

Brings Fellow-Soldier To Sacraments After 12 Years

Inducing his soldier-comrade to go on Easter Sunday, to Confession and Holy Communion, after a 12-year lapse, has brought satisfaction and elation to a Rochester Corporal at Fort Benning, Ga.

Writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clayton, 200 Humboldt St., St. John the Evangelist's parish, Corp. R. E. Clayton, 26th Co., 2nd S. T. B., Fort Benning, Ga., tells the story.

"Dear Folks,
"I'm just about caught up with my studies tonight so now for a few lines. Yes, yesterday was Easter Sunday and I must say it was a very gay and enjoyable one. For me even though I thought many times how wonderful it would be, just see and talk with you later in a short while.

"Why was it so enjoyable for me even though I was home? Well, here's the answer. All I planned on going to Confession Saturday night and mentioned same to a fellow in my barrack, who has been rather friendly with me.

"He said, 'Say Clayton, I'll go to Church in the morning with you.' I then asked him to go with me to Confession and he replied, 'Oh, no, I've not been in 12 years and I'm afraid to start now, but I do go to Church nearly every Sunday.

"Can you imagine it, he regarded himself as a Catholic, yet he had not received the Sacraments in 12 years but goes to Church occasionally.

"Well, I hopped right on that boy and after about 10 minutes persuasion he got ready and went with me to Chapel. He had forgotten how to go to Confession, what to say, etc., so I coached him for about a half hour. I then went to Confession first and when I was through I told Father McMahon the situation and asked him to help the young man, out when he came in next. He surely treated him fine for when he came out, the soldier's face was wreathed in smiles.

"We received Communion together Easter morning and golly, the fellow couldn't do enough for me the rest of the day. He said, 'Clayton, I'm really happy today and I'm writing my girl and mother that I've finally returned to God. If it had not been for you pushing me, I'd never have had the nerve to go.'

"So you see, I have a very happy and devoted friend, all's well that ends well.

"Lovingly
RALPH"

Double Dramatic Program At Sacred Heart Academy

As one of the closing events of the school year, students of the Academy of the Sacred Heart will present a double dramatic program for the public on the evening of Friday, May 11, in the school gymnasium at 4 Prince St.

Scholarship Exam At Sacred Heart Academy Set May 22

A competitive scholarship examination open to eighth grade girls in the parochial schools of the city will be given at Academy of the Sacred Heart, 4 Prince Street, Saturday, May 22, at 9 A. M. The scholarship is valued at \$200 a year for four years, and covers tuition and library fees.

Religious of the Sacred Heart cordially invite the eighth grade girls of all the parochial schools to compete for the scholarship. The name of the winner will be announced to her pastor and to her principal before June 5. For further information call Monroe 4134.

Nazareth Hall Lists April Honor Pupils

Nazareth Hall lists the following on the Honor Roll for April:

- Fourth Grade: John Curran, Joseph Garry, David Jones, David Kline, Luke Lynch, Paul Noonan, Robert Nye, John Redenhouse, Leo Schell.
- Fifth Grade: Frank Carr, Lawrence Cherry, Donald Doyle, Thomas McLaughlin, Donald Newman, James Ryan, Edward Walsh.
- Sixth Grade: Eugene Langlois, Kenneth Barry.
- Seventh Grade: Edward Blanchard, Ernest Bonavia, Frank Doyle, George Emerson, James Giblin, Andrew Gibson, George Arthur, Leo Lufkin, Richard Marx, Richard McLean, Lawrence Muscovici, Thomas Stutz.
- Eighth Grade: Charles Curran, Gerald Lee, Don Gray, Robert Kightly, Thomas Mangan, Michael Murray.
- Ninth Grade: Kenneth Cobble, William Scoble, Joseph Ryan, John Lyons, Thomas Maglo, Garrett O'Neil, Nancy Ryan.

Honor Pupils Cited At St. Morris School

ST. MORRIS.—Honor Roll for April at St. Patrick's School is as follows:

- Fourth Grade: Rita DiGiacca, Donna Geronzi, Guido LaBarbara, Josephine Mennillo, Joseph Macchirella, Joseph Mottola.
- Fifth Grade: Diane Barnard, Gloria Bonavita, Ruth Telford, Paul George, Donald Geronzi, Joseph Gray, Donald Greaves, Samuel Gully, Richard Tallworth, Marjorie Smith.
- Sixth Grade: Catherine Ann Condon, Margaret Chickler, Ruth Donovan, Mary Ann Lawrence, Margaret Macchirella, James McCarthy.
- Seventh Grade: Nancy Duvoren, Thomas Ryan, Anne Tallworth, Thomas Condon.
- Eighth Grade: Elaine Hill, Joan Toits, Ruth.

SAVE A SOLDIER'S LIFE—BE A BLOOD DONOR



1518 STARS AT AQUINAS.—The mammoth service flag was blessed by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney (center) at Aquinas Institute, May 11, following Solemn Pontifical Mass. The Rev. T. Slattery, C.S.B. (left) and the Rev. A. Luceo, C.S.B. were Deacons of Honor. Holding the flag are Alumnus, 2nd Lieut. Charles Carroll and 1st Lieut. Samuel R. Schiano.

Varied Program Set For Inter-Parish Orchestra Concert

A varied program of selections has been chosen for the Sunday Concert of the Inter-Parish Grade School Orchestra at Aquinas Institute. The public is cordially invited to the concert which begins at 8 o'clock.

The program will show what has been accomplished this year by the Orchestra under the direction of Raymond J. Hasenauer.

In addition to the orchestra numbers there will be a violin solo and clarinet solo, and a group of Good Neighbor Songs sung by sixth grade pupils of St. Monica's School.

PROGRAM

- The Star Spangled Banner
- Flying Ace March—Glen Lawrence
- Maytime Waltz—Louis Norman
- March of the Gnomes—Louis Norman
- Air Valse—Violin Solo—Charles Danelli
- Ruth Oesterlag, Soloist
- Cecilia Bonjorno, Accompanist
- Majestic Overture—E. De Lamater
- Blue Waves Waltz—Waltz Col. (Containing Blue Danube, The Skaters and Over the Waves Waltzes)
- Tick Tock—Clock Novelty—Glen Lawrence
- Good Neighbor Group
- Vision of Columbus—Spanish American Folk Tune
- The Dance—Mexican Folk Tune
- Your Land and My Land (Patriotic Version)—Romberg
- Sixth Grade, St. Monica's School
- When Twilight Falls—G. Lawrence
- Class Mates Waltz—L. Norman
- By the Brook—Meditation—E. De Lamater
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- Gavott—Clarinet Solo—F. J. Gossio
- Raymond Booth, Soloist
- Indians—Ann Hasenauer, Accompanist
- Indian Warriors Dance—E. De Lamater
- Four H Club March—G. Lawrence
- America
- Members of the Senior Class of Aquinas Institute will be singers.

"A good thing to remember, and a better thing to do, is to work with the construction gang, and not with the wrecking crew."

War Heroes Attend Flag Rites Solemnized By Bishop

On the day dedicated to the Blessed Mother under the title "Mary Queen of Aquinas," His Excellency, Bishop Kearney on Tuesday morning, May 11, blessed a service flag with 1518 stars representing that many of the alumni in the armed forces.

AT AQUINAS INSTITUTE

by JOHN MULDOON

Variety Show Scheduled

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13 and 14, Aquinas will present its annual Variety Show. The general theme of the entertainment will be television in the making.

The first act finds a Broadway producer engulfed in financial difficulties and confronted with the usual problems of the show business. In the following act is portrayed an actual television broadcast with all the trimmings. Act three provides a musical interlude in the form of a military pageant under the direction of Mr. Hasenauer. The fourth and final act returns us to the television theme where the Broadway producer finds himself once again in serious trouble. This time, however, the police catch up with him and he winds up in jail.

The show is directed by Rev. L. J. Furell, C.S.B. It was written by Robert E. Glines and is produced by the members of the Talent Club.

John McCarthy, president of the senior class, will act as master of ceremonies and also as the Broadway producer.

Baseball—At Last
In past years baseball at Aquinas was just a pipe dream. But now, due to the popular request of the students, and the re-establishment of athletic relations with the city's public high schools, a fine baseball team has been organized. Their first encounter with Franklin High was a victorious one. They came out on the long end of a 9-4 score. In their second game they suffered a defeat at the hands of an able Madison High team to the tune of 7-5.

During the past few weeks the team has been hampered by a lack of outdoor practice sessions due to rain and soft ground. However, they're working hard and ought to wind up with a good season.



'THEY GIVE—'

(Editor's Note: Catholic School graduates and other Catholic boys are giving their all—even making the supreme sacrifice on fighting fronts of the world. To record their deeds, this department is being started. Any information regarding Catholic servicemen who have been killed or wounded in action or decorated for bravery, will be appreciated. Send it to the CATHOLIC COURIER, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester.)

Staff Sgt. Angelo Cappella, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cappella, 817 Plymouth Ave. N. and a graduate of St. Patrick's parochial school, recently received the Air Medal for commendable service in the Southwest Pacific. Having enlisted in the U. S. Army in December, 1934, he was assigned to California and Hawaii before seeing action in the Pacific.

The Bishop officiated at Solemn Pontifical Mass in Aquinas Auditorium on the stage appropriately and impressively decorated for the occasion. The Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin was offered for the men of Aquinas in the various branches of service.

Before blessing the huge flag in the chapel, the Bishop spoke in the auditorium to the student body, many of whom will soon be entering the service.

Devotion To Mary Urged
"The war has taught us to transfer our concerns from ourselves to others, from ourselves to our alumni, spread all over the world," the Bishop said urging devotion to "Mary, Queen of Aquinas" with the same fervor shown by the alumni when students at the school.

The Bishop asked the students to petition the Blessed Mother to protect and guide the men of the school and make them loyal servants of their country and of Christ, and pure, humble and obedient courtiers of Herself.

Assisting at the Mass were: Assistant Priest, the Rev. J. H. O'Leary, C.S.B., Principal; Deacon of Honor, the Rev. T. Slattery, C.S.B. and the Rev. A. Luceo, C.S.B.; Deacon of the Mass, the Rev. O. W. Regan, C.S.B.; Subdeacon, the Rev. F. Sheehan; First Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey; Second Master, the Rev. E. Grant, C.S.B.

Other Officers were: Cross bearer, Rev. R. Prince, C.S.B.; Censer bearer, J. Thompson, C.S.B.; Miter bearer, L. Beckneul, C.S.B.; Book bearer, J. Ryan, C.S.B.; Candle bearer, R. Flood, C.S.B. with minor offices taken by Aquinas Mission Unit students.

The choir was under the direction of Raymond J. Hasenauer.

Among the 1518 stars on the flag which when unfurled, brought the entire student body to its feet, were two gold stars. They mark the death of First Lieut. Arthur O'Conn, killed in action in North Africa, and Pvt. Leon J. Gausman, who died on sick leave in this country.

Taking part in the ceremonies were two of the alumni for whom the Pontifical Mass was offered. They were Second Lieut. Charles Carroll, '33 and First Lieut. Samuel R. Schiano, '37 who has been shot down twice in flying over Africa.

Pfc. Lester Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Snyder of 11 Mt. Pleasant Pl., is now serving in Washington, D. C. as truck driver as a result of having been injured in Africa. He attended Immaculate Conception parochial school and enlisted in the U. S. Army in June, 1941.