

### 642,227 Respond By Mail To Msgr. Sheen's Radio-Talks

By Maryrose Barron

Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen is speaking over the NBC Red Network each Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock, EDT. His topic is "The Crisis in Christendom" and he will conclude his current series on Sunday, Apr. 28.

It might be of interest to know that approximately three million listeners, Catholic and non-Catholic, are tuning in on these talks each Sunday, according to a survey made by a leading radio agency. Thousands of listeners have already shown their intention of continuing a Holy Hour of Prayer as recommended by Monsignor Sheen. Many thousands of requests have already been received for a 32-page booklet "The Shield of Faith," prepared by Monsignor Sheen and distributed without charge to Catholic New listeners who request it.

**Large Mail Response**

Monsignor Sheen, who is commencing his 10th annual series over the Catholic Hour Program, has made literally millions of friends among radio listeners. During the last three series alone he received 642,227 pieces of audience mail, an average of 14,771 letters and cards for each week he had been on the air.

The National Council of Catholic Men describes the present series as follows: "The construction of the house of freedom, and the defense of the city of democracy are both impossible unless they are based on the moral law of God." This is the theme of the 1943 broadcasts.

"The last 200 years of world history may be described as the Era of Substitution in which the Western World has tried various substitutions, such as Science, Progress, and Humanism, for the regency of God in hearts and nations. In a convulsive attempt to

arrest the degeneration of society, which these substitutions have caused, there arose first the anti-religious state and finally Nazism, with its false religion of the German Race. America therefore has a triple task in this War: 1--To defeat and crush this active and hard barbarism on the outside. 2--To purge the passive and soft barbarism on the inside, which would attempt to prevent democracy and human values on a national and non-religious foundation. 3--To reconstruct a society based not on violence, war power, or money, but one in which we shall 'hate evil, and love good' and establish judgment in the post" (Amos 5:15).

The National Council of Catholic Men asks that the press interest their readers in the Monsignor Sheen talks and that those who have already heard the Monsignor, are asked to urge their friends to listen also.

A Protestant pastor sends the following tribute: "You're in line with the best preaching in the America today. A Presbyterian minister says: 'We look forward each week to your sermons and I tell many others to do so.'"

During the Catholic Hour's recently concluded twelfth year on the air, 173,528 pieces of mail were received from an appreciative audience. Each letter and card received individual attention, requiring a special mail staff alone of as many as 35 persons. The program is broadcast over 104 independent stations.

### Funeral Rites of the Week in Auburn

**St. Alphonsus**  
Mrs. Amelia E. Brayer, widow of Arthur O. Brayer of Auburn, died suddenly at her home, 4 Tenth Square, Mrs. Brayer was prominent in Auburn affairs prior to her loss of health some three years ago. Her husband was a well known contractor.

Mrs. Brayer is survived by a daughter, Mrs. R. Meredith Langham of Auburn; two sisters, Mrs. Lillian Hanson of Corning and Mrs. Thomas Logan of Rochester; a grandson, John A. Langham of Auburn.

The funeral was held from the Langham Funeral Home with services at St. Alphonsus Church. Rev. Gerard Gefell sang a requiem Mass. Rev. Frederick Straub and Rev. John Merklinger were in the sanctuary. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Bearers were Harry A. Gleason, Joseph J. Harrington, M. Frank Dulca, Edward T. Boyle, Frederick Jamba and Clinton E. Ferguson.

Mrs. Veronica Spaid, wife of Louis Spaid of Fleming, died Tuesday evening after a long illness at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. J. Feeley of 23 Eastern Avenue. She was born in Union Springs but had lived most of her life in Auburn and vicinity. She was a member of St. Alphonsus Church and of the Rosary and Scapular Society of that parish.

Mrs. Spaid is survived by her husband; a son, Richard Spaid of West Lake Road; four sisters, Mrs. F. J. Feeley of Auburn; Mrs. Willard Davis of Syracuse; Mrs. John Scott of Syracuse and Mrs. Daniel Coughlin of Norwich, also by two grandsons and a nephew and niece. The funeral was held from the home of her sister, Mrs. Feeley, with services at St. Alphonsus Church. Rev. Gerard Amann sang a requiem High Mass and Rev. John Merklinger was leacon and Rev. Gerard Gefell was sub-deacon. Rev. Frederick G. Straub was in the sanctuary. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery where services were conducted by Father Straub, assisted by Fathers Merklinger and Gefell.

Bearers were Frederick Whiting, Kenneth Green, Wendell Lunnbach, Lorraine Toye, George Cady and Harold Nelson.

**St. Mary's**  
Funeral of Mrs. Anna M. Collins was held from her home, 106 Woodlawn Avenue on Friday morning with services at St. Mary's Church. A solemn high Mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Dennis Hickey. Rev. Dr. W. E. Cowan was deacon and Rev. Richard T. Torrey was sub-deacon. Burial was in the family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery where the committal service was read by Rev. Joseph McNamara assisted by Father Torrey.

Bearers were Frederick Feraber, John O'Keefe, John McNamara, Charles Carmody, Joseph Sullivan and Edward Hevring.

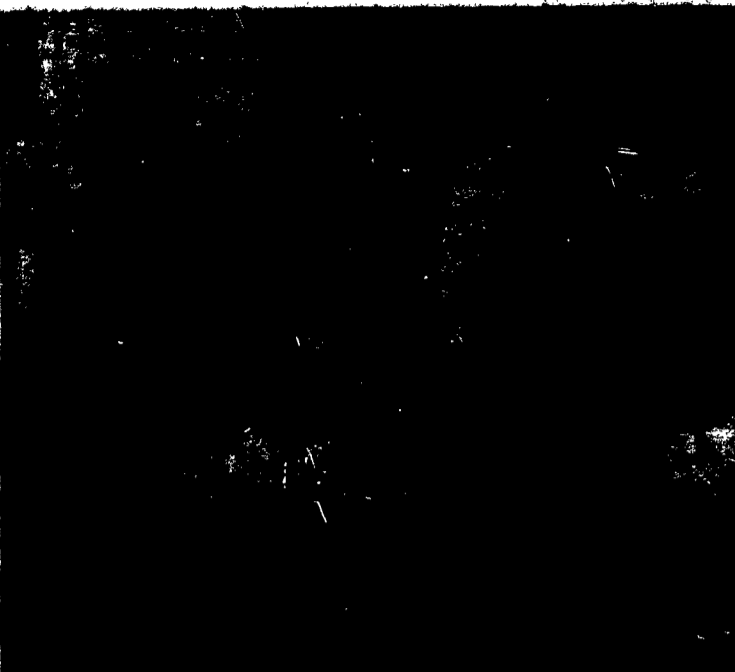
Mrs. Vlna Marie Felow of 31 Fish Avenue died Tuesday evening at Auburn City Hospital. She was 13 years old and had been ill for five months. She was a pupil in the eighth grade at West High School. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Petrus; her grandfather, Frank Petrus; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore DeJoy; three sisters, Jane Elizabeth and Loretta; three brothers, Frank, Thomas Jr. and Vito Anthony. The funeral was held from her parents' home, 34 Fifth Avenue on Saturday morning. Rev. E. C. Newman was celebrant of a solemn High Mass at St. Francis Church and Rev. Francis Turner was deacon and Rev. Thomas Kane was sub-deacon. The services at the grave were conducted by Father Turner.

Bearers were William Petrus, William Basile, Pvt. Ernest DeJoy, Leo DeJoy, all uncles of the deceased. Honorary bearers were Louise Geisinger, Jean Harrington, Anna Caglianese, Sally Mitchell, Jean Hagaman and Barbara Saunders, Girl Scouts of Troop 5 of Seward School and their leaders, Martha Wright, Mrs. William Anderson and Mrs. Frank Mitchell.

**SKANEATELES**—Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Quinn, five months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Charles Quinn of Skaneateles were held at the home of her parents on Saturday morning. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Skaneateles. Rev. Edward Kopp, pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake, officiated. The infant is survived by her parents; a brother, John Charles Quinn; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Blase of Mottville and Mr. and Mrs. John Quinn of Syracuse.

**ROCHESTER**—Mrs. Kathryn McCarthy Deller, former Auburnian, died at her home, 81 Cook Street, Rochester. The McCarthy family resided in Clark Street for several years. She is survived by a son, William Stiles; a brother, Patrick McCarthy; three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Myers of Auburn, Mrs. Eugene McClellan, Mrs. Claude Barber and two grandchildren. The funeral was held from her home on Monday with

### THEIR WAR-WORK AIDS CHAPLAINS



Students of Catholic schools and colleges throughout the United States contribute their spare time and efforts to a multitude of war-work programs. In this picture, members of the Art Guild of the College of Mount St. Vincent, St. Vincent, N. Y., do their bit for the Chaplain Aid Association, by making altarpieces and vestments. Left to right, Antoinette Berg-Schultz, Elizabeth Walsh, Elly McLoughlin, Ann McElroy, president, and Sister Mary Andrew, mediator of the Art Guild. (N.E.W.C.)

### Basketball

**Junior Squares Win**

AUBURN.—The Junior Squares, sponsored by the Holy Family Bowling League, defeated St. Francis in a game of 20 to 10 on last Sunday evening and their hosts a long streak of losing on the basketball court. The first quarter found the teams equal and the Squares found it rather difficult to keep their own strength. The outcome was doubtful during the third quarter, and the St. Francis' team took the lead going into the final period. The Squares then acquired some speed and with Clifford and Laper scoring for the Squares, the St. Alphonsus team came out the victor. The summary:

SCOREMAN	PTS	FT	REB.
Clayton	1	0	1
Clancy	2	0	1
Atkinson	2	0	1
Adams	0	0	0
Lager	1	0	1
Henson	0	0	0
Clancy	1	0	0
Tracy	0	0	0
Clancy	0	0	0
Walsh	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

ST. HYACINTHS	PTS	FT	REB.
Hyacinth	4	0	0
Foy	0	0	0
Pete	1	0	1
Loxach	1	0	0
Waters	0	0	0
Luiska	0	0	0
Sibers	0	0	0
Knackowski	0	0	0
Borkowski	0	0	0
Lois	0	0	0
Foy	0	0	0
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**Junior League**

Four closely fought games were played in the Junior Basketball League Saturday on the Fulton Street School Court. Holy Family defeated St. Hyacinth by a score of 18-10; St. Francis was over St. Mary's by a score of 17-11; St. Alphonsus were victorious over the Columbian Squares by a 19-11 decision and St. Peter and Paul defeated the Neighborhood Squires by a score of 25-4.

**LEAGUE STANDINGS**

St. Francis	4	1	100
Holy Family	4	1	100
St. Mary's	3	2	100
St. Alphonsus	3	2	100
St. Peter-Paul	3	1	100
St. Hyacinth's	2	2	100
Columbia Squares	1	3	100
Neighborhoods	0	5	100

**Catholic Church League**

St. Mary's won its fourth straight victory of the season by defeating St. Peter and Paul by a score of 44 to 20. St. Mary's and St. Hyacinth's also won their first game. Ray O'Neil scored 13 points for St. Mary's and Paul White secured 10 points. Joe Waresnik led the losers with 10 points. The Columbian Squares won their first game of the season by defeating St. Alphonsus by a score of 37 to 20. Ferris scored eight points and Donald Lee for the Squares and Auble led the losers with 11 points. Holy Family dropped a one-point decision to St. Francis in the final round of the game after leading most the way. The score was 21 to 20. Mike Barandy scored 14 points for St. Francis and Tom Hickey was high for Holy Family with six points.

**TEAM STANDINGS**

St. Mary's	4	0	100
St. Hyacinth's	4	0	100
St. Francis	1	2	100
St. Peter-Paul	1	3	100
Columbian Squares	1	3	100
Holy Family	1	2	100
St. Alphonsus	0	4	100

**Address Graduates**

Milwaukee.—Rear Admiral Earl T. McIntire, Surgeon-General of the United States Navy, and the Rev. Alphonsus M. Schmitt, R.J., Dean of the St. Louis University School of Medicine, will address mid-year commencement programs at Marquette University, according to an announcement by the Very Rev. Raphael C. McCarthy, R.J., President.

### WEDDINGS IN AUBURN

**Holy Family**

Dorothy May Dunn of St. South Street, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dunn of Fleming and St. Francis, and John Gardner Newell, U. S. A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Newell of 108 South Street were married on Saturday morning in Holy Family Rectory with Very Rev. Dean John A. Conway officiating.

Miss Jean R. Newell, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. Harold Armstrong was best man.

A wedding breakfast was served at the Osborne Hotel for immediate families and friends of the bride and groom.

Following a wedding trip to New York City, Bergen and Mrs. Newell will make their home in Lancaster, Penn. Sergeant Newell who enlisted with the United States Army Engineers in February 1941 is on duty with the Topographical Unit, U. S. Army Engineers. He was graduated from Syracuse University in 1938 and received his Master of Science degree in geology from Syracuse University in 1940. The bride attended Syracuse University College of Business Administration.

**St. Mary's**

She is a member of Delta Beta Sorority and has been employed in the office of the Columbian Rope Company.

Miss Anne Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Murphy of 14 Richardson Avenue, and Pvt. George F. Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Barnes of Port Byron were married Jan. 10th at St. Mary's Rectory. Rev. Dr. William E. Cowan, pastor, performed the ceremony. Miss Margaret Murphy, sister of the bride was maid of honor and David Knapf was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride after which Private and Mrs. Barnes left for a short wedding trip.

**St. Francis**

**Celeste - Basil**  
Miss Beatrice R. Basile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Basile of 24 Wall Street and Basile Celeste, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Celeste of 111 Raleigh Street were married on Saturday morning at St. Francis Hospital Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Bernard Newman, assistant pastor. Miss Rose Barrera and Paul Tibbott of Auburn were the attendants.

**Bowling**

**Catholic Church League**

AUBURN.—The Holy Family Squad in the Catholic Church Bowling League came out on top last Monday evening with a score of 250. Bill Dempsey was the high man with a score of 61.

**Archbishop of Malta Makes Radio Plea For All-Out Victory Effort**

LONDON.—Going to the microphone for the first time to speak to the people of Malta, Archbishop-Bishop Maurice Cortisano made a strong plea for an all-out effort for victory. Malta has had a radio system for seven years.

There is no other alternative for right-thinking men, faced with the evidence of the inherent barbarity of the enemy, their anti-Christian temper, their perversion of religion, contempt for the laws of civilization and savage extermination of the Jew, the Archbishop said, according to a message cabled to the Universal here.

"We must throw ourselves into the struggle, said the Archbishop, each one exerting himself to the utmost according to his abilities to destroy this evil thing and to achieve victory for the allies."

Archbishop Cortisano also made several allusions to the recent Allied victories in the Balkans and the Mediterranean. He said that the Allied forces were holding the line in the Alps, in the Pyrenees and in the Balkans. He also mentioned the recent Allied victories in the Mediterranean.

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