

St. Patrick's Party Enjoyed By Knights

AUBURN — The Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Dance was held in the Red Room of the Knights' Home on Wednesday evening, Mar. 17.

Large J. Bergan was general chairman of the party and he arranged a program of music that was a mixture of old Irish tunes as well as the popular numbers of the day. Appropriate decorations transformed the Red Room into a green room for the evening.

Assisting Chairman Bergan with the arrangements were: Music Committee, J. Harold Wright, Vincent Brennan, John Hyland and Joseph Conroy; Decorations, Joseph Paul, Peter Long, Robert Hanlon, Joseph Stapleton and Frederick Woods; Floor, John J. Leo, Edward J. Carroll, Phillip Conboy, Charles Hawelka and John Fogarty; Publicity, Avery E. Neagle, Ronald Cox, Joseph O'Donnell, James Maroney and Grand Knight, George H. Shamoni; Refreshments, William E. Lane, T. Joseph Coffey, J. Raymond Davis, John Derhini, Terrence O'Donnell and Dominic Colella.

ST. HYACINTH'S, Auburn

SEND EASTER PACKAGES

AUBURN — The Auburn Polish Relief Fund has decided to send Easter packages to the local Polish boys who are in the service of Uncle Sam. The Patronesses have offered their services to do the packing and sending. Cigarettes and other items will be included in the packages with an Easter greeting.

The Polish Relief Fund has been operating for three years and has a most successful record to its credit. At Christmas time each of the Polish boys in the forces received a gift from the Society. The Fund which makes its headquarters at the Polish Home, under the direction of Joseph Daturzynski, president, has thus far acquired \$10,000 which was used to aid the poor Poles of Poland. Many other materials were obtained and sent to Poland and the Polish refugees in England, Egypt, Roumania and Russia. Old clothes, amounting to over 500 pounds, have already arrived in these countries. Many new dresses, baby clothes, underclothes and sweaters, were made

by the Polish women who take great interest in aiding their motherland. The Polish women for the past three years on Wednesdays and Thursdays have worked at the Polish Home in State Street to relieve the great needs of Poland.

Zonta Provides Hostesses For USO

GENEVA — Zonta Club here provided hostesses for the USO center on Friday evening, when the Boots ship's company, enjoyed dancing and refreshments. Senior hostesses were Miss Catherine Thornton, Miss Florence Toole and Mrs. George Hall.

Awarded Doctor's Degree, Army Commission Same Day

AUBURN — Frank A. Graceffo of Auburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Graceffo of 17 Columbus Street, was one of the successful candidates for the degree of doctor of medicine conferred on Monday, March 16, at the 92nd annual commencement of Georgetown University.

During the exercises Doctor Graceffo, who was graduated cum laude, also received his commission as a first lieutenant, Medical Reserve Corps, Army of the United States. He will begin his internship on April 1 at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Conn., and upon its completion will go into the active service of the U. S. Medical Corps.

He was also an R.O.T.C. student having spent one summer in practical training at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. He received his B. A. degree from Cornell University in 1939.

Geneva Youths Serve At Varied Army Posts

GENEVA — Capt. James F. McCormack of the United States Army is spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCormack of West North Street. He is stationed at Berlin, Md.

Aviation Cadet Edward J. Bennett of 29 North Street, has been advanced from preflight training at the San Antonio Aviation Center, San Antonio, Tex., to the Army Air Forces primary flying field.

Sergeant George E. Green of the Army Air Corps at Myrtle Beach, S. C., has been spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Green of 644 Exchange Street.

Colonel's Rank Given Fort Niagara C. O.

AUBURN — Lieut. Col. William Joseph Frothingham, commanding officer at Fort Niagara, has been promoted to the rank of Colonel in the regular army.

Colonel Frothingham is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Martin Frothingham and was born at the Frothingham family home, 106 Cottage Street.

He is a graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School, Auburn High School, Holy Cross College at Worcester, Mass., and of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md. He has been commanding officer at Fort Niagara for the past two years, having taken this post after being in charge at Fort Armstrong, Honolulu for four years.

During his high school and college days he was a leading athlete. He married Miss Helen LaFlamme of Springfield, Mass.

They were recent visitors at the home of his sister, Mrs. Louisa Donnelly, 196 Seymour Street. Colonel Frothingham has a nephew, Sergeant William J. Dunn, now stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky., a niece, Miss Mary Dunn, and an uncle, William J. O'Neill, who reside at 196 Seymour Street. The Duns are children of Mrs. Donnelly by a former marriage.

ADMIT OPPOSITION
New York — Catholics in the Netherlands province of Limbourg are opposed to National Socialism for "reason of principle." It has been admitted by the Nazi Commissioner of Limbourg, the Office of War Information reported.

HOLY FAMILY, Auburn

STATIONS OF CROSS

AUBURN — The Stations of the Cross are given on Friday afternoon at 3:15 and in the evening at 7:30. Lenten Devotions consisting of Rosary, Sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament take place each Wednesday evening at 7:30.

RELIGIOUS CLASSES

Religious instructions for children in the grammar grades of the Public Schools are given on Saturday morning at 9:30 and the instruction for the Public High

School Students is held on Wednesday afternoon at 3:15.

NOVENA EXERCISES

The Novena exercises of Our Lady of Perpetual Help are held each Sunday evening at 7:30, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Golden Jubilee

Corpus Christi, Tex. — The Most Rev. Emmanuel B. Ledvina, Bishop of Corpus Christi, observed the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood on Mar. 18.

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'ADOPT' SERVICEMEN

By MARYROSE BARRON

AUBURN — "An Army on its knees to keep an Army on its feet" is the slogan of the Boy and Girl Crusaders of St. Mary's School. Two hundred and fifty children of the school have received a card on which is written the name of the man or woman listed on the Honor Roll of St. Mary's Parish for whom they have promised to pray until victory is won. Just below the soldier's name is the name and address of the "child adopter." Following this is the list of promises made by the child on behalf of the soldier boy (or girl) adopted. On the back of the card is the prayer which the Crusader has promised to say for the welfare of his adopted brother (or sister).

The Children's Crusade of Prayer is described by the priest moderator as follows: "There are 250 men and women of St. Mary's in the Services. Scattered throughout the United States and on many foreign battle fronts they may at times feel sadly alone and physically weak in the face of danger and temptation. More than anything else they need the encouraging help of Almighty God to keep them safe in soul and body. No V-mail or parcel post can deliver this Divine Assistance; only the prayers and sacrifices of us who stay at home can keep the supply-line of God's grace flowing into the lives of our fighters.

Two hundred and fifty children of our School have each "adopted" an individual man or woman on the Parish Honor Roll. They have banded together in "A Children's Crusade of Prayer" to assure every Parishioner in the Services of their daily prayers and sacrifices. Each child has been assigned a particular name and they have promised to recite faithfully twice each day in school a special children's prayer for the welfare of their own "adopted brother or sister."

In addition to these daily prayers each child "adopter" has promised to offer Mass for his service man once a week and to pray for him during Holy Communion at least once a week. For the sake of their Service men the children have also agreed to make some sacrifice once a week—to give up something they like, for the love of God.

Our Children's Crusade has this clever slogan, "An Army on its knees to keep an Army on its feet." The prayers and Masses and Communion that will be sent to the thrones of God from the lips and hearts of innocent generous children will surely win from Him the favor that we ask: protection for our loved ones and a speedy, victorious return.

MIDWAY VETERAN

Father John Woloch, Auburn's Navy Chaplain, was on leave during the past week and spoke to

the children in each class in St. Mary's. Father Woloch was in the Battle of Midway and served with the Pacific Fleet for a year and a half. He assured the children of the desperate necessity of prayer for the men in the Service and of the miraculous effects that prayers have produced. "Many times," he said, "I have seen Catholic boys escape from bomb explosions that killed many non-Catholics in the same dug-out. I know that I owe my own life which should have gone two or three times already—to the miraculous power of the prayers of my Mother and little children like yourselves."

Urging the children to make sacrifices to get to Mass and Communion, Father Woloch told of Sailors and Marines who regularly went to Communion at the 10:30 Mass (because it was the only Mass they could attend) after being up and working since 5:30 A. M. without any breakfast at all.

CRUSADER'S PRAYER

Perhaps some of you would like to say the Crusader's prayer for your son or daughter so we print it here for you:

A Child's Prayer at Taps and Reveille

Dear Blessed Mother, watch over my soldier boy (sailor boy, Marine) this day (night). Guard him, guide him and love him always. Give him the graces you promised to all who wear your Miraculous Medal.

As a loving Mother you cared for your Divine Son from that time He was a little Babe in Bethlehem until He died on the Cross. On Calvary He gave you to us as our Mother.

To you, then, I come, dear Mother of my soldier (sailor, Marine) and my dear Mother, begging you to make (here mention the name of your soldier, sailor or marine) good and brave. Should God ask him to give his life for our country, grant, dear Patroness and Mother, that he may die like a hero.

May both of us see you one day in Heaven. Amen.

In connection with the prayers for soldiers we had the Rule of Life, a passage taken from the diary of Lt. William Farrow, an American fier who participated in the famous raid on Tokyo, and at present seems to be a prisoner in the hands of the enemy.

The passage contains a list of rules which the young American had resolved to follow in order to do his duty well and keep himself right before God and they are rules which every Catholic soldier and sailor can profit by. The passage was quoted in a recent issue of the Notre Dame Bulletin.

RULE OF LIFE

1—Stay in glowing health—take