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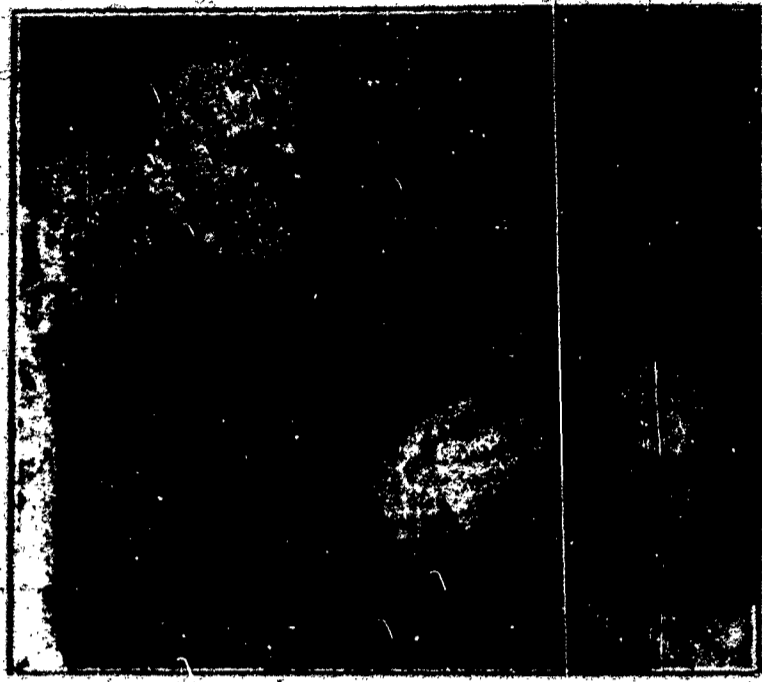
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**HIS MEMORY REVERED.**—The late Rev. John B. Stemmler, beloved pastor emeritus of St. John the Baptist Church, Buffalo, who went to his eternal reward on Feb. 12, and was accorded full Pontifical Requiem honors at funeral services held Feb. 12.

## Pontifical Requiem Marks Final Tribute To Father Stemmler

"Your pastor, and our friend, true, sincere, humble, kind, sympathetic, a great priest has gone to his reward," said the Rev. Francis J. Lane of Father John Stemmler speaking at the Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass celebrated Monday, Feb. 22, 1943, at 10:30 a. m. at St. John the Baptist Church. Father Stemmler, pastor emeritus of the church, died on Thursday, Feb. 12.

## Schools Map War Rally On March 6

Final plans for the Schools-at-War Rally to be held at the Eastman Theatre, Mar. 6, for the Catholic schools of the diocese, have been announced by Rev. John Duffy, Superintendent of schools.

During the course of the evening, stamps and bonds will be sold in booths in the Eastman Theatre lobby, managed by representatives from various schools. Ellen Bone, Sacred Heart Academy, is in charge of the Stamps and Bonds Booth. Representative from Nazareth is Evelyn Driver; Mercy High, Frances Hartzell and Aquinas, William Echter.

The evening's program includes patriotic numbers by representatives from Catholic elementary and high schools of the diocese. Joan Galen, of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, and James Grimm from Aquinas, will narrate for the series of "living" posters. Script for this number is being prepared at the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

"Freedom's Holy Light," an original pageant written by four seniors will be presented by one hundred students from Nazareth Academy. This pageant will interpret the Four Freedoms and the Five-Point Plan for Freedom of Pope Pius XII. The group included a special choir speech choir.

Sixteen students from St. Agnes High School will present a ballet dance, "Ubi Victoria, Ubi Concordia," accompanied by a violinist and a harpist, pupils of St. Agnes.

The Aquinas band will render three patriotic selections in addition to accompanying the other numbers on the program.

Climax of the program will be the drill executed by fifty-two students of Our Lady of Mercy High School, entitled "Victory in Action." A live and drum corp from Aquinas is included in the drill.

Representatives from Catholic elementary and high schools in the diocese have been invited. Admission is by ticket only.

## Pastors Appeal To All To Subscribe On Sunday For 'Courier' By Mail

### Orders To Be Taken Up In Churches; Carrier System Discontinued

Sunday, February 28th, is Catholic Courier Subscription Sunday.

Last week the letter of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney (in adjoining column), was read in all churches appealing for renewals and new subscribers. As the Bishop pointed out, the Catholic paper "is the tie that unites the faithful of the diocese, a link between ourselves and the boys in the battle zones, and the only medium by which current national and local affairs can be interpreted in the light of Catholic thought."

It is safe to say, then, that "no home is truly Catholic without Catholic literature," which is the opinion of His Excellency should be "our diocesan paper, the CATHOLIC COURIER."

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It was made clear by the pastors throughout the diocese that in the future all subscriptions will be mailed directly to the homes of subscribers. This does away with the Carrier boys who have performed so nobly in the past. The management was forced to this change in circulation by reason of the difficulty of finding boys that were old enough to take their jobs.

Those families that formerly subscribed through a Carrier should take particular note of this change and subscribe through their parish church next Sunday.

In response to the personal appeal of the Bishop and the encouragement of each individual pastor, every family in the diocese should make use of the envelope which was distributed last Sunday. Your subscription fee of \$2.00 should be returned in the envelope and deposited in the church collection next Sunday.

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## Scrapbook Exhibit To Reveal Schools' Wide Wartime Effort

First public display of the Schools-at-War Scrapbooks prepared by schools of Rochester Diocese is being opened this Friday, Feb. 26, by the Rev. John M. Duffy, superintendent of schools, in accordance with state regulations, at Columbus Civic Centre.

Before the exhibit closes on March 2 the 25,000 boys and girls of the Diocese of Rochester are anticipating that adult Rochester will view their war efforts.

The story of the Schools-at-War Program began last Fall when it challenged 30,000,000 young Americans to "get in the scrap" and to "save, serve and conserve" for Uncle Sam.

Pupils of the Rochester Diocesan Schools accepted the challenge.

Inaugurating the project, John W. Stakebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, stated that "no blind unreasoning obedience is asked of the schools. Rather your Government seeks willing cooperation motivated by devotion to God and country." With that challenging note the schools of the country, primary, elementary, second-



My Dear People: Propaganda Sunday

February, Catholic Press Month, affords me the opportunity of once again soliciting your subscription to THE CATHOLIC COURIER.

No home is truly Catholic without Catholic literature, and certainly, even though you may subscribe to other Catholic periodicals as your interest and taste prefer, every Catholic home should receive a copy of our diocesan paper weekly. It is the tie that unites the faithful of the diocese; it can be a link between ourselves and our boys out in battle zones; it is the only medium wherein current affairs, both national and local, can be interpreted in the light of Catholic thought. The link is its most important function, and with the support of every Catholic home in the diocese it will be realized in our CATHOLIC COURIER.

In the past, your subscription has been sought by our school children. This year, however, I personally am asking you to subscribe and to cooperate with the new circulation plan which will be explained by your Pastor.

A yearly subscription to the CATHOLIC COURIER will cost you \$2.00 or less from Feb. 26 to a week. I am confident that there is no family in the entire diocese so lacking in appreciation of our faith as to be unwilling to subscribe to the official organ of the diocese.

Believing your fullest support in this effort, I remain Your devoted shepherd in Christ,

*James E. Kearney*  
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

## Time Listed For Exhibit

Adult Rochester is urged to view the Schools-at-War Scrapbook Exhibit, from Friday, Feb. 26 to March 2, at Columbus Civic Centre arranged by St. Agnes High School pupil, Colette Stanley, Chairman.

Schedule follows:

- Feb. 26—5:00 P. M. to 9 P. M.
  - Feb. 27—9:00 A. M. to 5 P. M.
  - Feb. 28—1 P. M. to 5 P. M.
  - Mar. 1—8:00 P. M. to 9 P. M.
  - Mar. 2—8:00 P. M. to 9 P. M.
- Following the War Rally at Eastman Theatre, March 6, the books will be exhibited in Auburn, Ellettsville and Geneva.

of the United States and its territory, public, private, parochial libraries launched its wartime program. This nationwide program aimed to encourage each school to serve the war effort by developing a war activity program best suited to the needs of its own community. The American public was to be made

aware of the scope of the school's war service by local, state and national exhibits. These exhibits and recognition would be given to participating schools. With handbooks, posters and announcements at hand, teacher and pupil committees began the work of coordinating and carrying out war work already started, and wherever possible undertaking war services. There has now come the call to review the wartime enterprises of the school children throughout the country. If the art of making scrapbooks like the art of letter writing is mastered among the "best and brightest" of the nation, the school committees have done much to bring it back to life. Those who review the books will find ingenuity and skill have not been wanting in planning these war work already started, and wherever possible undertaking war services. There has now come the call to review the wartime enterprises of the school children throughout the country. If the art of making scrapbooks like the art of letter writing is mastered among the "best and brightest" of the nation, the school committees have done much to bring it back to life. Those who review the books will find ingenuity and skill have not been wanting in planning these war work already started, and wherever possible undertaking war services. There has now come the call to review the wartime enterprises of the school children throughout the country.

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