

Armed Services Keep Auburn Youths Active At Posts Throughout World

World War II, Major J. Hamilton Ayers, has been promoted to Captain in the grade of 1st Lieut. Ing where he is serving with Headquarters Co., Station Complement, 2d Battalion, 10th Air Force.

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Private Andrew D'Amato, U.S.A., is back on furlough. He is a member of the Cyclone Division and for several months has been undergoing commando training in Florida and Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Brechee of 16 Glebe Street have received word that their son, Pvt. William Brechee has been assigned to the U. S. Air Corps Technical Training Center, Army Air Forces Technical School at Keesler Field, Miss. His half brother, Pvt. William Stoenhouse, has been assigned to Camp Swift, Texas, with the U. S. Engineers Corps. The young man left Auburn for Fort Niagara on Feb. 18. Sergeant Francis J. Brechee, another son, has been in the service for nearly four years, having enlisted in June, 1940. He is stationed with the U. S. Army in the Southwest Islands.

James Bernard Tolka, 18 Lawrence Avenue, has reported to the Army Air Force Pre-Flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field, Alabama, transferring from the Nashville Army Air Center, Nashville, Tenn. He will begin the second phase of his training as a pilot in the U. S. Army Air Forces' expanding program. He will receive nine weeks of intensive physical, military and academic instruction at Maxwell Field, preparatory to beginning his actual flight training at one of the primary flying schools located in the Army Air Forces Southeast Training Center. Under Tolka attended the University of Notre Dame, St. Michael's College, and the University of The Irish. Prior to his entering the Army he was employed as a clerk for the Q.M.C. at the Seneca Ordnance Plant. He was appointed an aviation cadet August 14, 1942.

Richard Knob of Owego, formerly of Auburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Knob of Owego, left that place on Thursday, Feb. 25, to report at Fort Niagara, U. S. Army reception center.

Sergeant William Dowd of 29 N. Albany Street, this city, who is stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas, is home on a furlough visiting his wife and parents. He has been promoted to sergeant recently. Before entering the service, he was a clerk in the City Welfare Dept.

James Greene, son of Mrs. F. L. Greene, 72 Prospect Street, recently graduated from the Aviation Radio School at the U. S. Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Fla., after completing an intensive course in radio. He enlisted in the Navy Feb. 4, 1942, and was sent to Great Lakes, Ill., for indoctrinal training before being transferred to the Jacksonville Station. Greene is now a qualified aviation radio operator.

ST. HYACINTH'S, Auburn

HONOR SERVICE MOTHERS

AUBURN—Gold Star Mothers and Gold Mothers of sons and daughters in the service of Uncle Sam were guests of honor at a Communion Breakfast and presentation on Sunday morning at Falcon Hall in Duane Street. Mass was celebrated on Sunday morning at St. Hyacinth's Church at 8:30. The Mass, which was offered for all the boys of the parish who are in the service, was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Jerome Holoway, O.M.C. During the Mass the mothers, members of St. Theresa's Society and parishioners received Holy Communion which was offered for the boys of the parish in the service and for visitors in the Allied forces.

When Mass was finished, festivity in the Hall commenced. The

men and will be assigned to a naval air-unit for further duty.

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Private William Muldoon, son of Patrolman Michael Muldoon and Mrs. Muldoon of 30 Fifth Avenue, is now on duty in North Africa with the U. S. troops.

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Private Albert Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hayes, 12 Washington Street, has arrived at the Atlantic City Basic Training Center, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command where he will undergo a course in physical conditioning and instruction in military fundamentals and will be scientifically tested for aptitudes in mechanical specialties needed by the Technical Training Command for the development of ground crews and air crews. He attended West High School and was a member of the Ukrainian National Basketball team. He was formerly employed at the Columbia Soap Company plant and entered the army at Atlantic City, Feb. 1, 1942.

Edward J. Spens, U.N.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Spens of 17½ Burt Avenue, is home on a short leave of absence. Eddie Spens was graduated from the New York U.N.R. Midshipmen's School on Feb. 17 and will report for active duty to his new station on March 1. Before enlisting in the Navy Eddie Spens was a law student at Cornell Law School. He is a graduate of Niagara University, a member of the national Catholic honorary fraternity, Delta Epsilon Sigma, and a member of the legal fraternity, Delta Theta Phi.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wawro of 16 Seymour Street have received word that their son, Pvt. Stephen P. Wawro, has been promoted to the rank of corporal. He was inducted into the army Jan. 16, 1942, and is now stationed in Washington, D. C.

Private Thomas R. O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien of St. Paul Street, is now stationed at Camp Swift, Texas, in the 44th Engineer Headquarters Platoon and likes the Army life.

Seaman Howard Clancy, first class, has returned to duty after spending a four-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Clancy, 47 Chapman Avenue. Seaman Clancy was in Casablanca when President Roosevelt made his memorable visit to that place. The Auburn sailor was aboard one of the convoy ships that accompanied the powerful French cruiser Richelieu to this country.

Second Lieut. Bernard Casey, son of Mrs. Mabel Casey of 8½ East Avenue, has returned to his duties with the 11th Airborne Division of the U. S. Army at Fort

program was under the direction of St. Theresa's Society of which Rev. Conrad Miller is Spiritual Director. Words of welcome were given by Miss Josephine Bojean, president of the society, who introduced Rev. Jerome Holoway as toastmaster. The principal speaker was Corp. Stanislaus Nowocienski, Auburn Marine, who is now home on furlough and recuperating from wounds sustained in the Battle of the Solomons.

SERVICE FLAG. A large service flag has been placed in St. Hyacinth's Church and on it are spread 320 stars, each representing a boy of the parish now in the U. S. armed forces. Every serviceman is represented by a blue star and any who died in action are represented by a gold star. Several gold stars are already placed on the flag.

Hoffman, N. Y., after spending a furlough with relatives and friends in the city. Lieut. Casey who recently graduated from the Army's Training School at Fort Benning, Ga., went to Alabama in October, 1942, with Company 1 of the New York State National Guard, and has seen service in the Hawaiian Islands where he was stationed for six months.

Lieut. Casey who is a graduate of Charlotte High School, Rochester, was an apprentice mechanic in a local garage prior to entering the service. He has a younger brother in

Mark Scout Court Of Honor With Inspiring Messages

AUBURN—Daily living the Scout requirements, the example of parents, and the example of a former Scout now flying over Europe were held up by various speakers as inspiration to the boys of Boy Scout Troops 12 and 21 at St. Alphonsus Church of which the Rev. Frederick O. Straub is pastor, on Feb. 22.

Friends, parents and friends of the boys also heard the inspiring messages at a Court of Honor ceremony held at Recreation Hall in Waldy St.

Conducting the Court of Honor were Frederick Athlone, assisted by Lee Harter and J. W. Crowley.

The program of presentations of troop charter to Troops 12 and 21 and of the various certificates and other features were successfully carried out. Rev. Joseph Haffey, assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, was the guest speaker, and there also were appropriate remarks by the pastor and leader of the patrol Boy Scout Troop, Rev. Frederick G. Straub.

Troop chaplains are Rev. Gerard Adams and Rev. John Merklinger, Recruitmaster are Troop 12, Francis C. Mandell, assisted by Harold Hart; Troop 21, Frank Hoffman, assisted by David Humpf. The committee in charge was composed of Chairman Ferdinand Green, William Hollister, Joseph DeLorenzo, Raymond Shaw, Robert Neilson and Joseph Humpf.

One of the evening's features came at the close when Herbert P. Hartig Jr., bugler at the Boy Scout Camp at Camp Rotary, East Lake Road, called all to the raising of the bug. Later tape was sounded. Father Haffey spoke.

Father Haffey, guest speaker and emcee of Star Scout in the troupe at Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, spoke on the foundation of all true Scouting, as summarized in the Scout Oath and the Scout Laws. Addressing himself to the boys themselves, Father Haffey emphasized not only the knowing but also the doing in daily life of those primary requirements of every good Scout.

He said: "The Founder of Boy Scouts took the Ten Commandments of Almighty God and broke them up into three laws of three desires. First there must be love of God himself; secondly, the love of neighbor; and thirdly, the love of self. With this as a foundation, Scouting has formulated the Scout Oath, the third requisite of the Tenderfoot Scout. Millions of boys in our own United States every day say and live this oath that On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and country, to help other people at all times, and to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

Word 14: Parents

Closing his address with a few words to the parents, Father Haffey urged them "to set the example of Honor in all things within the home and outside it." Father Haffey emphasized that the father of the boy and it is up to him before all others to help his son advance in knowledge and love of God and neighbor; no matter how high in Scouting the boy may advance, he must always learn within his own home from the example of parents that the first sign of a real Scout is that he lives his daily life as expected of him in the Oath and Twelve Laws of a Tenderfoot."

Father Straub developed his remarks to the boys around three mottoes. Beginning with the Scout motto of "Be Prepared," continuing with the Squatrons "Be Worthy," and closing with the Marines' motto "Semper Fidelis," he urged the boys "to be worthy of all that Catholic Scouting holds up for them; all that Almighty God expects of them. Be prepared to live each day of your life as a child of God and a younger brother of the Elder Brother, Jesus Christ."

Father Straub cited the example of a former Scout of St. Alphonsus, who today is flying a plane over Europe as a high-ranking officer of the Army Air Corps. "We can be sure," said Father Straub, "that he is a better soldier and a better officer because years ago he learned in Scouting to be prepared to do his best for God and Country."

Closing his remarks with his appreciation of all who have helped

147 Graduated

ST. LOUIS—Dr. Edward L. Keyes of Cornell University delivered the address to the 147 graduates at the first mid-winter graduation under the war accelerated program of St. Louis University's medical and dental schools.

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