

Patriotic Groups Join In Geneva Memorial Service

By Mildred Jennings

GENEVA—St. Francis de Sales Church was the scene of the annual religious Memorial service for patriotic organizations of the city on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The service was largely attended by representatives of the various patriotic organizations, parishioners, and friends of the men in the Armed Forces. Rev. William J. O'Brien delivered the memorial sermon for the occasion.

De Sales High School Notes

Senior Class Play Wins Acclaim

GENEVA—Adding to its already long list of successful productions, the De Sales High School scored another hit last evening in the senior class presentation of "Sixteen in August," at the Geneva High School Auditorium, where the cast received the enthusiastic applause of relatives and friends. The seating capacity of the house was taxed for the occasion showing the growing interest in the school's annual productions.

The finished performance indicated excellent play direction and close cooperation on the part of the entire cast to bring to fulfillment a show which added lustre to the bright record of the school in the field of drama.

Music for the show was provided by James Lynch's orchestra and specialty numbers during the first and second acts were most entertaining. Miss Edith Iaconis sang two popular songs and Jimmy McHale, well-known local young dancer, whose ability has won for him an established place in the hearts of dance lovers, entertained with a variety of dances and in his inimitable manner delighted the audience with several novelty capers.

Story of Play
The story of the play was built around the family of Dr. Goodrich and dwelt particularly with the life of "Gusty" Goodrich, popular young daughter of the household, who represented the young women of the "swing" age—a breezy, hearty resourceful type who "will be sixteen in August." Gusty, who wrecked her father's car is spending her entire summer vacation at home, according to her father's orders. She has been given the task of doing dishes, and confining her physical activities to her own tennis court, as punishment for smashing the car.

Gusty's efforts to avoid work and the intriguing situations which result from her schemes provide considerable amusement. She engages her friends to do the dishes and offers to give them lessons in tennis in order to make money to go to camp in August. Her father has refused to send her to camp, so she takes matters in her own hands and so complicates the general situation by her plans that her father is finally compelled to give in, and is thankful to pick her off to camp for the month.

The entire household is upset by Gusty's friends, who enter wholeheartedly into conniving to enable her to secure money. They overrun the house at any and all times and upset the established schedule to such an extent that Mrs. Goodrich, Gusty's mother, finally enters into an agreement to save the situation. All of the young students are to

Bouquets of red and white roses and American flags were used on the main altar for the occasion and many lighted tapers gleamed upon the scene.

The service was opened with the processional of the patriotic organizations to their seats in the front of the church, after which the entire assembly joined in the singing of "America."

Preceding the memorial address, Father O'Brien conducted the usual brief Sunday evening novena services in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Speaks on Occasion
In his address, Father O'Brien said:

"It is a distinct honor and privilege to hold this memorial service in St. Francis de Sales Church in honor of our soldier dead. It is also a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead."

"We have gathered here tonight to try to keep the memory of those soldiers of the past alive for the future. It is not difficult to remember what they did for they did all they could. So we pray that they may have the peace which they have so rightly deserved for their sacrifices. We pray for their souls. For truly do we believe that they had souls which once created by God could never die. These souls live on even though their bodies have been dead for many years. Their memory is dear to us. They rejoice tonight to know that we have them in our hearts. But they will rejoice the more knowing that we have in our hearts and minds the principles for which they died."

Continuing, he said, "We can honor our soldier and sailor dead best by carrying on the same fight for the same principles for which they fought in the past."

At the conclusion of the memorial address, Father O'Brien recited a special prayer for Peace. This was followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the closing hymn, "The Star Spangled Banner."

Among the patriotic organizations represented were: Seneca Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; The Woman's Relief Corps; the Spanish War Veterans and their Auxiliary; the American Legion and their Auxiliary; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Disabled Veterans; members of Company K, New York State Guard; Boy and Girl Scouts, Gold Star Mothers, and several soldiers and sailors home on furlough.

be commended for their smooth and finished performance. Noteworthy in the presentation was the natural easy manner of the young people. At no time was there any of the straining for effect that is sometimes obvious in an amateur performance.

Fighting For 'Nobler Cause' Avers Monsignor Sheen

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The Japs learned their lesson the day they found Pearl Harbor they put Japanese theory into practice. It worked. It was useful and it was all right to smash Pearl Harbor. Now we no longer believe in Japan. That is why America is beginning to look for a belief in an absolute.

"There are only two ideas in the world, Christianity and totalitarianism. Only two doctors, Christ and Nietzsche. It is such a clear decision for us. I think our position is clear for like Simoon who was forced to carry the Cross to Calvary for Our Lord, we have been forced to carry one of these crosses. We do not want to do it but we look it up and followed in the footsteps and soon the burden became light. That is America!

"We have been indifferent spectators to good and evil. We watched the struggle between good and evil and one day Pearl Harbor came and war was forced upon us and we took up that cross. We took that cross and we will carry

the cross against forces that are admittedly evil. We do not know what cross we are carrying. We do not know yet that we are truly carrying the very cross of Christ. We are fighting for a nobler cause than we know. We are fighting for a nobler cause than we deserve—for religion in the modern world, for the true and the false and that states the opinion of this war.

"We are looking for a slogan as to what it is all about. One man has told us, Hitler: We can at least be grateful to him for that. There are only two ideas in the world. The idea of the German soldier and the idea of Christianity. We are not fighting against a man; we are fighting against an idea. In other words this is not a war, but a revolution. Hitler says 'This is a struggle between the cross and the sword' and puts us on the side of the cross; himself on the side of the sword and we are leaving it rest there. May the day come when we see against heaven's blue sky the glorious ascension of the cross of Christ and the pledge of American victory."

Graduates, Enlists

GENEVA—George W. O'Malley, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. O'Malley of 211 Washington Street

was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration of Niagara University on Sunday, May 27. He is now with the Armed Forces Division of the United States Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

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