Can You Handle The Bottle?

It is recorded in the annals of the Redemptorist house at New Orleans that on one occasion a longshoreman came in to take the pledge. A gentle and soft spoken Father administered it; and went his way.

But the longshoreman was not satisfied. He went to the Office-brother and said: "That was no pledge that little angle of a priest gave me; call some other Father who'll do it right. The Brother called down a Missionary, who weighed all of 330 pounds, and had a voice to match his weight. And so he roundly upbraided the lad in a way that could be heard two blocks away, threatening him with dire calamities if he dared to break the pledge in his life. "That was the real thing," the lad remarked as he went out the door.

A few days later another man came in about the pledge, and again the gentle priest came down. But he had heard of the Missionary's technique, and carried on in great style for ten minutes. When the tirade had subsided, the quaking man ventured: "What you said was alright, Father, but you see, this pledge was for my wife."

(Redemptorists in the West)

Maybe you need a pledge for the weekend. Maybe your girl needs one. Maybe both of you need to see a priest. Profit by past experience. If you don't know when to put the cork back into the bottle, see your confessor before you leave for the dance tonight.

An old missionary gives this description of a young man and his drinking: "Three drinks and he gets stiff; four and he gets loose." Take two -- if you are of age.

Go Ahead, Let Her Have The Hot Dogs!

Saturday, the vigil of Pentecost, is not a day of fast and abstinence. Because of circumstances attending the war, the Bishop of this diocese has granted a dispensation from the general law. All out of town guests enjoy the privilege while they are here. So tell your ball guest to eat heartily while on the picnic. But don't feed her wimples or a steak until after midnight tonight, Friday, unless she is a WAC or a WAVE enjoying the privilege of eating meat on Friday along with the servicemen.

Eat Together Sunday At The Divine Banquet.

Holy Communion will be distributed at the Memorial Mass to everyone, civilian and servicemen. Your weekend will not be complete unless you and your Catholic girl feed your souls with the strengthening Body and Blood of Christ. Your girl will have every right to wonder what kind of Catholic you are if you do not receive Holy Communion Sunday, the great feast of Pentecost and Memorial Day.

Confessions before Mass in the Church, from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. No Confessions during the Military Mass. Confessions all Saturday morning in Sorin Hall Chapel; press the buzzer twice to call the chaplain to the chapel.

Another Gold Star -- 98.

Staff Sergeant George Hamilton, ex.'44, tail gunner on a Liberator bomber based in England, was killed in action over Germany May 8. George lived in Elgin, Illinois. (Missing) Charles Edward Reynolds, '41, of Mount Carmel, Illinois, missing over Italy.

PRAYERS: (deceased) brother of Mrs. Van Scoik; brother of Bob Fulnecky. (Injured) Lieut. Bob Butler. Two Special Intentions. Two Thanksgivings.