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Forty-five Questionnaires, Please.

There must be, scattered here and there over the campus, 750 students mentally capable of answering the questions proposed for this year's Religious Survey. We have 705 now; we want the other 45.

Why the 750? No more, no less? No more, no less. Our reading public has become accustomed to that number of replies, and we can't let our public down. With the number of students 600 below the top figure of two years ago, the 705 represents a much larger percentage of returns than we ever had before, but we want to keep the number of replies at the old figure for purposes of comparison.

Fill out your questionnaire today. Hand it in at once. We want to close the books.

More On The Movie Campaign.

From "The Box Office", an organ of the motion picture industry, we quote the following significant paragraphs:

"The Catholic Church is convinced that appeal to the producers is useless, previous appeals having had little or no effect, and is determined to strike the trade where it will hurt most, the box office.

"When one considers the close association of the Catholic Church with the daily lives of its members one understands the import of a church edict. Protestant ministers may rave and rant and condemn a picture and thereby drive their brethren into the theatre by the score. When the Catholic Church, however, decrees a certain action a sin, its members usually listen and, in the main, avoid that action."

That's two in a week checking back from the box office. Save your money. You can put it to good use elsewhere. Don't patronize a movie unless you have good reason beforehand to believe that it is clean. We are not saying to stay away unless you are sure the picture is bad. No; the trend is such that the presumption is the other way. Do your part to emphasize the fact that Catholics want clean pictures and will have them!

The Decline in Population.

A recent study shows that South Bend's birth rate dropped from 25 per thousand in 1920 to 14 in 1933. We are informed that this drop parallels that of the nation as a whole. The South Bend News Times, commenting on this condition, remarks: "Had South Bend's rate continued at the 1928 level there would at the present time be 1,777 more youngsters in the city, who would have needed medical attention, kindergarten, clothes, food, and eventually another school or two, with the consequent employment of more teachers, not to mention the labor and materials in building the schools themselves."

That's only the start. Birth control advocates have been filling our ears with nasty propaganda about the economic need of controlling population. Cutting down the population has destroyed jobs, markets for food, and the like, and has increased taxation and public debt. One thought we wish to add is this: the burden of paying the debt incurred today is going to fall on the shoulders of the boys and girls, the young men and women of today, and it is going to be a heavier burden by virtue of the lower population, which will give a higher per capita debt, and it will have to carry on the expense of overbuilding indulged in during recent years. Selfishness always overreaches.

PRAYERS: Deceased - James Moscow's father; an aunt of Lawrence Carpenter. Ill - an aunt of John Moran; the brother-in-law of Art Lorzoneski; a relative of another student. Three special intentions.