

# The NCCS Canteen Review

By The Observer

"Woerner Week" we call it, this last Sunday when the William Woerner family took over the Canteen to provide a bacon-and-eggs-and-kuchen breakfast to the hungry servicemen who were our guests. There were Mrs. Woerner and Mr. Woerner, two Woerner sons and their Mrs. Woerners, and all six of them were busy people from seventy-thirty to twelve on Sept. 24!

They were scattered all over: the women waiting on table and at the counter, the boys out in the kitchen, lending able assistance to Chef Charlie McMahon and Mr. Woerner, Sr. out in the kitchen wielding a dish-mop.

Somehow the kitchen has a great attraction for our sponsors of late: be it known that it isn't our fault if they go home with dish-pan hands! We always try to extricate them as soon as we find out, but we aren't always successful.

There are two more Woerners who were not present at the Sunday breakfast: two sons, one in

the Army and one in the Navy. We know when we express to the Woerner family our deep appreciation of their generosity, that our thanks is echoed by these boys. As in the case of most breakfasts by individuals, this pleasant and hearty meal given to so many strange boys is really a gift to the Woerner boys, and how their family — and all of us — wish they might have been there to enjoy it!

**Canteen Notes:** Our boys seem to be getting up later these mornings, proving that summer is over. When the air is warm and inviting, they are up early to meet the challenge, and our guests arrive sometimes before the cooks do. But when the air has a nip and a chill, and the sky is still dark, then our boys sleep as late as they can.

We have more volunteer pianists lately! Among the servicemen, I mean: this week another boy was collaborating with Rita Glavin on making the room dance. Sometimes we feel very thankful that the Columbus Civic Center has strong foundations!

A short time ago we paid tribute to one of the NCCS staff members who had received, albeit vicariously, the Purple Heart. Today we must mention our chairman, Mrs. Lewis J. Boyce, who in our estimation, is well deserving of the D.S.C. from the same source. Whether being charmingly unassuming or pleasantly decisive, Mrs. Boyce is a leader who makes it fun for others to work with her.

Who makes all USO contacts for the Canteen: obtaining red points, jams and jellies, service pins? Who records painstakingly the hours spent by each individual who serves? Who conducts the monthly staff meetings and is far-seeing enough to prepare us for what may be ahead? In fact, who is looked to by all the staff for leadership? And not only does "Mrs. Boyce" answer these questions, but the questions don't bring out even a small portion of her activities.

Aside from her Canteen work, she has a home to keep; moreover, she has a business, and still more, she has two other volunteer civic jobs that would require the full time of an ordinary mortal. Not one of these is slighted and each is done faithfully and skillfully. We are proud of her as a leader and grateful to her for all she has done to make our NCCS Canteen a success.

## Marks 'Day of Our Lady of America'

**NOTRE DAME.** — (NC) — The Oct. 7 issue of *Ave Maria* will carry an article, "Queen of the Americas," in which the Rev. Dr. W. F. Cunningham, C.S.C., Director of the Faculty of Education, University of Notre Dame, advocates devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe as the bond of spiritual inter-Americanism.

Dr. Cunningham notes the special significance of Columbus Day this year since it marks the beginning of a "Guadalupean Year" in preparation for observance of the golden jubilee of the Coronation of the miraculous image on October 12, 1945. "Archbishop Martínez," he says, "is inviting the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States and Canada, as well as the prelates of Latin America, to participate in this golden jubilee. . . . In this way, this date will be not only Columbus Day or the Day of the Race, but also the Day of Our Lady of the Americas."

## Catholic Physicians Meet in Argentine

**BUENOS AIRES (NC)** — The Most Rev. Alfonso Maria Bueller, Bishop of Mendoza, addressed a group of Argentine Catholic physicians meeting in that city and at San Juan to discuss medical, moral and social themes. A special committee was appointed to organize a Federation of Associations of Catholic Physicians on a national basis.

### VAIN EXCUSES

We ought to be on our guard against the excuses of our body; generally under pretense of weakness, it wishes to escape work.

## NCCS Canteen Calls Service Mothers Sunday

Volunteers who will serve the Sunday breakfast for servicemen in the N. C. C. S. canteen, extension of the U.S.O. Dormitory Service, at the K. of C. Clubrooms, Columbus Civic Centre, on coming Sundays are:

- Oct. 1—Mother's Service Club of St. Salome's, Point Pleasant.
  - Oct. 8 — Rosary Society of Corpus Christi.
  - Oct. 15—Ambrosian Guild of St. Ambrose's.
  - Oct. 22—Natareth College Guild.
- Organizations desiring to sponsor a Sunday breakfast for servicemen should call Miss Dorothy Craig, Genesee 1583.

## Blessing of Graves Draws Many Genevans

**GENEVA.**—A large number of parishioners from St. Francis de Sales and St. Stephen's parishes attended the annual memorial service and blessing of the graves on Sunday at St. Patrick's Cemetery. Rev. John Brill of St. Stephen's Church was the speaker for the occasion.

Members of the clergy from both parishes participated in the service. The usual schedule was carried out including the blessing of the graves, the recitation of the rosary, litany and the memorial address.

AID THE MISSIONS

## Plenary Council

A plenary council is a national meeting of the Bishops, or a meeting of the Bishops of a region, assembled under the presidency of

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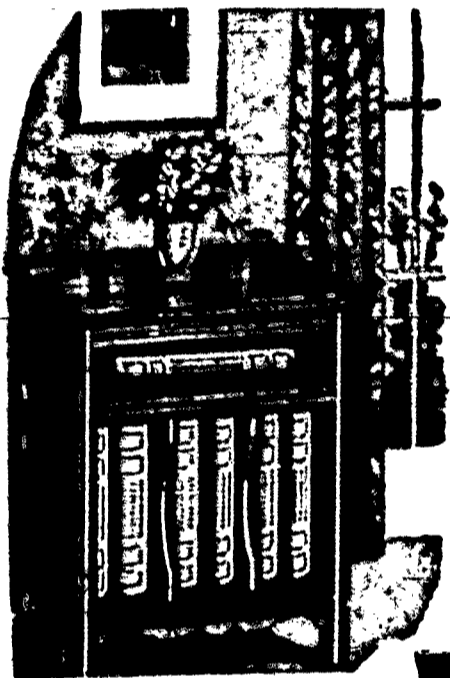
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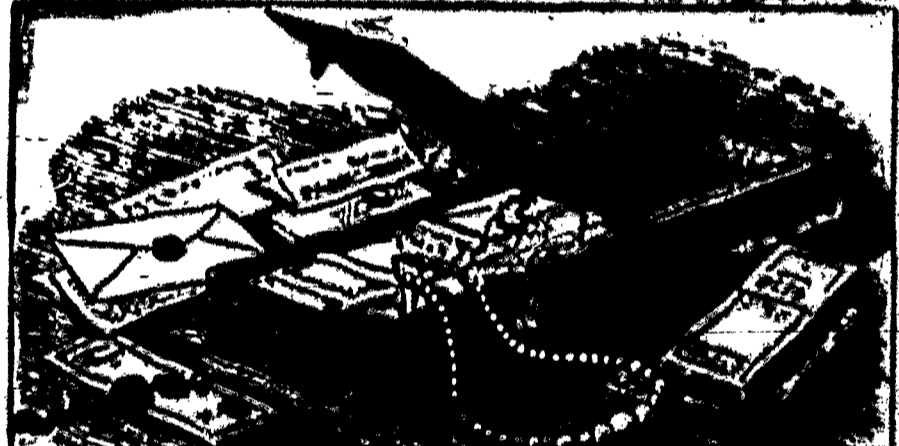
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