

# Five Gold Star Mothers Honored at Sodality Fete

Auburn—The annual mothers and daughters banquet given by the Young Ladies Sodality of St. Aloysius Church was held Thursday evening at Osborne Hotel. The five Gold Star Mothers of the parish, Mrs. Mary Blahop, Mrs. Edward J. Sullivan, Mrs. Joseph O'Byrne, Mrs. Lee Secour and Mrs. Willie Green were guests of honor.

Miss Elizabeth Russell, toastmistress, awarded prizes to the following: Oldest mother, Mrs. Patrick Connor; youngest mother, Mrs. William Merritt; mother of largest families, Mrs. Mary Bishop, Mrs. Frances Giannettino and Mrs. Joseph O'Byrne.

Rev. John B. Crowley, pastor, addressed his words to the Gold Star Mothers saying that "they deserve not only our sympathy, but also our congratulations." Quoting from a letter of Cardinal Mercher he said: "Christian mothers be proud of your sons. Of all griefs, of all our human sorrows, yours is perhaps the most worthy of veneration. I think I behold you in your affliction, but erect, standing at

the side of the Mother of Sorrows, at the foot of the Cross, suffer us to offer you not only our condolence but our congratulations." Rev. Joseph P. Hatley, spiritual director also addressed the members and the Gold Star Mothers.

Rev. Vincent Collins, of St. Francis Church, was the guest speaker choosing for his subject "Motherhood as a Vocation." Father Collins brought out the importance of motherhood and the need of sanctity in a mother and said that all those who wished to live up to their vocation would find motherhood a full time vocation.

Miss Josephine Toomey was chairman of the banquet and was assisted by the Misses Clara Covich, Genevieve Diehl, Peggy Friedel, Helen Friedel, Santa Giannettino, Mary Graney, Alice Kirwan, Maureen Linnenbach, Patricia Linnenbach, Mary O'Connor, Elizabeth Russell, Shirley Sullivan,

# DECORATE U. S. AIR FORCE STAFF



At the headquarters of the 14th Air Force, in China, Col. John S. Kelly, Army Air Force Chaplain, of Ansonia, Iowa, is shown with Bishop Paul Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic of Nanking, and Mr. Kao Ting Tze of the All-China Troops Comforting Association. Father Kelly is wearing the Medal of the Association recently awarded to General Chennault and his staff at the 14th Air Force Headquarters. Bishop Yu Pin is attending the United Nations Conference on International Organization at San Francisco. (NC photos.)

# Avers Birth Curb Toll Above War's

Huntington, Ind. — (NC) — Asserting that "the devastation wrought by birth controllers has been immeasurably more damaging to our population than the ravages of global war," the Most Rev. Joseph P. Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine, in an article appearing in Our Sunday Visitor, Catholic weekly published here, observes that "where war has killed thousands, the planned parenthood wreckers have taken toll of tens of thousands."

Bishop Hurley warns that if our urban reproduction rate continues on its downward trend the American population will become stationary in 1955, and from that point on will go into decline.

## Picked by Educators

Washington — (NC) — The Very Rev. Edward V. Stanford, O.S.A., Rector of Augustinian College, here, and former President of Villanova College, has been elected for the third successive year as Secretary of the Executive Board of the American Council of Education.

# \$1,000 Presented Ukrainian Church

Auburn — There was a large gathering of Ukrainian Catholics of SS. Peter and Paul's Church on Sunday at the National Club for the May Procession, the program for Mother's Day, and the day of prayer as suggested by President Truman.

The traditional Ukrainian custom of a community dinner of blessed foods was observed. The food was blessed by Rev. Basile Ostasz, pastor. Father Ostasz spoke briefly and entertainment was in charge of the Boyan Choir under the direction of Prof. Constantin Orlyk.

Among the servicemen home on furlough attending the annual observance were Capt. Theodore Welgoss, USAF; Sgt. Mike Karner, Pfc. Joe Tyhanic, Pfc. John Fallet, Pfc. William Dushynski, John Androsko and Paul Wilinski, both of the Navy.

Young Ladies Sodality of SS. Peter and Paul's Church presented the pastor with a check for \$1000 for the school fund at a dinner held on Thursday evening in honor of the Sodality. Peter Namisnake, a member of the Board of Trustees was master of ceremonies and Miss Anne Yaworski, president of the Sodality, presented the check to Rev. Basile Ostasz, pastor, who thanked the Sodality for their generous gift to the school.

At the present time the school has five grades. Next year it is planned to add a sixth grade. Three members of the Sisters Faculty were also present at the banquet. The toastmaster called on other members of the Board of Trustees and representatives of the Sodality who gave brief talks.

## Requiem Mass Offered For Aerialist Who Fell

New York — (NC) — A Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered at St. Malachy's Church here for Mrs. Victoria Torrence, 26-year-old aerialist, who was killed in a fall from a trapeze before 10,000 spectators at Madison Square Garden.

The Mass, attended by 500 personnel and officials of the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus, of which Mrs. Torrence was a member, was celebrated by the Rev. Edward S. Sullivan, of St. Peter's Church, Cambridge, Mass., who serves as chaplain to the circus when it shows in the towns and cities of the New York and Boston archdioceses.

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