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NOVENA FOR SERVICEMEN

An exceptionally beautiful ceremony took place on Monday, Dec. 7, when the dedication of the honor roll of 223 men and women from St. Patrick's parish now in the service of their country was combined with the closing evening service of the nine-day immaculate novena. Conducted for their intentions from Nov. 29 to Dec. 8.

"God must be in this picture," said the Rev. Justin Sweeney, O.F.M., in the host of a series of very effective and forceful sermons. Speaking of the victorious peace for which we hope, he said: "It is our duty to storm heaven; we must be certain that God is on our side... the only way to accomplish this is to stay on His side. We are called to active service in a spiritual sense." Father Sweeney closed his sermon with a Memorial to the Blessed Virgin "for those whom we dedicate and consecrate to this insight, under the banner of the Immaculate Parity." He then bestowed the papal blessing on the kneeling congregation.

A procession of school children wearing red, white and blue marched to the sanctuary, where the altar was decorated with red roses and white asters, with the candles on each side of the tabernacle arranged in the form of a "V." There the boys assembled in the form of a cross, while the girls shaped a victory "V." Miss Rita Dalley, from the Seventh Grade of St. Patrick's school, offered a prayer for our soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses in service.

The Rev. William J. Brien then blessed the honor roll and the service flag; he expressed the hope that parishioners would continue to pray as they have done during this novena for the men in service. The Soldiers' Hymn was sung by the school children, and the service closed with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The celebrant was Father Brien, assisted by the Rev. Francis J. Pegnam, deacon, Rev. John Murphy, sub-deacon, and Rev. William A. Burns, master of ceremonies.

DR. MAHONEY ASKS BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF STUDENTS' WAR PROBLEMS

BROOKLYN.—A plea for a more sympathetic understanding of the problems besetting college students in a war-torn world and anxious to do their part in the defense of their country was voiced by the Rev. Dr. William J. Mahoney, C.M., as he began his administration as twelfth president of St. John's University, Brooklyn.

Dr. Mahoney said that all plans must inevitably be subservient and contributive to the paramount national plan of American victory. "It is the purpose of any college, as every other social agency, to further our war efforts," he said. "The large as well as the small college, and professional and the arts school have all contributed their share to the democratic processes of the American way of life. They have served our country in days of peace and can well serve it in times of war."

Report 155 Priests Lost in Ship Sinking

LONDON.—KAP, Polish Catholic press agency here, has learned that 155 Catholic priests, released from prison camps on Soviet islands in the Arctic Ocean, were lost when the ship on which they were departing was torpedoed.

Information available to KAP indicates that 55 priests are free in Russia, 18 have been sent with the Polish Army to Persia and with children to India, 32 are in prison and places of forced residence, and 102 are in concentration camps.

Fourth in Navy

CHICAGO.—When the Rev. John Ireland Gallery, pastor of St. Joseph's church at Manhattan, Ill., leaves to become a navy chaplain he will be the fourth member of his family to serve in the navy. Father Gallery has three brothers, all graduates of the U. S. Naval Academy, who hold commissions. Their grandfather, William Oxban, was one of the early mayors of Chicago.

One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one Nation evermore!

Silver Tea Listed

The annual Silver Tea of St. Patrick's Society will be held Sunday, Dec. 12, from 2 to 5 o'clock in the Assembly Hall. All Socialists and their friends are invited. Mrs. Kathryn H. Cronin is general chairman of the affair. A musical program will be presented by the high school girls' choir.

Mrs. Eugene Agnes, President, will preside, assisted by past presidents.

Chairman of table decorations is Miss Theresa Cameron. Miss Mary Donnan and Miss Fred Hutteny are in charge of refreshments. The general committee is as follows: Mrs. Wilford Nichols, Mrs. Harry Hanner, Mrs. Mary Melton, Mrs. Francis Hejnyak, Mrs. George Welch, Mrs. Clifford Swenson, Mrs. Alfred Mitchell, Mrs. Walter Shuman, Mrs. Samuel Turvillier, Mrs. Edward Hannon, Mrs. Max Turner, Mrs. Francis Lynch and Miss Mary Blake.

Committee of the Ladies is: Rosemary Tierney, Dorothy Peck, Winifred Kelly, Bernice Margraf, Martha Delaney, Miss Elizabeth and Lois Baker.

ST. MARY'S (Elmira)

SCOUT CHARTER NIGHT

The Boy Scout Troop and Cub Pack of St. Mary's Church will hold a joint Charter Night Wednesday evening, Dec. 10 at 7:30 in the School Hall. The program will include the installation of officers of both organizations by the commissioner, Mr. Norberg, and a court of awards for the boys who have received Tenderfoot, Scout and First Class Awards, and also for those of the Cub Pack who have passed the Bobcat requirements.

Following the installation, the Scouts, directed by John Hennesart, Raymond Callahan, John Hartigan, and John Nickerson, will give a demonstration of knot tying and first aid work. A short program of entertainment will conclude the meeting. All parents and friends of the Scouts and Cubs are invited to attend.

Forgetting self and one's fears for the usual strength comes to meet the present, and to look the future.

Promotion Won

Promotion of Edward L. Murphy, Jr., son of Edward L. Murphy, 252 1/2 Cypress Street in the rank of pharmacist's mate, second class of the Naval Air Training Center at Pensacola, Fla., has been announced.

Religious Reported Safe in Shanghai

HALIFAX, N. S.—A letter written in June at Shanghai and just received here by members of the Religious of the Sacred Heart stated that members of the order living in Shanghai were safe and well.

The writer, Mother Marcelline, an American, said the news had been very large classes. The greatest difficulty was in finding food, and hundreds of people were dying in the convent seeking aid.

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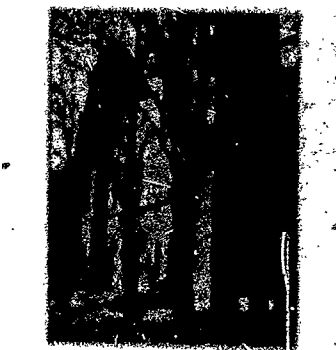
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