

### Catholic Women Heed Plea For Lay Catechism Teachers

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—According to the plea for lay catechism teachers, 125 Catholic women have registered for instruction at Holy Name College in Oakland, and 110 others have registered at the Catholic Women's Center in San Jose. Both classes are being conducted by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. The Rev. John P. Tierney, arch-

diocesan director, said the response indicates that the people of the archdiocese realize the pressing need for religious instruction for Catholic students in public schools. He hoped women would register for classes in other cities where the need is great.

### GIs May Save Us

Those who on the battle-fronts are bearing new responsibilities on heavy and strains so grave may go far to save the country in which they will return, merely by resolving to be treated in peace as in war not as enemies, but as men. — Maurice B. Roehrl.

### 'Captain Eddie' Film Due Soon



SCENE from Winfield Sheehan's 20th Century-Fox production of "Captain Eddie," the film on Captain Edward Rickenbacker's experiences in the Pacific. Fred MacMurray as Rickenbacker is visited in hospital by his wife (Lynn Bari).

### Spiritual Revival Shown in Paris By Mass Meeting

PARIS (By Wiretem-RNS) — Indicative of a revival of spiritual interest in France, a mass meeting, attended by thousands of men and women of all ages, classes and denominations, was held here under the auspices of the weekly religious newspaper *Temoignage Chretien*. Chairman was Maurice Schumann, prominent de Gaulist, and leaders of the religious world spoke.

The Rev. Pierre Chastet, S. J., founder of *Cahiers du Temoignage Chretien* and outstanding religious worker in the resistance movement, stressed the "magnificent work" done by Catholics during the occupation, while Andre Mandouze, editor of *Temoignage*, urged all Christians to unite in reconstructing the country.

Another speaker, Andre Villette, discussed the distress among workers and urged that they be allowed to participate in organization of factories and that they be given a civil education.

### War Veterans Sponsor High School Contest

NEW YORK Students of the nation's 20,000-day High Schools will participate in the National Essay Contest sponsored by the Catholic War Veterans, Inc.

The topic will be "AMERICAN YOUTH AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS". First prize will be \$1,000 War Bond. Fifty additional prizes of 250 War Bonds will be presented to boys and girls submitting essays of special merit, according to Miss Ruth E. Manning, National Third Vice-Chairman of C.W.V., and District Supervisor of High Schools, Board of Education, City of New York.

The Board of Judges will be comprised of the Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, D.D., Archbishop of Boston, Chairman; the Most Rev. Bernard J. Shell, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago; William L. Cheney, Publisher of *Catholic*, the National Weekly; Rt. Rev. Mgr. Edward J. Finnegan of St. Mary's, Worcester; Commander James J. (Gene) Toney, U.S.N., Washington, D.C.; and Eddie Rickenbacker, President & General Manager of Eastern Air Lines, New York City.

The contest closes at midnight, March 31, 1945. Essays are limited to 200 words or less.

Letters have been mailed to the principals of the country's 20,000 day High Schools advising them of the contest and inviting their students to compete.

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### Rickenbacker Life Film Stresses Faith in God

By William H. Mowring

HOLLYWOOD—When Eddie Rickenbacker was in town last week, he had the interesting experience of witnessing in the 20th Century-Fox studios, a detailed reconstruction of scenes in which he, with seven other men, spent during long and arduous weeks on an open raft in the Pacific.

The film "Captain Eddie" based on Rickenbacker's life and dealing intimately with the mental, emotional and spiritual reactions of the men on the raft, is now in production under the guidance of Winfield H. Sheehan.

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