

Tribute To Men Who Served Paid At Impressive Field Mass In Auburn Cemetery

AUBURN—Memorial Day of 1943 was fittingly observed on Sunday with the offering of a Solemn High Mass in St. Joseph's Cemetery. The third annual Field Mass was attended by hundreds of people and was under the sponsorship of the Holy Name Societies of Auburn and the following service organizations: W. Mynders Rice Post, American Legion; Cayuga Post and Callender Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Edward Camp, Sons of Union Veterans; United Spanish-American War Veterans and Boy Scouts.

The bugles were in charge of Charles Westover and the firing squad was directed by Capt. Raymond E. Keith, Commander Philip Campagnale. The General Committee was headed by John J. Mohan, chairman; Stephen H. Zimer, secretary; and Francis C. Marshall, treasurer. A united men's choir from the various churches of the city sang the Mass under the direction of Gerald T. Conroy, organist at St. Mary's.

Rev. William E. Cowen, D. D., pastor of St. Mary's, was celebrant; deacon, Very Rev. Dean John A. Conway; subdeacon, Rev. Vincent G. M. C.; Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Dennis W. Hickey. The sermon was preached by Rev. Richard T. Torney of St. Mary's Church. Father Torney spoke as follows:

"It is a holy charity and a serious Christian obligation to pray for the dead. For most of us the remembrance of our departed friends is not only a regular devotion, but a personal and private affair. Today, we have gathered as a community to offer a united sacrifice of prayer for a group of warlike dead whom our whole city must forever respect. This is a patriotic duty we are proud to perform. With sober humility we are eager to make Memorial Day a religious event of deep meaning. And so we have assembled under the open canopy of Heaven to offer concerted honor and praise to Almighty God. With deep feeling we beg His mercy upon the souls of our soldiers and sailors who in all wars have given their lives for the good of each one of us. Coming from such a large gathering of solemn hearts our petitions today will surely thunder at the throne of God. And as the Holy Sacrifice proceeds the crescendo of our prayer will beg God for one divine favor: eternal happiness in Heaven for all our soldier dead—eternal salvation for the valiant husbands, fathers, sons and friends who sleep around us here or who rest in distant lands.

The Bright Hope
In all the quiet, soft beauty of this scene there is sadness and pain. The bright grass, the colorful flowers, the rippling flags cannot hide the bitter story of suffering which lies within a soldier's grave. For our heroes however high they were always have the color of blood upon them. And yet, sobered as we are by the presence of those dead, let us not forget that these few graves are like a mere handful of sand on a long seashore of sorrow.

America grieves for all her war dead, wherever they may lie, in valleys and deserts and oceans and islands and places unknown. And America sincerely sympathizes with those millions who have waited at home in vain, broken-hearted with compassion. But Christian America is also happy today with the bright hope that our honored dead have at last reached the peace and reward of eternal happiness with God. And our Catholic faith, which teaches us of the infinite mercy of God and of the eternal happiness of the next life gives us this consolation: that these men who died with God now live in peace with Him who gloriously conquered suffering and death.

The memory of the men who went from our homes and streets to serve their country should not bring grief but real pride that these heroes were our friends and that they gave their best as true heroes should. Their memory should not cause despair in any heart but rather give rise to a

St. Hyacinth's Boy Reported Killed In Action In Africa

AUBURN—Mrs. James Van Wier at 26 Chase Street was informed by the War Dept. that her brother, Pfc Joseph J. Busia, 29th of 100 late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knapp of Auburn, was killed in action in the African area on May 2. The last word received from the young soldier was on April 13 when he told his relatives that he had participated in five major battles.

Pfc Busia was born in Philadelphia but came to Auburn when a small boy. He was graduated from St. Hyacinth's Parochial School and Central High School and was employed by the Columbian Hope Company. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Hyacinth's Church and was affiliated with Auburn Nest, Polish Falcons of America. He entered the service on April 4, 1942 and was sent to Camp Croft, S. C. after reporting at Fort Niagara. He was later sent to Indiantown Camp, Pa. and from there was sent overseas.

Pfc Busia is survived by his sister, Pfc Charles Busia who is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., and Brother Anthony of the Franciscan College at Ellicott, Maryland. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 o'clock on Monday morning, June 7 for Pfc Joseph Busia.

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Two Former Scouts, Victims Of War, Honored At Mass

AUBURN—A Mass was offered on Sunday morning at St. Peter and Paul's Ukrainian Church at the request of Boy Scout Troop 19, in memory of two former Scouts who gave their lives while serving with Uncle Sam. The Mass was offered for

Seaman George Baranick, U. S. N., who was the first casualty in the war from Cayuga County and Radio Operator John Suhan, U. S. Merchant Marine Seaman. The Scouts and their leaders attended the services in a body and in uniform. Rev. Michael Lysiak, pastor of the church was in charge of the services. Also taking part were Assistant Scoutmaster Victor Bayus who was master of ceremonies and the following leaders: John Enea, Boris Kokowski, Dennis Pevsich, John Homick, Alton Szyus, Metro Provak, John Kakowski and Dan Pevsich.

Seaman Baranick, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Baranick of 74 Garrow Street lost his life in a submarine disaster. His family was notified of his death early in February 1942 and the message from the Navy Dept. stated that he died on January 23, 1942.

Radio Operator Suhan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Suhan, of 127 Dunning Avenue apparently was injured when the ship on which he was sailing was torpedoed. "Somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean." He was rescued with other members of the crew and brought back to this country and later died in the U. S. Marine Hospital. He was 19 years old.

Auburn Weddings

Brennan - Burns
Miss Marjorie Burns of 26 Locust Street, niece of Mr. and Mrs. John Burns of 114 Wall Street and James J. Brennan, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Brennan, Sr., of 68 Standart Avenue were married on Saturday morning at St. Mary's Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen, pastor of St. Mary's and Rev. Joseph McNamara celebrant of the nuptial Mass.

The bride who was given in marriage by her uncle was attended by her sister, Miss Eileen Burns as maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Mrs. Paul Murphy, Miss Betty Jane White and Miss Mildred Kohl of Auburn. Best man, John J. Johnson of Taunton, Mass., a classmate of the bridegroom at Clemson University, Clemson, S. C. was best man. Ushers were Joseph Covenor and Gibson Brown of Auburn, C. J. Tallova of Atlanta, Ga. and Walter Sears, of Taunton, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Brennan left for Boston and points east. Mr. Brennan who was graduated last Monday from Clemson University where he majored in chemistry expects to leave early in June to serve Uncle Sam at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

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Lectures on Radio

Atchison, Kans.—The Rev. Ramon Fox, O.S.B., formerly a professor of mathematics, physics and radio technology at St. Benedict's College here, has been teaching electronics, mathematics, and radio science to the members of the Army Air Corps who are attending the Government-sponsored classes at Kansas University in Lawrence, Kans. Because of the urgency of the work and at the request of the Government at Washington, Father Ramon will probably continue teaching at the university for the duration of the war.