

**Mothers Like These Make America Great**



*Six Mothers who lost their sons*

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Tomorrow is Mother's Day. Sacrifices of mothers of Bethlehem and Northampton County equal those of American motherhood everywhere. Their strength, courage and fortitude make us a great nation. In the upper panel are six Gold Star Mothers honored last evening by the Woman's Auxiliary of H. V. Knecht Post, American Legion, Nazareth. Seated, l. to r.—Mrs. Charles Kreiger, Mrs. Charles Kaiser, and Mrs. Charles Knecht; rear, l. to r.—Mrs. David Walters, Mrs. George Baltz and Mrs. Fred Happel. Mrs. Knecht and Mrs.

Kaiser are Gold Star Mothers of World War I and the others are Gold Star Mothers of World War II. In the lower group the central figure is Mrs. Samuel Laster of this city, surrounded by three sons and a son-in-law in overseas service. Upper left is her son-in-law, Irving Gutfreund; lower left is Perry Laster; upper right is William Laster, whose stirring Mother's Day letter is published today, and below is his brother, Max. (Mrs. Laster's photo is by Rembrandt.)

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## Six Mothers Who Lost Their Sons In War Honored in Nazareth

A dinner honoring War Mothers and Gold Star Mothers of World Wars I and II was held last evening by the American Legion Auxiliary, Harold V. Knecht Unit 415, Nazareth, in the Legion Home.

Devotions were in charge of the Rev. Robert I. Giering, pastor of the Nazareth Moravian Church. An address of welcome was given by Mrs. Clarence Itterly, president of the Auxiliary, who was toastmistress of the evening.

The department poppy chairman, Mrs. Arthur Yealy, of Philadelphia, spoke about the significance of Mother's Day to all mothers, and especially to the Gold Star Mothers. A reading was given by Jean

oldest mother of the Auxiliary; Mrs. Charles Knecht, youngest Gold Star Mother of World War I; Mrs. Charles Kreiger, youngest Gold Star Mother of World War II.

Each mother was presented with a corsage and the officers and guests with warsages.

The program was arranged by Mrs. Lester Heffelfinger, chairman, and the entertainment committee.

The regular business meeting of the Auxiliary followed the dinner

stamps and bonds in the future.

The Junior advisor, Mrs. Raymond Correll, stated that the Junior Auxiliary will not meet during June, July and August.

A meeting of the Past Presidents' Association will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Millheim on May 25. On June 9, nomination of officers will be held at the regular meeting of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Arthur Yealy, department Poppy chairman, spoke of the importance of the Junior Auxiliary and emphasized the value of the poppy drive to help disabled veterans and their families. Mrs. Yealy also described some of the activities of other units. She spoke about the patients at Valley Forge Hospital, the injuries they had received and the remarkable bravery of the men who had seen much action overseas.