

WEDDINGS IN AUBURN

St. Hyacinth's

Kochman - Dyrda
Miss Helen Dyrda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dyrda of 90 1/2 Peering Street, became the bride of Private Michael Kochman, U. S. A. of Fort Miles, Dela., on Thanksgiving Day. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Conrad Miller, O.M.C. and took place in St. Hyacinth's Church.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father was attended by Miss Carol Fronczak of Buffalo. Private Constantine Wolcyc of the army recruiting station at Troy was the best man. A reception for 150 guests was held at Falcon Hall.

Private and Mrs. Anthony Dyrda left for a wedding trip and their tour will take them through the New England States.

St. Francis

Mack - Fumia
Miss Josephine Fumia and Andrew B. Mack were united in mar-

riage on Monday morning, Nov. 29, in a ceremony performed in St. Francis Church by the Rev. Adolph Gubnal.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fumia of 21 Washington Street and Mr. Mack is the son of Mrs. Mary E. Mack of 11 Benham Avenue. The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Fumia, as maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Miss Rose Granata and Miss Louise Fumia. Paul Mack was best man and the ushers were Thomas Bause and Carmen Bause.

A wedding breakfast was served at the Osborne Hotel and was followed by a reception. Mr. and Mrs. Mack will make their home at 11 Benham Avenue after a wedding trip to New York.

Little Willie (is a purring cat on his bed: "Well, if you're going to park there all day, why don't you turn off your engine!")

Funeral Rites of the Week in Auburn

Holy Family

Funeral services for Harry Connick, a victim of the tragic Coconut Grove fire in Boston, were held in Auburn on Wednesday morning. A Solemn High Mass of requiem was offered at Holy Family Church by Rev. John Healy with Very Rev. Dean John A. Conway as deacon, and Rev. John Brill as sub-deacon.

As the funeral procession passed through the streets on the way from the church to St. Joseph's Cemetery, the "Old Wheeler Bell" in the Memorial City Hall in South Street was tolled in tribute to Mr. Connick, a veteran of World War One.

Father Brill read the committal service at the cemetery. Mr. Connick left a number of relatives in Auburn and vicinity. He was a resident in Boston, where he was a well known railroad official.

St. Francis

Mrs. Teresa DeStefano died Tuesday afternoon at her home 2 McConnell Terrace after a long illness. She was born in Italy but has lived in Auburn for many years. She is survived by her husband, Trifolino DeStefano, two daughters, Miss Ann DeStefano and Mrs. Michael Plants, one son, John DeStefano, one sister, Mrs. Adeline DeMarzio and one brother, Guy Cerinelli of Cincinnati, Ohio; one granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held from the home on Friday with services at St. Francis Church.

St. Mary's

Mrs. Hortense Richardell, widow of Nicholas Richardell, formerly of Auburn, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rose Gleasing, 188 Fago Avenue, Syracuse. Mrs. Richardell moved to Syracuse a few years ago.

Mrs. Richardell is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Gleasing, Mrs. Charles Lake of Syracuse and Mrs. John Rogers of Newburg; three sons, Floyd, Richardell of Whitesboro, L. L. and Joseph Richardell of New York City; and by several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Friday morning with services at St. Mary's Church.

ROCHESTER—Funeral services for Mrs. Helen L. Wenzel, were held on Thursday morning at St. Augustine's Church in Rochester. Mrs. Wenzel formerly lived in Auburn moving to Rochester a few years ago. She is survived by her husband, Francis W. Wenzel; four daughters, Dorothy A., Mary E., Caroline M. and Rita L. Wenzel; one son, Richard, her mother, Mrs. Loretta H. Howe, all of Rochester, a sister, Mrs. James Dirksen of Cazenovia, and a brother, Harry Howe of Syracuse. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester.

St. Mary's

Mrs. Margaret M. Murphy Westcott, 20 wife of Hayes M. Westcott of 2 McMaster Street died early Saturday morning at the Auburn City Hospital. Mrs. Westcott was born in Dublin, Ireland, lived in Cato for about 32 years and has resided in Auburn for the last twenty years.

Mrs. Westcott is survived by her husband; two sons, F. Ross Westcott of Oswego and James W. Westcott of Auburn; a daughter, Mrs. James V. Warze of Auburn; a half-brother, Harry Drury of

Ross Westcott of the U. S. Navy; Kenneth, Thomas, Francis and Marjorie of Oswego; and Joan Margaret Westcott of Auburn; and an uncle, Thomas Kelly of Cato.

Funeral services were held from the home on Wednesday morning with services at St. Mary's Church. Burial was in Union Hill Cemetery, Cato.

James Finn, 86, died at the home of his son-in-law, Vincent D. Ryan, 420 S. Seward Avenue, on Monday. Mr. Finn was a life long resident of Auburn and a member of St. Mary's Church and was affiliated with the Holy Name Society of that parish. He was a blacksmith and retired in 1929. He was also a member of the Volunteer Fire Department serving with the Neptune Hose Co. Mrs. Finn's only daughter, Mrs. Ryan, died last January.

He is survived by his son-in-law, two granddaughters, Mrs. Allen Harse and Miss Barbara A. Ryan, Auburn, and a nephew, George V. Hickey of Auburn. The funeral was held from the home on Wednesday morning with services at St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

St. Alphonsus

Fred J. Maywalt, one of Auburn's best known barbers, fell dead Sunday morning as he was entering St. Alphonsus Church. Dr. Howard Chapman pronounced death due to a heart attack. Mr. Maywalt was 66 years old. He was born in Auburn and has always resided here. Up until a few years ago he was active in fraternal and civic affairs and belonged to many organizations. At the time of his death he conducted a barber shop in Osborne Street. He was a communicant of St. Alphonsus Church and a member of the Holy Name Society of that parish.

Mr. Maywalt is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Ohlweiser Maywalt; one daughter, Mrs. George Harvey of Lewiston, N. Y.; two sons, Frederick J. Maywalt, Jr. of Franklin, Pa., and George O. Maywalt of Auburn; three grandchildren; one sister, Miss Emma Maywalt of Auburn; and one brother Edward F. Maywalt, also of this city; and by several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held from the home on Wednesday morning with services at St. Alphonsus Church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

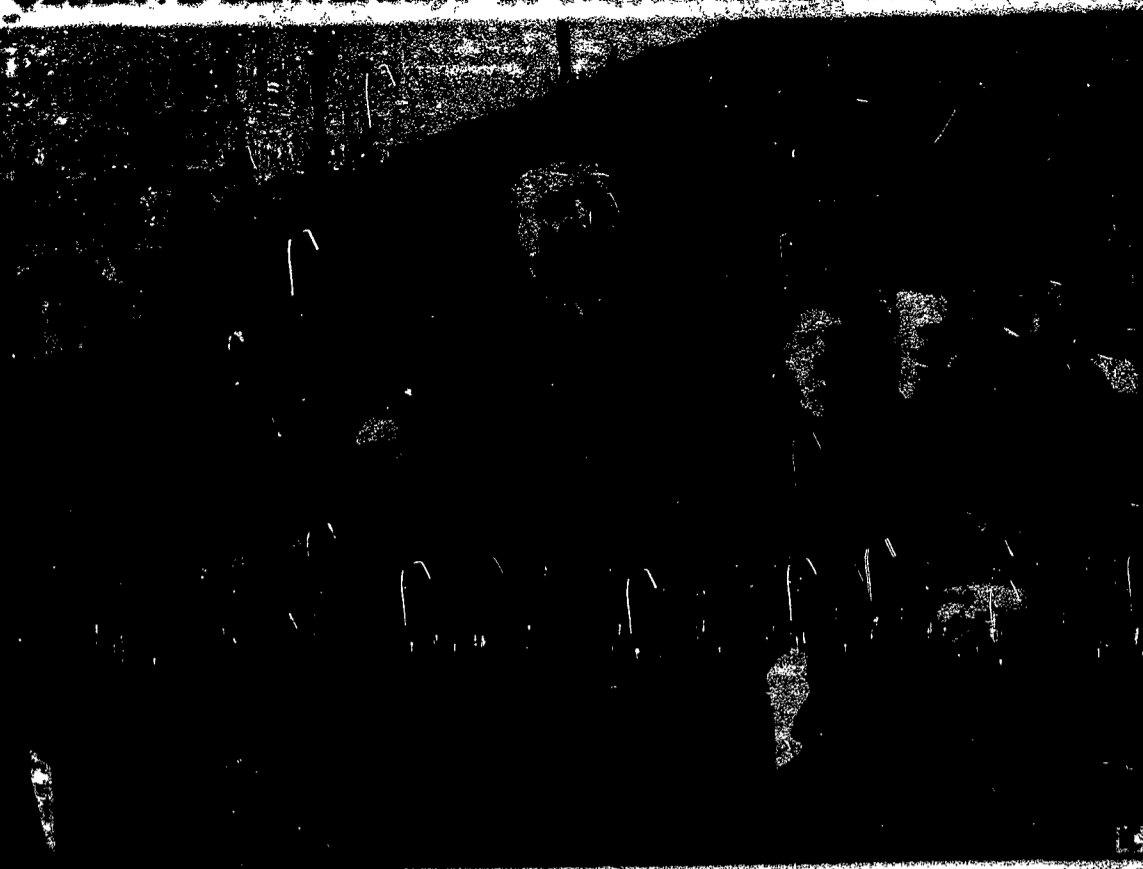
CANDLES LIGHTED ON GRAVES OF 153 POLISH AVIATORS

LONDON.—Polish airmen honored their dead comrades when November dawned and attended a ceremony in a cemetery in this country in which many of them are buried.

In the cemetery is a large memorial cross which has an inscription reading "For Freedom." Candles were lighted on the graves and red and white flowers—Poland's national colors—were placed over the remains of 153 Polish airmen who have been shot down over this country or whose bodies have been recovered since they fell in combat.

Jeyous will be anyone whose heart is like that of a child, although, as befits one who has had experience of the world's sin and sorrow, he will rejoice with a quiet

OBSERVE CENTENARY OF NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY



Observing the 100th birthday of the University of Notre Dame, the Rev. Albert F. Coombs, C. S. C. (left), Superior General of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, offers a special prayer at the mass, at the site of the first College of the University, on November 26, the anniversary of the arrival of Father Edward P. Sorin, C. S. C., founder of Notre Dame. Rev. Hugh O'Donnell, C. S. C. (center), President of Notre Dame, and Rev. Thomas E. Steiner, C. S. C., Provincial of the Congregation in the United States, also participated in the ceremonies. (N.D.W.C.)

Indomitable Spirit Exists In Russia Avers Lecturer

By HELEN MACCHIA

"Throughout the ages, an indomitable Russian spirit has permeated Russian life." This was the dominant thought in the lecture entitled, *The Soul of Russia*, delivered on Sunday evening, Dec. 6, by Miss Helene Iswolsky in the current Christian Culture Series being held at the Aquinas Institute Auditorium.

Today, it is not the Bolsheviks, the Communists or the Socialists who are making the stand at Stalingrad, but it is the Russian people who are fighting. For the time being, the different political leaders have given up a direct attempt to install their doctrines into the hearts of the people. They are devoting all their interests to the winning of the war. Unusually has thus been created in Russia. The Russian people feel that this is a struggle for freedom. The men who stand watch at Stalingrad know that this is worth fighting for, said the speaker.

Since the Russians have taken their destiny into their own hands, we feel confident that the Russia of the future will not be the same as Bolshevik Russia of the present. The new Russia is bound to return to its old principles of authentic humanism and social justice.

A fact which is interesting to note, Miss Iswolsky pointed out, is that in the Russian literature of today there is no mention whatsoever of Communism. It is the real Russia of which they speak. This truth is due to the fact that Russia at large is not interested in Marxism. The people want the Russia, itself, to stand out.

Nazi Vandalism

Concerning the present struggle with Nazi Germany and its affiliates, the Russian lecturer pointed out that "German atrocities in Russia are innumerable. Thousands of people have been destroyed; thousands of others are starving. The Russian guerrilla-fighters, who are putting up a stalwart fight in front, in, and behind the enemy lines, are constantly sought out and murdered. Constant acts of vandalism are performed and no pity extended to refugees.

"The sins of Bolshevism have been great; but these sins have been washed in the blood of the people," she declared. The Marxist rule is based on the rule of the minority who dominate by force through the use of terrorizing methods. The Russian do have rights and democratic privileges expressed in their Constitution; but, so far, these have been nominal privileges remaining on paper, on which they were written.

Considers 2 Questions

Miss Iswolsky considered next two questions which she believes the world to be considering at present. One is whether or not Red Imperialism will dominate Russia after she has freed herself from the Axis. In answer to this query, the speaker stated that she be-

after the war to even want to consider Red Imperialism.

The other question which Miss Iswolsky attempted to answer was, "How will Russia regain religious freedom?" As the speaker had mentioned earlier in her lecture, it is on the spiritual front that the struggle today is the greatest.

For twenty-five years the Church of Russia has suffered persecution. This, in the eyes of the Russian speaker, is the great miracle of holy Russia.

Despite persecution, religious cults and practices have been able to go on in Russia. However, religious instruction have been forbidden by the government. The present course of events tend to have a decidedly different turn, for Stalin, himself, has been asked to offer public prayers for victory. His request was made by the metropolitan interests. Another development is that the first book including the sacrilegious acts and vandalistic practices of the Nazis in the Churches, has just been compiled by the Ecclesiastical of Russia.

"The government of the new Russia will never be able to revive the anti-religious practices which were carried on before the war, because the people have shown their deep faith and religious spirit," was one of the concluding statements of Miss Iswolsky.

"As to the future," she said, "no definite forecast can be made. The Russian Church is free even though its body may be in bondage. Russian life is reflected in the villages, in the homes; not in governmental politics and policies. Hitler has enslaved fifty thousand people, he has destroyed countless villages; but he has not destroyed the fatherland. Marxism teaches that there is no fatherland; but the Russians have realized that Russia is their home and that no matter where they are fighting, they are on their way home."

NAZIS SEIZE PROPERTY OF DUTCH CATHOLIC UNION

NEW YORK.—The Nazi Labor Front in Holland has seized the property of the Catholic Workers' Union in Utrecht, dispatched the furniture to Germany and has retained the carpets for use in Nazi buildings in the Netherlands, according to word received by the Netherlands Information Bureau here.

The confiscation of union property, the first strategy of the Hitler regime in Germany, is now the order of the day in the Nether-

'Pearl Harbor Day' Marked At Mercy High

Pearl Harbor Day was a 100 Letter Day at Mercy High School. The day opened with an indoor Assembly at which the volunteer industries voted upon by the faculty and student committee, were awarded the insignia for general membership in the Victory Corps.

The President's Declaration of War issued last December 11th was given by James Schneider, a Junior. The Bill of Rights as seen through the eyes of a refugee, was outlined by Norman Casey. Following a recording by Helen Hayes of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, the student body united in singing the same song.

Sister M. Francesca, Principal, commented on the importance of student effort and sacrifice in winning the war. A second induction service was presided before the Christmas vacation. After Sister's remarks, Father Lawrence B. Casey, Religious Instructor, awarded the insignia. An appropriate movie and community sing program followed.

The sale of war bonds and stamps shot to a new height for the day. The total Dec. 7 day sale through student effort, amounted to \$100. Students in charge of the booth were busy and expectant during selling hours.

Opposes All Totalitarianism

GUATEMALA.—"A Catholic priest knows perfectly that he is obliged to teach Catholic doctrine, the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. There is nothing so opposed to totalitarianism as the Communist or Nazi, of Jewish type or pagan hue — as Catholic doctrine."

This is the reply of Verbum, Catholic weekly of the Capital, to current "tendentious accusations" made against "our Guatemalan priests" who "thanks be to God, (the editorial adds), are perfectly orthodox and worthy."

The editorial analyzes at length the doctrine preached from Catholic pulpits on the subject of God: man, his nature, his origin and his end; Jesus Christ, the true Son of God, the Saviour of mankind and Redeemer of the world; the virtues essential to salvation—humility, patience, charity, generosity, mercy, love for God and neighbor, respect for the law and duty, rational obedience to the authority representing God on earth; and finally, the primacy of the papacy; the distinction between good and evil; the fact that the right of parents with respect to their children is prior to that of the State. In each instance, the Catholic doctrine is contrasted with the totalitar-