

Sergeant Promoted In Africa

Mt. Frank J. Lagonegro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lagonegro, 383 W. Fifth St., St. Parvulus Parish, has been promoted to staff sergeant while on duty with the medical corps in Africa.

Although heavily censored, his letters give some idea that he has seen active service. "I was on special duty—I know what gunfire is," and that he will have tales to tell when he returns. He tells of visiting a "beautiful city," and of "staying in a palace." Staff Sergeant Lagonegro reached Africa about six months ago. On the way over, he was given charge of the hospital department on board ship. Thirteen months in the Army, he has been in the medical corps most of that time, having received his promotion to sergeant at Camp Lee, Va.

He was employed at Charles E. Strauss store before entering service. He is a member of the local Aerie of Eagles.

Monsignor Griffin Notes His 61st Anniversary

CORNING The Rt. Rev. Monsignor James J. Griffin, V.P., pastor emeritus of St. Mary's Church, passed another milestone in his long and meritorious career when he observed on Monday, June 22, the 61st anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Monsignor Griffin celebrated Mass as usual and passed the day quietly.

Laval is Oldest

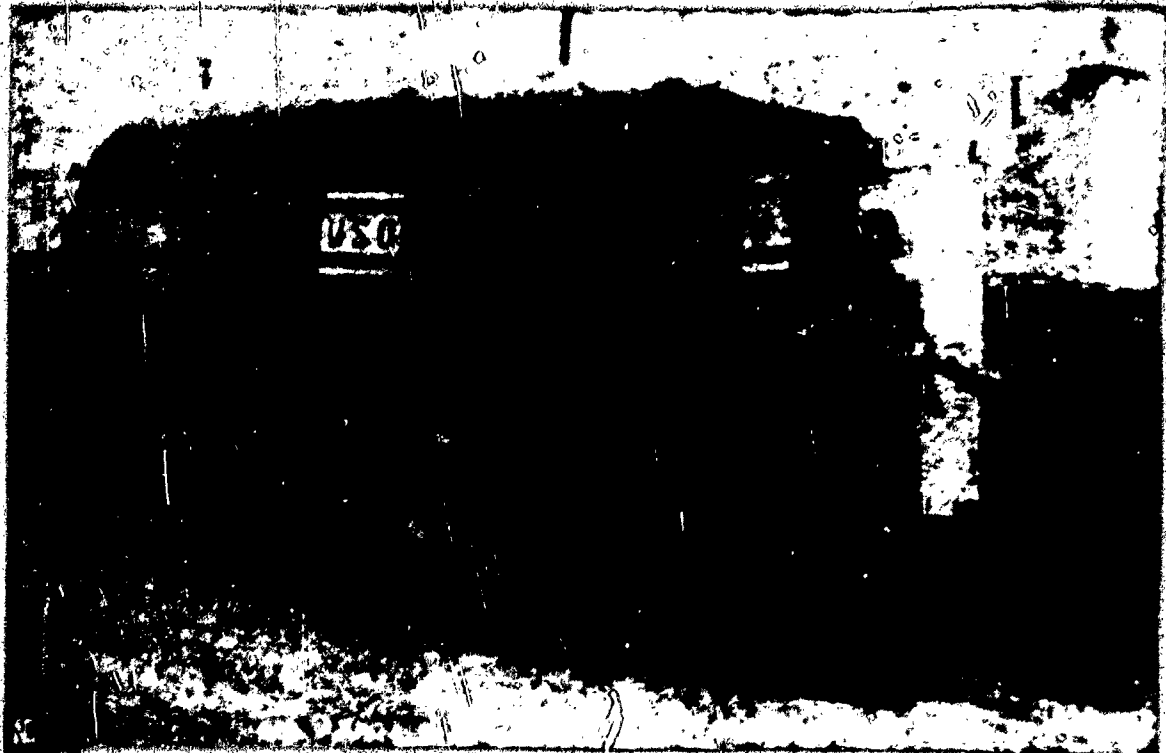
Quebec, Laval University besides being Canada's oldest university is the oldest French university in America. It has nine faculties and a student body of more than 3,500. In addition there are 27 colleges in Quebec which are affiliated to Laval and which have a student body of some 10,000.

50 Chaplains' Kits Provided By Women

MILWAUKEE—Fifty chaplain's kits have been purchased and completed and 20 more are in the process of completion, the Chaplains' Aid Committee of the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women reports on its second anniversary.

Appeals have been made to Catholic organizations of women throughout the Archdiocese to apply for sewing assignments in connection with this undertaking.

THE USO GOES ROLLING ALONG



Service men on maneuvers are not without the facilities of a USO Club, as evidenced by this mobile unit operated by Miss Jo Frances Conrin, director of the USO Club at Bellflower, Calif. This is one of the many services offered by the National Catholic Community Service, member agency of the United States Organizations, Inc. (N.C.W.C.)

Serviceman Takes Fireman's Post

Charles DeSocio, 803 Magee St., St. Anthony's Parish has been appointed substitute fireman to take the place of H. Griff, now in the Army. Mr. DeSocio, who will assume his duties on Thursday, was ninth on the civil service list for the position, but was serving in the army when the appointment was announced. Since that time he has received his medical discharge.

Mr. DeSocio was regimental ammunition sergeant in the regimental supply office at Camp Gruber, Okla., when he received his discharge from the service. He had been engaged in this work for four months and had found it very interesting—said he would "Go back in tomorrow, if I had the chance."

In the service since July 8, 1942, he formerly worked at the American Bridge Works. He attended St. Anthony's School and the Academy, and was graduated from Southside High School.

RABBI LAUDS CHURCH'S 'UNDERSTANDING' CHARITY

LOS ANGELES—Tribute to the "great understanding charity" of the Catholic Church was paid by Rabbi Edgar T. Magnin, of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple during a public meeting and discussion held here on the occasion of the visit of Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Rabbi Magnin also paid a personal tribute to the Most Rev. John J. Cantwell, Archbishop of Los Angeles, and his Auxiliary, the Most Rev. Joseph T. McGucken.

"Prelates such as these," he said, "are deserving not only of the loyal allegiance of those who call them spiritual fathers but of the admiration of peoples of all religious faiths and the cooperation of all other classes of Americans."

Deaths of 4 Bishops Within Few Days Reported At Vatican

VATICAN CITY—The deaths of four Bishops are announced in word reaching Vatican City within the space of a few days.

Dispatches reported the deaths of the Most Rev. Joseph Boch, Titular Bishop of Aeziga and former Vicar Apostolic of the Gilbert Islands; of the Most Rev. Emmanuel Chaptal, Auxiliary Bishop of Paris; the Most Rev. Alexander Soika, Ruthenian Bishop of Minsk; and the Most Rev. Silvio Sosa, Bishop of Guayana, Venezuela since 1923.

It is not the beard that makes the Philosopher.—Gnomologia 1723.

Chaplain Hanna Now Has Chapel At Panama Post

Word comes from Father Bernard C. Hanna, chaplain in the U. S. Navy, now in the Panama Canal Zone, that he is "happy and most contented, but I do miss Elmira." Father Hanna is pastor of St. Anthony's Church here.

Reason for his happiness may be seen in his words: "I believe that I have been put on the finest station in the Service, especially as far as the officers and the men go. I have received the fullest cooperation from them."

"Then, too, I now have my dream chapel—you will have to go a long way to find one as beautiful as this. . . . It cost \$2,000. I received enough gear from the Chaplains' Aid to equip and turn the chapel into a parish church. It was made Catholic when I received offerings to help pay for the gear."

Altar, pews, railing and walls of the chapel are made of wood. The floor covering is of red, and the light streams in, not through windows, but through screened openings which are covered during storms. The small altar cards and Missal are part of Father's own chaplain's kit. The statue of the Sacred Heart on the right side of the altar and of the Blessed Virgin, placed at a shrine on the left hand side for a Novena to the Immaculate Conception, are about the size of those used in ordinary household shrines.

The wooden standard for the candles at the shrine of the Blessed Virgin was made by one of the boys in service. The tiles on the altar were purchased, but the other flowers, and the palms which furnish the background for the altar were growing wild, and were gathered by the boys for the chapel.

Grandsons of Admiral Benson Assist At Military Mass

SAN DIEGO—The two altar boys who assisted the Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of San Diego, at the Solemn Military Memorial Mass, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, here, are the grandsons of one of America's outstanding Catholic naval heroes of World War I.

The altar boys are Richard and Frederick Benson. They are the grandsons of the late Rear Admiral William S. Benson, who was chief of naval operations during World War I, and who was a former president of the National Council of Catholic Men. The boys' father is Capt. F. W. Benson, U. S. Navy.

30 Soldiers Confirmed

Chicago—The Most Rev. Bernard J. Shell, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, confirmed a class of 30 soldiers at Post Chapel No. 1, Fort Sheridan.

War Diplomas Awarded To Elmira Servicemen

Diplomas were awarded to Senior Class members now serving in the armed forces of the country in commencement exercises at Southside High last Tuesday night. To qualify the student had to attend school for at least three months after the opening last September.

Seven of the eighteen diplomas thus awarded went to Catholic young men of Elmira: from St. Mary's Parish, to John Backer, Robert Tuttle; St. Anthony's, Joseph Delora, James DeLauro, Carmen Sorino; St. Cecilia's, Richard Sandora; St. Cecilia's, Leland Smith.

Will Teach At Jamestown

Miss Margaret A. Biggs, daughter of Mrs. John L. Biggs, 122 W. Chemung Pl., St. Mary's Parish, will teach Physical Education in the Falconer School, Jamestown, this fall. During the summer she will act as swimming instructor at Camp Tekakwitha, Catholic camp in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania.

Miss Biggs received her Bachelor of Science Degree at Cortland State Teachers' College on June 13. She was president of Nu Sigma Chi Sorority and was on the Hill Top press staff.

Her brother, George Ransome Biggs, is in radio work with the Army Air Corps at Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C.

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