Msgr. Griffin Quietly Marks 87th Birthday

CORNING.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James J. Griffin, pastor emeritus of St. Mary's Church, celebrated his 87th birthday quietly at the rectory Tuesday, Feb. 2. Monsignor Griffin celebrated Mass at 8 o'clock which was well attended by the parishioners and school children.

Monsignor Griffin has given a life time in the service of God, having been pastor at Bath and Waverly before coming to Corning. A familiar figure on the hills with his cane taking long walks, until a few years ago, he was the friend of all the children, laughing and joking with them. His older parishioners often knew the value and kindliness of his wisdom and advice.

Corning Weddings

O'Hara—Langan

Mrs. Sara H. Langan, 120 Pine St., and Lt. James T. O'Hara, of Ft. Belvior, Va., son of J. L. O'Hara, 176 State St., were united in marriage Saturday, Jan. 30, at 10 a. m., at St. Mary's Rectory. The Rev. John A. Smith, pastor, performed the ceremony.

Attending the couple were Miss Gloria Langan, daughter of the bride, and William D. O'Hara, brother of the bridegroom.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the Crystal Grill to the immediate families. Later Lt. and Mrs. O'Hara left for a brief trip after which they will make their home at Ft. Belvoir, where Lt. O'Hara is serving as an instructor.

Mrs. O'Hara, who was employed as a secretary at the Glass Works, has resigned her position there. Lt. O'Hara, who entered the service Mar. 27, 1942, is a graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School, Corning Free Academy and Colgate University. He gained many honors during his school days in athletics, having earned varsity letters in three major sports while a student at the Academy. At Colgate he was a catcher on the varsity baseball team and tackle on the varsity football team.

Erickson—Telehany

The marriage of Miss Ann Telehany, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Telehany, 83 E. Tioga Ave., to Pvt. Leif Erickson, Gulfport, Miss., son of Mr. and Mrs. Einar Erickson, 40 Bissell Ave., took place Sunday, Jan. 24, at St. John's Church, Gulfport.

Miss Gloria Bertucci and Noel Dawson attended the couple.

Mrs. Erickson was graduated from St. Patrick's Parochial School and atended Corning Free Academy. She is employed in the Pressware Division of Corning Glass Works.

Pvt. Erickson, also an employe of the Glass Works before entering the service, attended Northside Grammar and High Schools.

CHILD, UNDER 4 RECEIVES FIRST COMMUNION IN INDIA

SIMLA, India.—The unusual incident of a child under 4 years of age receiving her First Holy Communion occurred here when a class of First Communicants received at the Cathedral of SS. Joseph and Michael. The service was conducted by the Most Rev. Patrick S. Mulligan, Archbishop of Delhi and Simla.

Lysle Le Roux, not quite 4, the daughter of a British military officer was a member of the class, which had been prepared by the Presentation nuns. The child and her brother, Paul, attended Mass daily for several months. At the request of the parish priest, after a through examination, permission for the child to receive the Sacrament was granted by the Archbishop.

Illness Causes Bishop To Resign India See

BANGALORE, India.—The Most Rev. Maurice Despatures, Bishop of Bangalore, has resigned his See owing to ill health. A native of Greizon, France, Bishop Despatures was ordained in 1897 and was consecrated Bishop of Mysore in 1922. When the Diocese of Bangalore was erected by the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda in February, 1940, Bishop Despatures was transferred from Mysore to Bangalore.

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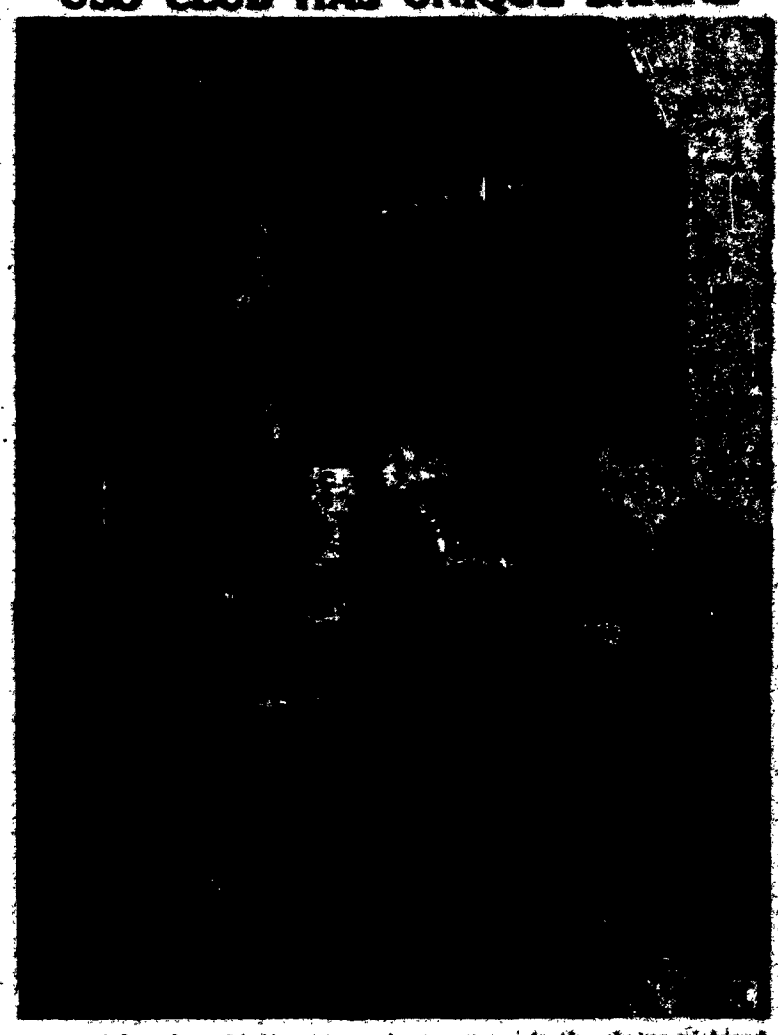

A restful and meditative atmosphere surrounds the shrine pictured above, at the New London, Conn., USO Club operated by the National Catholic Community Service. The Madonna statue is a 15th century Italian wood carving. The sailors pictured are Nicholas Sepic, of Cleveland, and Nicholas Montana, New York City. (N.C.W.C.)

ST. ANN'S, Hornell

VALENTINE PARTY SET

By DOLORES E. HANRAHAN

HORNELL.—The Rosary and Altar Society of St. Ann's Church will hold a Valentine Party on Wednesday evening, Feb. 10, at 8 o'clock in the Green Room of the Federation Building.

Rev. Walter Fischer, spiritual director of the Society, has announced the following committees:

Refreshments and arrangements, Mrs. Gertrude May, chairman, Mrs. J. J. Sullivan, Mrs. Florence Hussong and Mrs. Mary Crandall, recreation and decorations, Mrs. Leo Dinas, Miss Virginia Fitzgerald, Miss Mildred Hedges, Miss Rachel Callahan, Miss Veronica McHale, Miss Lois Granger and Miss Dolores Hanrahan.

Many games have been planned for the evening and refreshments will be served. Both active and prospective members of the Rosary and Altar Society are cordially invited to attend the party.

Choral Society Drive

A drive for new members is being conducted by the newly organized Choral Society of St. Ann's Church. The society which is composed of all members of St. Ann's Choir has as its chairman Merlin Sexsmith, Mrs. Karl Reitnauer is organist and choir director.

At a meeting to be held on Thursday evening, Feb. 4, plans for a membership increase will be discussed. It is also planned that the Choral Society will intersperse social activities with the regular choir work and rehearsals.

An appeal was made at all Masses on last Sunday for parishioners with singing ability to register for the choir.

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CORNING—Aux. M. Gretchen Hotchkiss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hotchkiss of Big Flats, formerly of Corning, has completed her basic training as well as a special course, at Fort Des Moines and is now stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where she is doing clerical work in the administrative department of the U. S. Army.

Aux. Hotchkiss, who entered the WAACs in October, 1942, was graduated from St. Patrick's School and Corning Free Academy. Prior to her enlistment she was employed at the Bulgan Plant, Elmira Heights.

CORNING.—Daniel G. Funk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Funk 142 Pine St., and a freshman at Niagara University reported for active duty in the Army Air Corps at Atlantic City, N. J., on Monday, Feb. 1.

The young man, who is a graduate of the 1941 Class of Corning Free Academy, has 2 brother. Frank Funk, who is a corporal technician at Camp Hulguin, Tex.

CORNING.—Pierce Rendel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rendel 33 Bridge St., has been promoted from private to private first class in the U. S. Marine Corps and has been transferred to Parris Island, S. C. from Jacksonville, Fla. Pierce recently completed a course in engineering at the latter place.

St. Elizabeth College Adds War Courses

CONVENT STATION, N. J.—Several courses in mathematics with the war effort will be a part of the program at the Spring term of the College of St. Elizabeth, it was announced here.

The new courses include: mathematics of air and marine navigation, designed to shorten navigational methods; a history course in current events; preparation of menus to meet requirements of war rationing in the home economics course, and pathogenic bacteriology and serology to prepare students for making laboratory tests of certain diseases.

Corning Deaths

Joseph Patrick Cassidy, 49, died Thursday, Jan. 28, at his home, 161 State St., after a long illness. Mr. Cassidy, who was born in Corning, the son of Patrick and Margaret Cassidy, spent his entire life here. For the past 32 years he operated a plant and seed farm and prior to that time had worked at the Corning Glass Works. He was a member of St. Mary's Church and the Holy Name Society.

Surviving are: Three nephews, Harry Cassidy, Thomas Paul, William Cassidy, Corning, Pvt. Christopher Cassidy of Camp Cole; two nieces, Miss Gertrude Dolder, Cortland, and Mrs. Frank Genovese, Fort Sill, Okla.; an uncle, William Cassidy, Corning; a cousin, Miss Anna C. Lee, Corning.

Funeral services were held Saturday from the late home at 8:30 a. m. and at 9 o'clock at St. Mary's Church with the Rev. John A. Smith, pastor, celebrating the Requiem Mass. The Rev. John Albert, assistant pastor, officiated at the grave in St. Mary's Cemetery.

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