

Service Scroll Honoring 1200 'Old Boys' Dedicated At Aquinas Institute

"March On Aquinas" took on deeper significance when sung by the Aquinas Institute student body, Friday morning, Feb. 19, when a striking service honor roll was dedicated to the 1200 "old boys" of Aquinas now in the armed forces. The blessing was pronounced by the Rev. J. H. O'Leary, C.S.B., principal.

From His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, the Rt. Rev. Most Rev. J. H. O'Leary, C.S.B., principal of St. Bernard's Seminary and former principal of the school brought the following message:

"Tell those young men that if their Memorial Day means anything to them they should do my suggestion and could give a Rose to their boys while they are away."

Interpreted upon the student audience was the fact that their religion and spirituality will be their mainstay in the armed services. This was stressed by Monsignor Grady, by Chaplain Darcy W. Belger, of Camp Shelby, Miss., who spoke for the older graduates, and by Sergeant "Jack" Riordan, of the United States Marine Corps, a graduate and former class leader at Aquinas and just back from Guadalcanal and Solomon service.

Prayers Laude Fice

The mighty little Marine Sergeant brought advice based on his experience in the battle line and asserted that the saying "there are no atheists in fox holes" is true. Under fire, he said, a man can become really scared and starts to pray saying his Rosary or his fingers.

"I'd like to see all of you keep your religion in mind," he advised the boys who will be called to the colors soon. He admonished the students to "keep your feet on the ground" to finish out their courses at Aquinas and to fit themselves physically for what lies ahead.

Physical fitness is essential, he said, but it is "strictly the fellow with brains who get along."

Chaplain Belger, who holds the rank of First Lieutenant, described Christmas Midnight Mass at his camp and told of the reactions among the boys as 988 went to the Communion Hall. "Spiritual

strength" he declared will carry the boys in service through anything.

Stations of Cross
The reason for sacrifice and suffering and the explanation for death can be found in the Twelve Stations of the Cross. Monsignor Grady said: This is instilled into the Catholic boy at his parents' knee and is developed through his years in grammar school and at Aquinas. The Catholic boy, the Monsignor declared, hears the Supreme Voice saying take up your cross. "He didn't shirk himself."

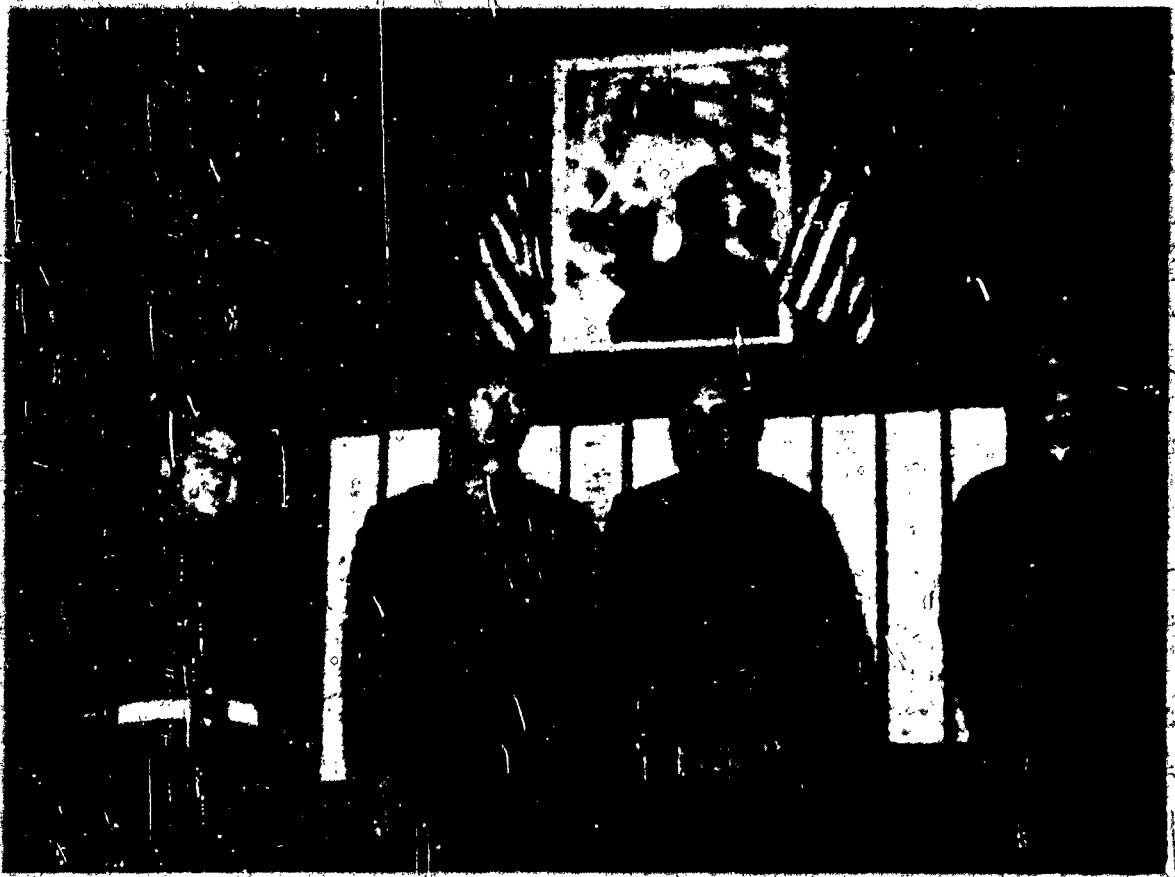
Dedication of the memorial scroll which is illuminated by the "Divine Protector" painting in colors was a part of the annual "Bill of Rights Assembly" at the school. It was arranged by the Rev. William J. Duggan, C.S.B., head of the school's Social Studies Department.

The ceremony was strikingly opened with a variety of well-known service songs sung by the Aquinas Glee Club under the direction of Raymond J. Hasebeiser of the Aquinas faculty. Accompanied by the Aquinas Band, the singers greeted Sergeant Riordan with the lively strains of the Marine Hymn.

Members of the faculty and the student body joined in singing the "Ainia Miter" and the "Star Spangled Banner."

Ex-Coach Jim Crowley Of Fordham, Goes To Solomons

NEW YORK—James Crowley, former Fordham football coach, now a Lieut. Commander in the United States Naval Reserve, has left this country for active duty in the Solomon Islands.



1200 AQUINAS MEN now in the armed forces of the country will be honored on Service Scroll dedicated on Feb. 19. The striking scroll was blessed by the Rev. J. H. O'Leary, C.S.B., principal of Aquinas Institute (right). Taking part in dedication (from right to left) were Monsignor Joseph E. Grady, former principal; Chaplain W. Darcy Belger, U. S. Army and Sergeant Jack Riordan, U.S.M.C., both graduates.

K. of C. Honor War Dead At Mass On Feb. 22

Members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, assembled at Holy Mass on Washington's Birthday, Monday morning, in Columbus Civic Centre Chapel to pray for the honored dead of the present war and for the welfare and safety of the men in the armed forces.

The Mass, celebrated by the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, director, Rochester Catholic Charities, was one of the many offered on that day throughout the state as a project of the State Council's War Activities Committee.

Present for the services were Cyril J. Staff, diocesan chairman of K. of C. War Activities Record; Joseph P. Flynn, diocesan chairman, State War Activities Committee; District Deputy, Dr. Walter F. O'Neill, Grand Knight Thomas H. O'Connell of Rochester Council; and Faithful Navigator Joseph A. Murphy of the Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly.

The Church, the whole Church, was built upon Peter. As St. Ambrose says: "Show me Peter, and I will show you the Church."

Give Patriotic Play At Nazareth Hall

This week was marked by two events at Nazareth Hall: the drive for collecting reading material for the armed forces and celebration of Washington's Birthday.

The Seventh Grade boys enacted an appropriate play entitled "Washington's Dreams." The following boys had speaking parts: Robert Dalley, Frank Carr, Lawrence Cleary, Donald Newman, David Shutter, Thomas McMahon, James Ryan, Gerard Guerin, Daniel Burke, Joseph Incavo, Edward Flynn.

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