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BELLEVILLE GUILD—St. Mary's Hospital was host to the Catholic Physicians and Dentists Guild of the Diocese at its regular meeting Sunday morning, November 8. Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Gruenewald, spiritual director of the Guild, was celebrant of the eight o'clock Mass which was celebrated for the repose of the soul of Dr. John Crotty, a Guild member who died October 8. After the Gospel of the Mass, Msgr. Gruenewald preached the sermon on the subject assigned for the diocesan course of sermons.

The members of the Guild received Holy Communion during the Mass and the business meeting was held following a breakfast which was served in one of the dining rooms of the hospital immediately after the Mass. The guests of honor were army officers from Scott Field.

President Dr. Nick Feder presided at the business meeting. The Guild voted to reduce the number of meetings from three to two a year for the duration. These meetings will be held in the spring and fall.

President Feder then introduced Captain Leo Murphy, the guest speaker of the day. Captain Murphy's subject was "The Health Care of the American Soldier." He began his address by stating that parents should have no fear about the care their sons receive in the army. The soldiers

are all well fed and receive the best in medical attention. The speaker said that Scott Field stands second in the nation's health rating. Discussing the amount of food used to feed the soldiers at Scott Field, he remarked that a car-load of potatoes is used every other day and one car-load of eggs per week. He stated that a recent contract with a milk company was for 3,500,000 pints of milk to be furnished during a period of three months.

In referring to the Thanksgiving dinner which is being planned for the boys at the Field, the speaker stated that it would take 20,000 pounds of turkey to feed the men on that day.

We quote from a letter by Captain A. R. Sintzel, M.D., a member of the Belleville Guild, who is somewhere abroad with the A. E. F.

"It is a great consolation to know that no matter where one goes, the Army provides for Catholic services and that one can receive the Holy Eucharist. Naturally, it is not always as convenient as back home, but as a rule we have one Mass a week, though not necessarily on Sunday. It is quite surprising to see how many men make the effort and attend the Mass under trying conditions. I consider it a test of faith to many men and am happy to see that many stand the test and are good soldiers of Christ."