

### Chaplain Tells Fervor Of Natives, Troops In New Caledonia

BOSTON.—United States troops and Colored natives are all participating actively in Catholic activities in New Caledonia off the East coast of Australia, according to a letter received by relatives here from Father Laurence M. Brock, S.J., formerly of Charlestown, now a United States Army chaplain "down under."

"The island is essentially Catholic, and the natives are the most simple and devout Catholics I have had the pleasure to see in any part of the world," Father Brock wrote in a letter which has reached his family here.

"I have had the honor of black boys serving my Mass and they are quite adept at the Latin.

"Strange as it may seem, some of them have gone to the universities of Europe; many are able to speak two or three languages. What marvelous horsemen they are! Never use a saddle but they manage the nastiest horse with the ease of a fabled Western cowboy. Whenever they hear of Mass in the vicinity all of them immediately show up and fight on time."

Father Brock is dividing his time between recreational work and spiritual guidance for the troops with whom he is assigned. "As usual, we are having catechism classes each day," he wrote, "and rosary each evening and what a sight it is to see American soldier boys by the hundreds saying their beads in common each night—a tribute to devoted mothers and fathers at home and sweethearts they left behind who did so much to make the boys think more of their faith."

"I have a number taking advanced classes in catechism. The questions asked by non-Catholics make them want to be ready to answer intelligently. Most of them are doing a great job. It is regrettable that so far we have not been able to have Benediction but my hopes are high that the day may come down."

"In talking to have the various medals in the States adopt a soldier boy and have each soldier send him a letter, but above all things also a prayer book, scapular medal and chain, and rosary. These are what our Catholic soldier boys want and they are not getting them. The few we had are gradually being destroyed due to dampness and water and rust."

"The boys need more and more of them and if the pastors would only talk it up I do believe the medals would be the first to fulfill my hope and wish."

Describing his stop in Australia, Father Brock said: "The people of Australia were the most kind we met. Nothing that they could do seemed too much. They took the boys right into their own families and made them feel it was their own home."

### Parishioners Give 2,000 Pounds of Rubber Mats In Salvage Campaign

EVERETT, Wash.—Parishioners of the Church of the Immaculate Conception here contributed about 2,000 pounds of rubber mats to the scrap rubber drive.

The parish Boy Scout troop got behind the salvage campaign and carted away the mats.

Nothing disturbs us so much as self-love and self-esteem.



MARTYRS OF LIDICE, the Czecho-Slovakia town, destroyed by Nazis, June 10, 1942, are commemorated as Mass is celebrated in the former Hindu village of Stern Park Gardens, renamed for the famed Czech village. The Rt. Rev. Abbot Procopius Nuzil, O.S.B., of Lisle, Ill., officiates at an outdoor altar preceding dedicatory services. (NC-Arms photo).

### Pamphlet Reviews Status Of Church In Scandinavia

NEW YORK.—"The Catholic Church Amidst the Vikings," a pamphlet by the Rev. Henry J. McCloud has just been published here by the Paulist Press. It recounts the history of the Church in the Scandinavian countries—Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Greenland and Iceland—and presents briefly the status of Catholicism in these countries today, together with a complete list of the Scandinavian Saints.

"No doubt many Catholics have from time to time wondered if the Catholic Church ever existed in the Scandinavian countries," Father McCloud writes. "The reason for this pamphlet is to show that the Catholic Church did flourish in these North Countries."

The author, dedicating his work to "Saint Ansgar, Apostle of the North," pays tribute to Saint Ansgar's Scandinavian Catholic League of New York City, which provided him with much of the material utilized in the preparation of this pamphlet.

### Elmira Weddings

Smith - Pratt  
Miss Eileen Louise Pratt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Pratt, 1558 Pratt St., and Island Emmett Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Smith, 1400 Sullivan St., were married in a double ring service conducted by the Rev. Arthur C. Smith in St. Cecilia's rectory, Saturday, July 25, at 9:30 A. M.

Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rathbun. Mrs. Rathbun is the bridegroom's sister.

A wedding breakfast was given at the Wilbur tea room, after which the couple left for a trip to Niagara Falls, Buffalo, the Thousand Islands and Rochester. They will reside on Pratt St.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are graduates of George M. Diven School and the Academy. Mrs. Smith is employed at the Artistic Card Co., and Mr. Smith at the Eclipse plant.

### Death Roll of Week in Southern Tier

Mrs. Bridget Bryson, 55 Elm St., Hornell, died Sunday, July 26, 1942. Survivors are two daughters, Agnes of Hornell and Mrs. John McGrath of Buffalo; a sister, Mrs. D. J. McCarthy of Hornell. Funeral Mass Wednesday, July 29 at St. Ann's Church, at 9 A. M. Burial in St. Ann's Cemetery.

Alexander Fox, 75, of 302 E. Clinton St., died Saturday, July 25, 1942. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Daniel Sheedy of Elmira and Mrs. Margaret Harter of Sherrill, N. Y. The funeral was held Tuesday, July 28 at 9 a. m. in St. Peter and Paul's Church. Burial in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

Patrick J. Hughes, 71, of 81 Owens St., Elmira Heights died Wednesday, July 22, 1942. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Charles Church. Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; two

daughters, Mrs. B. D. Wilson of Oklahoma and Myrtle of Wilkes-Barre; two sons, George of Brooklyn and Maurice of Buffalo. Funeral Saturday, July 25 at St. Charles Church, at 9 a. m. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover, Pa.

Mrs. Daniel O'Brien of 1302 N. Main St., died Monday, July 27, 1942. She was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church and a member of the Altar and Rosary Society. Survivors are her husband; a daughter, Mrs. George Aseline of Elmira; two sons, Joseph of Elmira and Daniel of the United States Army.

Francois Wallis, formerly of Elmira, died in Detroit. Funeral was held Thursday, July 29, 1942 at 9 a. m. at St. John the Baptist Church. Burial in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

### Nazis Forbid Holland People To Wear Cross

NEW YORK.—A decree forbidding the wearing in public of the Cross, the symbol of Christianity, has been issued by the Nazi Reich Commissioner Seyss-Inquart in Holland, according to information

reaching the Netherlands Information Bureau here. The decree was reported to have been based on the ground that display of the Cross is a "heathen idolatry." Previous reports indicated that the practice of wearing the Cross had become general here among Catholics as a visible token of their faith and later among non-Catholics as well.

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