

Cardinal Newman's Biography Selected

New York — (NC) — The Catholic Book Club has announced as its October selection the book "John Henry Newman" by John Moody, which comes at a time when the centenary of the English Cardinal's conversion to the Catholic faith is being observed. "It is one of the many merits of Mr. Moody's biography," the announcement states, "that we are able to see with a clarified vision the wonderful service of Newman to the cause of Truth." The volume has been published by Sheed & Ward.

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AT FIRST PEACE-TIME LOURDES PILGRIMAGE



With the end of the war in Europe, the famed shrine of Lourdes, France, has emerged from its enforced isolation. Thousands of pilgrims braved the rain to participate in the first national pilgrimage to Lourdes since the war. The occupants of those wheel chairs had to wait many years for an opportunity to visit the Grotto. (Acme-NC Photo)

ARMY OFFICER AIDING CHARITIES POINTS NEED FOR FOSTER HOMES

Rochester will have a new postwar casualty list, made up of psychoneurotics and delinquents, unless immediate steps are taken to assure better care for older boys coming from broken homes. Lieutenant George Montgomery, AUB, formerly of the staff of the Rochester Catholic Charities, stated last week.

Lieutenant Montgomery was on the staff of the Catholic Charities for three and a half years prior to his joining the Army in 1942, and prior to that time was psychologist at the State Agricultural and Industrial School at Industry. He returned home on leave a few days ago, found the Catholic Charities operating with a depleted staff due to three recent resignations, and volunteered to resume his old job as boys' worker pending an anticipated call for further Army duty—a call which came last Saturday. He has seen service overseas, in France and Germany.

Before the war, Lieutenant Montgomery said boys of all ages, requiring care away from their own homes, could be placed with little delay in foster homes, chosen from a selected list. Now there are virtually no foster homes available for boys of any age, and it has proved impossible to find homes for lads in their teens.

"So far as the whole child care picture is concerned, the Catholic Charities is finding it difficult in finding families who want to adopt children," he said. "There are many good homes waiting for both boys and girls who are available for adoption."

"The situation is different in the case of foster homes. In many cases relatives can pay board for the children; if relatives cannot help, the agency itself pays for the child's board and clothing. But most foster parents prefer girls to boys. We can find homes for girls now, although even here the agency's choice is more limited than it was a few years ago."

"We have many boys who ought to be in foster homes. Our problem is to find foster mothers and foster fathers for these lads. They're not bad — not now; but they very well may be, within a few months or a few years, unless we can give them, now, the stabilizing influence of a home."

"We need wives who are willing to be foster mothers, husbands who are willing to be foster fathers. With their help, we can avoid the waste and human wreckage that is as destructive on a local scale as the war casualties are nationally."

The Catholic Charities are conducting a continuous search for foster homes—a search that has been made more difficult in recent years as women were drawn into war plants. It had been expected that the quest would be made easier as war contracts were terminated following the end of hostilities, but so far the situation has not changed appreciably. Other Community Chest agencies, and the public child-caring departments of city and county, are having similar problems in finding homes where children can be cared for on a temporary basis, until their own homes can be restored or suitable places for them to live.

Catholic couples who have room in their homes—and in their hearts—for growing-up boys, and can give them the care, supervision, and affection that post-war children require, are urged to get in touch with the Rochester Catholic Charities without delay. The address is 60 Chestnut Street, the telephone number is 14th 523.

Remembrance Begins in Germany
LONDON — (CIP) — The American military authorities in Germany have begun a campaign to help the thousands of German children who are being cared for in the American military hospitals. The campaign is being conducted by the American military authorities in Germany.

5 Corningites Get Army Discharges

Corning — Among those receiving discharges from the Army recently were Master Sgt. Harvey W. Gray, Staff Sgt. John Parenti, Staff Sgt. Paul Loewen, Sgt. James Spedale and Pfc. Joseph Spedale.

Master Sgt. Gray was a veteran of over three years service and was given his honorable discharge at Fort Bliss, Tex. He was a member of the Eighth Air Force and wears six battle stars on a European Theater of Operations ribbon.

Staff Sgt. Parenti, son of Mrs. Paris Parenti and the late Mr. Parenti, 115 W. Market St., had completed 54 months in the service at the time of his discharge. Entering the Army in April, 1941, he went overseas in December, 1943, where he served with the Signal Corps in the European Theater of Operations. He holds five battle stars for action in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Central Europe and the Rhineland and was awarded the good conduct medal and a certificate of merit, the latter issued by his commanding general for "outstanding performance in the line of duty."

A graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School and the Corning Free Academy, Sgt. Parenti operated a barber shop before entering the service.

Staff Sgt. Loewen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Loewen, 148 W. Fifth St., was discharged at Fort Dix, N. J., after having been in the Pacific area with the 58th wing and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with two clusters, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with five battle stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

Also a graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School and Corning Free Academy, Sgt. Loewen was employed at Evening Glass Works prior to entering the Army.

Sgt. Spedale, son of Mrs. Spedale, 100 W. W. Market St., was discharged at Fort Dix, N. J., after three and one-half years in the Hawaiian Islands. During his service in the island he was the featherweight champion. He also holds the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with five battle stars and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was discharged at Fort Dix, N. J., after three and one-half years in the Hawaiian Islands.

Marine Officer Guest Of Nazareth Alumnae

Auburn — The Auburn Chapter, Nazareth College Alumnae opened its fall season on Sunday morning with a Communion Breakfast. The members received Holy Communion at the 9:30 Mass in St. Mary's Church and breakfasted at Springs Inn. Guest at the breakfast was Lieut. Mary Derouale, Bishop, USMC. Bishop, also an alumnae of Nazareth College has been stationed with the Ordnance Control Office in Washington, D.C.

A short business meeting was conducted by the retiring president, Mrs. Andrew F. Malone. The officers for the 1945-1946 year was installed as follows: President, Mrs. Vincent LaMay; secretary, Mrs. John H. Welch; treasurer, Miss Agnes Nolan. It was announced at the breakfast that a remembrance had been sent to Sister Teresa Marie, dean of Nazareth College on the occasion of her Golden Jubilee and Feast Day, Oct. 15.

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