

# Armed Services Call Many Youths From Auburn

Richard J. Bechman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bechman, formerly of Auburn and now of Attica, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps and is stationed at Quantico, Va. Lieutenant Bechman was graduated from Niagara University last September and enlisted in the Marine Corps in October.

Sergt. James D. Kirwan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Kirwan of 57 North Division Street is spending a seven-day leave at his home in Auburn. Sergeant Kirwan has been in the service of Uncle Sam since last January and is now stationed with the 4th General Hospital Corps at Fort Jackson, S. C. For several months he was with the field artillery at Fort Bragg. Sergeant Kirwan, a graduate of St. Aloysius Parochial School and of Senior High School was one of Auburn's ace basketballers. At the time of his enlistment he was affiliated with the Citizen-Advertiser. Sergeant Kirwan has a brother in the service, Sergt. Thomas H. Kirwan, Jr. who is stationed at Miami, Florida, and at the time of his enlistment he was also an employee of the Citizen-Advertiser. Thomas H. Kirwan, Sr. is on retirement from the guard force at Auburn State Prison.

Corp. Richard Charles Redmond has been promoted to the rank of sergeant according to word received by his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Redmond of 29 North Marine Avenue Richard who is somewhere with the U. S. forces in foreign service, tells of feeling fine and speaks enthusiastically of being home by next summer. Sergt. Redmond is a graduate of Holy Family Parochial School and of West High School. At the time of entering the service in March 1941, Sergeant Redmond was engaged as a commercial artist.

Private William E. Byrne of 17 1/2 Elizabeth Street has arrived in the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Bragg, N. C. for basic military training. He has been assigned to Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 1st Regiment. After his initial training he will be transferred to a field organization.

Sergt. Edward Brunner of Auburn who for the past six months, has been stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., has been transferred to Company C, 780th Military Police at Camp Custer, Mich. Sergt. Brunner left Auburn with the 108th Infantry. He is now taking a special course in Military Police work, preparatory to combat duty.

Corp. John F. Hickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Hickey of 10 Walnut Street is home on a 15 day furlough. Corporal Hickey, who is stationed with the 16th Quartermasters Corps at Fort Bliss, Texas has been in the service of Uncle Sam since February. He is a graduate of Holy Family High School and he was one of Auburn's best known basketball players.

Corp. Joseph F. Ganey, U. S. Marine Corps is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ganey of 4 Camp Street. Corporal Ganey is a graduate of Central High School in the Class of 1941 and prior to his joining the Marine Corps last June was employed at the Auburn Trust Company.

Private Gerard A. Sherwin of Auburn was being elected by officials of the Fort Bragg Field Artillery Replacement Training Center to seek a second lieutenant's commission in the Field Artillery. Before chosen to go to Fort Sill, Okla. for the officer candidate training, he had to pass a thorough preliminary course in the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center School.

Private Kenneth F. Rice, USA is now stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Private Rice prior to his induction into the service was employed in the composing room of the Citizen-Advertiser. He is stationed with Flight B, 335th, Technical School Squadron.

Paul Wilson Lattimore has re-

Maxwell Field, Ala., from the Classification Center at Nashville, Tenn. to begin his second phase of training preparatory to becoming a pilot in the air force. He will receive a nine weeks intensive military, physical and academic instruction, before beginning actual flight training at one of the many primary flying schools located in the Southeast Army Air Force Training Center.

Staff Sergt. Leo A. Finckley stationed at the Army Air Force School of Applied Tactics at Orlando, Fla. is spending his Christmas furlough with his father, George E. Finckley of 11 Washington Street. Sergeant Finckley was sports editor of the Citizen-Advertiser before his induction.

Robert L. Andrew, son of Raymond G. Andrew of 19 Bailey Street has been selected for further specialized training at one of the Navy Service Schools. He will complete his basic training at the Sampson Naval Training Station. Upon graduation from service school he will receive a petty officer's rating.

Second Lieutenant Robert F. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Lewis of 8 Pitch Avenue is spending his furlough with his family. Lieutenant Lewis is a graduate of Auburn East High School and Niagara University and was recently commissioned a second lieutenant at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He will return to Camp Vandorn, Miss. Lieutenant Edward J. Hart, brother-in-law of Lieutenant Lewis, is also spending his Christmas furlough in Auburn.

Paratrooper Jack O'Byrne, of Fort Benning, Ga. arrived home on Friday evening to spend a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Byrne of 8 Pleasant Street.

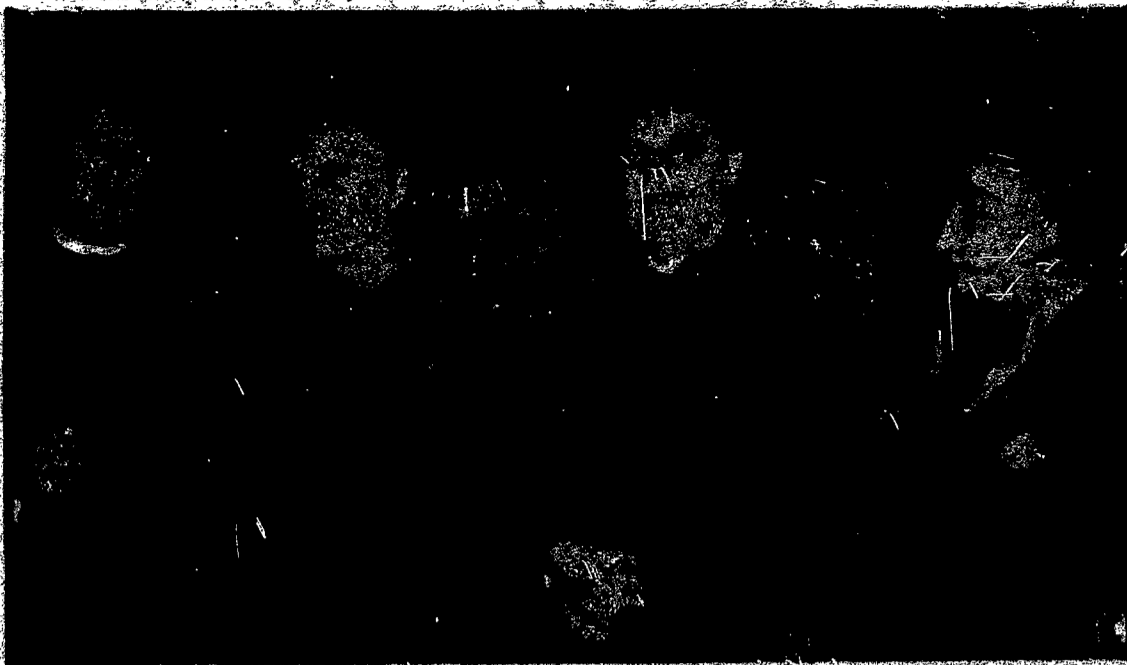
James E. Corrigan, son of James H. Corrigan, 17 1/2 Howard Street, has been selected for further specialized training at one of the Navy Service Schools. He will complete his basic recruit training at the Sampson Naval Training Station and upon graduation from service school he will receive a petty officer rating.

Parachutist Robert O'Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene O'Connor of 2 Lawton Avenue is spending a furlough with his parents. O'Connor graduated from East High School on June 23, 1942 and enlisted with the paratroopers two days later. He received his basic training at Camp Toccoa and then went to Fort Benning, Ga. for his final jumping training. After his vacation is over, O'Connor will return for night jumping training. The 600 members of O'Connor's company completed all jump tests and were qualified as parachute jumpers last Dec. 15. The youths of the company completed all five qualifying jumps in four days which was a record for it usually takes ten days to complete these tests. O'Connor says that he and his mates, all teenagers, completed two successful jumps at 500 feet in one day. O'Connor also qualified in one jump of 1,000 feet.

Regis J. Oberrecht, former Auburnian is home from the Navy for the first time in two years. Oberrecht was graduated from Auburn High School in 1935 and attended Indian Technical College is a radio man, second class, in the U. S. Army. Enlisting on Nov. 1, 1940, Oberrecht was on board a navy ship that had put in for repairs at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 when the Japs struck their first blow. Although his were made by the Japs on ships not far from his boat, the vessel on which the young Auburnian was serving was not damaged. During much of the past year he has been on duty with convoys and on anti-sub patrol in the North and Central Pacific.

Technical Sergt. Paul E. Hickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. George V. Hickey of 1 Lawton Avenue is spending a 15-day furlough at his home in Auburn. Hickey enlisted in March 1941 and has been connected with the U. S. hospital unit at one of the secret bases in the South Pacific since last April. Hickey has been called back to

## CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY HONORS POLISH LEADER



Catholic University of America conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Wladyslaw Skarzynski, Prime Minister of Poland and Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Pictured in background (left to right): Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Pictured in background (left to right): Manager Patrick J. McCormick, Acting Rector; General Skarzynski; Most Rev. Michael J. Curran, Archbishop of Baltimore and of Washington and Chancellor of the University; and Jan Chlodzinski, Ambassador from Poland to the United States. Staff photo. (N.C.W.C.)

## Funeral Rites of the Week in Auburn

### St. Alphonsus

Charles W. Smith, 36, a well known retired carpenter and contractor died from a heart attack at his home, 28 Market Street during the past week. Mr. Smith was born in Auburn and always lived here and spent the greater number of those years in the First Ward where he was prominent in Republican politics, having been an alderman some four decades ago. In the late '30's he was prominent in the councils of the party.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Mrs. Theresa A. Hockeborn Smith; two brothers, Dr. Benjamin Smith of New York City and Frank Smith of Weedsport; a half sister, Miss Kitty Gray of Auburn, now residing in Florida and by several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning of last week. Rev. Gerard Amann conducted the services at the funeral home and a requiem high Mass was offered at St. Alphonsus by Rev. Gerard Gaffel. Father Amann and Father Merklinger were in the sanctuary. The services at the grave were conducted by Father Amann and Merklinger. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery. The bearers were William Hockeborn, William King, Robert Hockeborn, Fred

tion of his course will be stationed with the U. S. Engineers' Corps at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He tells of many interesting experiences in the South Sea Island, and tells of it taking two months to reach home; and of the temperature being 100 or more in the island and of the extreme of 30 or more below zero upon his return to New York. Sergt. Hickey was graduated from East High School in the Class of 1936 and from the College of Commerce, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana. The Sergt.'s father is sergeant of the guard at Auburn State Prison.

Private Gerald E. Fitzgerald has been transferred to Philadelphia from Biloxi, Miss., and spent Christmas Day in Oklahoma, according to word received in Auburn by his family.

Robert E. Byrnes, a veteran of six years' service with the Merchant Marine is at his home in Scotia Center on a 12-day furlough. Byrnes has sailed the seven seas. For four years he has sailed on the Santa Rosa which has touched at Australia, through the Red Sea to Egypt, at England, Ireland and North Africa. The only part that Byrnes has not touched in the present war is the area between Australia and India. Byrnes ship was docked 12 days at Casablanca, going as one in a second convoy which cruised for six days waiting for the first convoy to unload and get away to provide dock space at the French city of 150,000 souls including French, Arabs and Moors. His transport docked at a pier across from the giant new French battleship, Jean Bart, badly damaged in Casablanca Harbor. During his stay, he reported that one German spy, dressed as an Arab was shot in the city. On his ship he met two soldiers from New York State; a man named

### Harrison, Robert Hockeborn and Joseph Russell

St. Peter and Paul  
Funeral of Stephen Baska was held from his home, 21 Ferris Street, on Wednesday morning of last week with services at St. Peter and Paul's Ukrainian Church. Rev. Michael Lysiak officiated at the home and sang a requiem High Mass. Members of the Ukrainian Sech Society attended the church service. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery where services were read by Father Lysiak. Bearers were Samuel Morygat, Harry Kabanak, John Vincenty, Frederick Olenick, John Cherny and Michael Hamulik.

WARDSPORT — Timothy McCarthy, 71, died Sunday night in Bennett. He had been in failing health for some time. He had spent most of his life in Wardport. Funeral was held from the Hoyt Funeral Home in Wardport on Thursday morning of last week with services at St. Joseph's Church. Mrs. Lee Jones conducted the services at the church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

POMPEY — John Keefe, 71, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home at Fabius. He was born in Woodstock, the son of the late Michael and Nancy Grady Keefe. Mr. Keefe is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Francis German of Homer, Mrs. Robert German of Pompey, Mrs. Herbert Akeley of Syracuse and Mrs. Edwin Fields of Cardiff; a son, James Keefe of Jamesville; two sisters, Mrs. Anna King of San Francisco and Miss Catherine Keefe of Rochester; a brother, James Keefe, of Auburn and by several nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Wednesday of last week at the home in Fabius and at 10:00 in Immaculate Conception Church, Pompey. Burial was in Pompey.

CORTLAND — Bernard Roddy, 60, of Cortland died of a heart attack on Tuesday at the family home, 28 Grant Street. James T. Roddy of 22 Florence Street, Auburn, is a brother. The only other survivors are Mr. Roddy's wife and his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Lanzer of Seneca Falls, N. Y. The funeral was held on Saturday morning with services at St. Mary's Church, Cortland and burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

### Holy Family

Mrs. Katharine Preter Hayden, wife of Thomas J. Hayden, died suddenly at her home on East Lake Road, Wednesday evening. She was born in Auburn and was a member of Holy Family Church. Mrs. Hayden is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. James Hart of East Lake Road and Mrs. Mary F. Hayden of West Forrest Hill, Long Island; a son, William L. Hayden, of West Forest Hill, Long Island; a sister, Mrs. E. J. Dempsey of Amityville, L. I. and by three grandchildren.

## urges Mothers of Small Children To Stay Home

NEW YORK — Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, speaking at a conference of the New York Women's Trade Union League, urged women with young children to remain at home rather than enter war work.

The principal complaint of employers in war industries, Secretary Perkins said, in connection with the employment of women, is the high absentee rate, chiefly among very young women and those who have children.

### MONUMENT TO NEWMAN

Montreal — The Newman Club is a monument to the memory and hopes of one of the greatest figures of the nineteenth century, of a man who by the words of Gladstone, had a mind as clear as crystal glass, and as sharp as the diamond which cuts the glass. Charles O'Leary, one of Canada's noted newspapermen and Associate Editor of the Ottawa Journal Daily, told a convention of the Canadian Federation of Newman Clubs here.

### NATIONAL EMBLEM

New York — The Catholic War Veterans of the United States have undertaken a campaign under the direction of their National Chapter, the Rev. Matthew J. Tobey and their National Commander, Charles H. J. Murphy, requesting all the governing bodies of National Clubs and towns to adopt resolutions calling upon the business men and home owners to place our National Emblem upon all the poles throughout the country.

was in the family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Funeral services were conducted by Dean Conway assisted by Father Hill. Bearers were John Nolan, Charles Major, Edward Conway, James Hayden, John Ganey and John Murphy.

### St. Mary's

The funeral of John O'Hara, 71, who died on Tuesday, was held from the Hayes Funeral Home on Saturday with services at St. Mary's Church where a requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Joseph McNamara. Rev. Dr. W. E. Cowan was in the sanctuary. Burial was in State Street Cemetery where the committal service was read by Father McNamara. Bearers were Paul Blanton, Clarence T. Hoey, Paul O'Connor and Joseph O'Byrne.

Donald O'Brien, 75, an employee of Councilman James D. Quinn for more than thirty years, died Thursday night at Mercy Hospital. Mr. O'Brien was born in Scotland. His family lived many years in Syracuse, and Mr. O'Brien was employed as a brass moulder in a Syracuse Foundry before coming to Auburn.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Louis Vanderberg of Auburn, Mrs. Ross Gillman and Mrs. Vera Johnson of Endicott; two brothers, Frederick and John O'Brien of Auburn and by several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Monday morning at