share in the redemption of Christ.

It follows from this that the Church is strictly bound to care for the conversion of the pagan world. It is indeed her principal duty, and Christ Himself emphasized this in His last instructions to His Apostles. He said to them: "Go ye into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and the story of the early Church lets us see how literally the Apostles took His words.

It would be a great mistake for Catholics to believe that they individually have no share in the obligation which rests on the Church. We are all members of the Mystical Body of Christ and it is our duty to do what we can for the full development of that Body. We cannot all, it is true, go abroad to preach the Gospel to the heathen, but each one of us can by his prayers play a very real part in the extension of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

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September Housewares



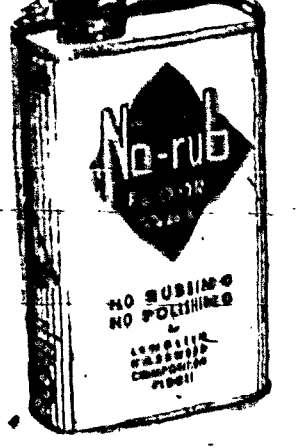
Broom Cover Duster **69c**

Skip over your broom, tie it and you're ready for work on walls, ceilings and other hard to reach places.



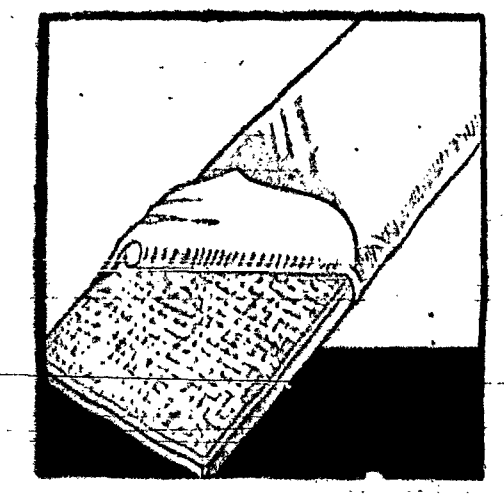
Wash Machine Filler Hose **49c**

4 1/2 feet, all rubber hose, 5/8-inch. Suitable for small or large faucet. The handy way to fill your washing machine.



No Rub Floor Wax **1.29** Gal.

Wilbert's wax for linoleum or hardwood floors. Dries to a lustre in 10 minutes. No rubbing—simply apply it and let it dry.



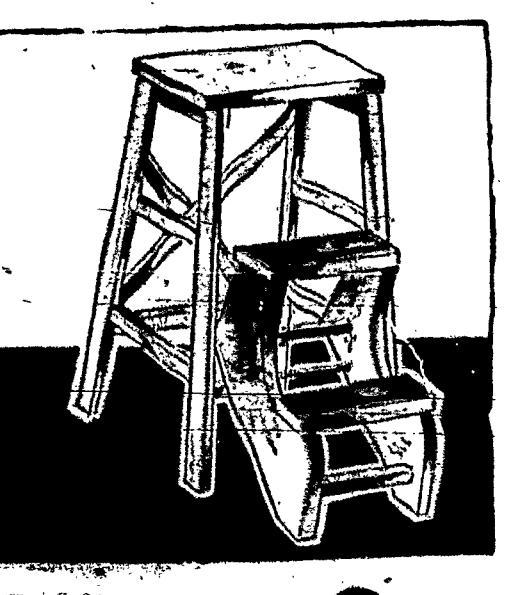
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Soft, white kit cotton pad that provides a smoother look to your ironing. Has a cotton cover. Lasts a long time.



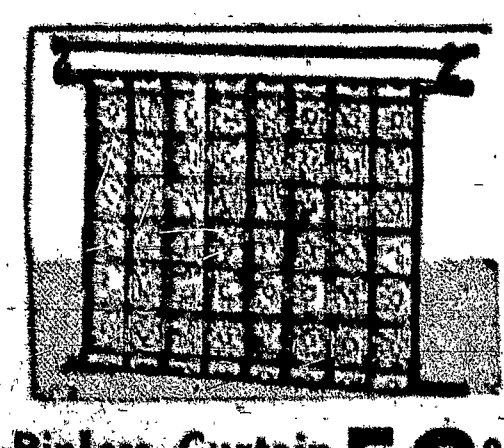
3-pound Can Chimney Sweep **\$1**

As easy as putting coal on the fire. It thoroughly cleans your furnace from fire-box to chimney top. Not inflammable.



Folding Step Stools **2.25**

The steps fold into the legs easily and completely. A comfortable stool or a rigid step ladder. Plain wood finish.



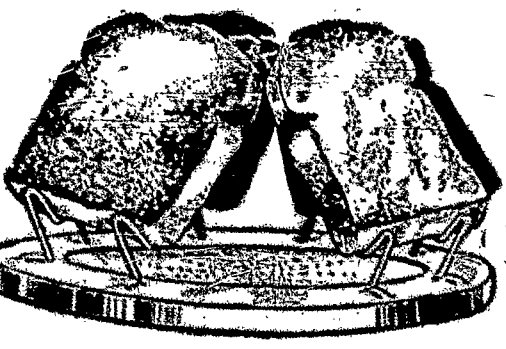
Pinless Curtain Stretcher **59c**

Nothing to laundering curtains with this easy does it curtain stretcher. No pinning . . . just attach your curtains and let them dry.



Mystic Foam Perfect Cleaner **1.49** Gal.

Upholstered furniture, carpets and rugs, draperies, tapestries and all fine fabrics. Takes the dirt out like magic.



Metal Bread Toasters **25c**

This metal toaster has been tested and approved by Good Housekeeping. Easy to use. Set it over your gas burner.