Mothers' Club to Meet at Mercy High

The Mothers' Club of Our Lady of Mercy High School will hold a meeting on Monday, Mar. 5, at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium.

Sister Mary Francesca, principal of Our Lady of Mercy, will address the meeting.

Mothers of graduates are invited to attend the gathering, at which important business will be discussed.

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The NCCS Canteen Review

By The Observer

This week, the question is not *what* to talk about, but rather, *which* of the many happenings of last Sunday's breakfast will fit into our allotted space. It was quite an eventful morning.

First of all, we entertained our five-thousandth serviceman. He was Seaman 1/c Nedd Willard, from Newport, who sported a Merchant Marine Service Ribbon. Walking into the Canteen calmly and completely unsuspecting, he admits to being a bit shocked at the hearty reception and the news that he was to have a phone call home to New York City.

Although it was only nine o'clock, he wanted to phone first and eat afterwards. So, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus, the call was put through. Nedd himself, was surprised to find that there was someone awake. His mother was preparing breakfast, but his father, he said, sounded pretty sleepy.

This boy has rather an unusual service history. About a year ago, just of age, he joined the Merchant Marines and put in eight months of active service, visiting Europe five times and various other foreign ports. Pretty busy trips, and often exciting ones, he says; in fact, in contrast, his apprentice seaman training has seemed quite dull. Last November he decided that a switch to the regular Navy would have its advantages, including the GI Bill of Rights and possible completion of college, begun at the University of Wisconsin. Now, after going through "boot" training at Sampson since November, he feels that he should have stayed in the Merchant Marine: more action! We think he'll get his chance again, and soon!

Nedd and the rest of the hundred-nineteen servicemen in the Canteen Sunday were served a luscious breakfast by those good friends of ours, the members of the Good Shepherd Guild. They were assisted in the cooking department by Knights Eugene McFarland, Howard Kerns and Lee Hagen.

Dishwashing

The latter had some unexpected aid on the clean-up job; about ten o'clock a tall, good-looking, genial sailor wandered out into the kitchen and demanded to be put to work. The first thing we knew, he was up to his elbows in soapsuds, and from then until time to go to the noon Mass at St. Mary's, he washed dishes, and dishes, and dishes. He had a wonderful time; it seems that in eleven years of married life, he had never before had his hands in dish-water, and wanted to be very sure his wife never heard about this!" He also drafted some friends who had come to Rochester with him, and they wiped; there were five of them wiping at different times, all telling jokes and teasing our dishwasher, who, by request, shall be anonymous (to prevent his wife discovering his domestic talents). For once, there was as much hilarity over the chores in the kitchen as there was around the piano in the Lounge!

Many of you who have assisted at the Canteen will recall the sturdy figure and blond amiability of a soldier known to us as "Cornell". We called him that for the obvious reason: he came from there. Equipped with a marvelous singing voice, he has contributed often and heartily to our singing "sessions". We won't see him again for awhile, and we're sorry to have him go; but, since he has been appointed to West Point and that is a great honor, we are also very pleased!

Asks Recognition of Italy as Full Ally

NEW YORK (CEP) — Anthony P. Ulle, Chairman of the "People and Liberty" Group, a Christian Democratic organization composed of Americans of Italian descent, has just issued an appeal "for the honor of America and the good of Italy" urging that Italy be recognized as a full Ally and that she be invited to the Conference of the United Nations in San Francisco, which is scheduled to open on April 25.

The appeal points out that since Italy's surrender of Sept. 8, 1943, the Italian Navy has been fighting on the side of the Allies and that almost a million Italian soldiers are now doing the same.

Governor Tobin to Give Holy Cross Address

WORCESTER, Mass. (NC) — Governor Maurice J. Tobin of Massachusetts will deliver the commencement address at the ninety-seventh commencement of Holy Cross College on Sunday, March 4.

An honorary degree will be awarded to Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington.

Bowling

Catholic Church League

Sodalists of Cathedral Will Sponsor Canteen

Young Ladies Sodality of Sacred Heart Cathedral with Miss Helen Cook, chairman, will sponsor the NCCS Canteen in the Knights of Columbus clubrooms, Columbus Civic Centre, Sunday, March 4.

The Canteen is operated principally for those servicemen staying at the USO extension dormitory in the Center over Saturday night. Breakfast is served to each member of the armed forces and entertainment is provided with assistance of the Knights of Columbus.

Other sponsoring organizations scheduled in coming weeks are:

March 11, Nazareth College Alumnae Association.

March 18, The Albanians.

March 25, Ladies of the Albanians.

Organizations desiring to sponsor a Sunday breakfast for servicemen, should call Miss Dorothy Craig, Genesee 7689.

Poet-Educator Dies

BUFFALO (NC) — Widely known as an educator and poet, the Rev. Patrick J. Cormican, a member of the Society of Jesus for nearly 60 years, has died here in his eighty-seventh year. Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem was offered in St. Anne's Church, where he had been stationed for many years.

In his later years he wrote poetry, much of which was published in Catholic magazines.

When you think what some men are giving in this conflict, giving a pint of your blood isn't very much. So let us make a date with the Red Cross now.

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