

# State Verein Head Issues Call For Elmira Gathering

Sounding the call for the 1945 Convention of the New York State Branch, Catholic Central Verein of America, to be held in Elmira, Sept. 4 to 6, Richard F. Hemmerlein, president, in a statement to members throughout the state, sets forth the importance of the sessions to be held.

## Fr. Brennan's Book Goes Into 3rd Edition

One of the latest books by the Rev. Gerald F. Brennan, pastor with a pen, who has devoted all his talents to writing religious stories for children, "The Good Bad Boy," is going into its third printing in less than a year since it was published by the Bruce Publishing Company, Milwaukee.

Nationally recognized for his juvenile literature, Father Brennan, pastor of St. Bridget's Church, has written six books in less than five years. His latest book, "For Heaven's Sake," was the first juvenile book to ever be listed in the "Book List" monthly listing of "what Catholics are reading," prepared by the American magazine.

A review contest sponsored last fall to introduce "The Good Bad Boy" was participated in by over two thousand school children from all over the country.

Father Brennan's books have gained such wide popularity primarily because of the gentle priest's close understanding and long experience with children. His books of children's sermons for children's Masses were the pioneers in this field of juvenile literature and have been the inspiration for more volumes of this type of other authors during the past two years.

## JOHN L. RYAN FINAL RITES CONDUCTED AT IMMACULATE

High Mass of Requiem was offered for John L. Ryan, brother of Sister M. Corona of St. Ambrose School, in Immaculate Conception Church, Saturday morning, July 7.

The Mass, celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Joseph S. Cameron, pastor, followed services at Henry D. Johnson and Sons, 341 Plymouth Ave. South.

Mr. Ryan, 75, a retired motor-man who had worked on the old street cars for 43 years, died July 1, 1945, at his home, 61 Columbia Ave. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of Immaculate Conception Church and of the Street Railway Employees' Union. He was highly esteemed as a Catholic father and layman.

In the sanctuary for the Mass were the Rev. John S. Randall, the Rev. Frank W. Mison, the Rev. John J. Burke, the Rev. Roy P. Hagerty and the Rev. William F. Nollan.

Deacons were: Thomas O'Connor, Paul Houck and Robert O'Connor, grandsons, and Samuel Dwyer, Joseph Ryan and Joseph Frayer, grandnephews.

Mr. Ryan is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carrie M. Ryan; four sons, Norbert A., William J., and Thomas P., all of Rochester, Pa.; Richard H. Ryan of Fort Niagara; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas H. O'Connor and Mrs. Theodore J. Houck; one brother, Edward L. Ryan; four sisters, Sister M. Corona of the Congregation of St. Joseph; Mrs. Anna Crouch, Mrs. Patrick A. Dwyer and Mrs. Mary J. Ryan and 12 grandchildren, including Pfc. John T. O'Connor, of New York.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where the final blessing was imparted by the Rev. Leo V. Smith of St. Bernard's Seminary.

## 'Just Sign It'—Says OPA

"Just sign it—that's all you have to do."

This is the answer OPA officials in the Rochester district office are daily giving the public as more copies of War Ration Book Three are distributed by post offices in this area.

On the front cover of the new ration book, OPA pointed out, is space for the signature and address of each holder of War Book Three. All each person has to do is to sign it and hold the book for use when stamps in War Books One and Two expire around the first of September. Exact dates will be announced later.

Validity stamps have already been imprinted in the upper right-hand corner of all Ration Books distributed through the mails by

The Men's Branch will meet at the same time as the New York State Branch, National Catholic Women's Union.

The President in his message states:

To the Reverend Clergy, Officers and Members of Our Local Branches and Affiliated Societies, and Associate Members:

Greetings:

"It is time again to concern ourselves with the subject of our annual convention. Ought we to meet this year, in the face of conditions created by the war, or ought we to forego our convention and hopefully await the future days of peace? These are pertinent questions.

"Our answer, however, has already been given us. We have it clearly in the stirring words of our Holy Father addressed to the world in his memorable Christmas message of 1942: 'The call of the moment is not lamentation but action; not lamentation over what has been, but reconstruction of what is to arise and must arise for the good of society. It is for the best and most distinguished members of the Christian family, filled with the enthusiasm of Crusaders, to unite in a spirit of truth, justice and love to the cause. God wills it!'

"This we most certainly accept, and in order to emphasize our determination to respond, we adopt this passage as our motto and call upon our members throughout the State to convene in the city of Elmira from September 4 to 6 to work for that cause.

"The war must not deter us, no more than it did in Buffalo last year. As a matter of fact, it is because of the war that we must resolve to take active part in the Catholic program. If God wills our activity it is reasonable to conclude that He will give us the grace to carry out our program. It is reasonable to conclude, also, that He will give our members who are of good will the means and the opportunities they need, particularly now, in the way of time and transportation facilities, to allow their presence for three days in the convention city. Remember that what we do today and in the critical days ahead is bound to have a direct effect in determining the kind of world we shall have to live in during the post-war years to come.

"Every society, therefore, is expected to send a full quota of delegates; every loyal member is expected to make an earnest effort, yet, even a great sacrifice, if necessary, to contribute by his presence and active participation to the success our united efforts are bound to produce. Remember—God wills it!

"May He Who seeks our labors bless our resolution and may His choicest blessings be showered in abundance upon you and yours.

Fraternally yours,  
Richard F. Hemmerlein, President.

## Wins Hero Award

Wichita. — The Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and extraordinary achievement against the enemy in the Solomon Islands area last August has been awarded to Ensign Robert L. Price, 32-year-old Navy fighter pilot, according to advices received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo S. Price.

The New York mail center. This stamp makes your ration book good for the purchase of all rationed commodities in the near future.

If you do not receive your new ration book by the first of August, OPA said, take the identification stub of your original application to your local rationing board, make out a new application and you will receive your book as soon as records are checked.

Anyone who did not mail an application by June 10 may secure the number of Books Three required by applying directly to his rationing board after August 1. No applications will be received before that date, but this will give plenty of time to obtain War Book Three, OPA stressed.

# Armed Services Keep Auburn Youths Active At Posts Throughout World

Chaplain Ralph F. Neagle, son of Mrs. Alice Neagle of Osborne Street, spent a few days visiting in Auburn during the past week. Father Neagle is Catholic chaplain at Fort Jackson and entered the service last October.

Auxiliary First Class Ethel Virginia Fawley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wesley Fawley of 24 Third Avenue, reported at Fort Myers, Florida for duty last week, relieving a soldier for combat duty. AFO Fawley entered the WACs three months ago and is a graduate of Army Administration School at Nacogdoches, Tex. She was formerly employed as a sales clerk and buyer.

Robert W. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Johnson of 208 Woodlawn Avenue has graduated from Childers Bombardier School, one of the schools comprising the noted West Texas Bombardier Quadrangle. Bombardiers who graduate from these schools go on with 12 weeks of intensive training behind them to assignments at Army Air Forces navigation schools to operational training units, or to posts as instructors for future classes of students.

Mrs. Mary F. Sargent of 12 Lincoln Street has received word that her son, Pfc. Francis Sargent, United States Marine Corps has arrived back in the United States after spending several months in the Pacific war zone. Pfc. Sargent enlisted in the Marine Corps on January 2, 1942 and has spent considerable time in Guadalcanal.

Pvt. Anthony M. Calhoun of Auburn who is stationed at Boca Raton Field, Fla., one of the Army Air Forces Technical Schools, has been promoted to the grade of corporal. Corporal Calhoun attended high school in Naples.

## Nun Who Fulfilled Vocation At 61, Visits Grandchildren

NEW ORLEANS. — Seventy-three-year-old Mother Theresa, Conventville, Tex., who is called "Mother" by the eight other members of her community, the Missionary Servants of Christ the Master and St. Anthony, and "Mama" by the hundreds of Mexicans among whom she works, is visiting five of her seven children, to whom she is "Mummy," and some of her 19 grandchildren, to whom she is plain "Grandma." She has also three great grandchildren.

Two of the daughters she is visiting are Sister Teresita and Sister de Lourdes, both members of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. This is Mother Theresa's first visit to her native New Orleans since 1930, when because of ill health, she went to San Antonio. The next year, at the age of 61, she was invested as a member of the new community founded by the Rev. Peter M. A. Baque, a Catalan.

### Received As Nun

As Miss Eugenie Olivier of New Orleans, when 15 years old, she wanted to become a nun, but she was considered delicate and her father persuaded her not to. At the age of 21 she was married to Daniel Edwards and in 15 years had eleven children. She was left a widow at the age of 36 and soon after that was in such poor health the doctors gave her only a short time to live. With one of her daughters she went to San Antonio and when their learned of the work Father Baque was doing among the poor Mexicans of that city. A year later, her health restored, she was received into the community.

Just before Father Baque died, in 1938, he called her to his bedside and said he left the administration of the Order to her.

Mother Theresa and three other members of the order are stationed at the motherhouse at Conventville, near San Antonio. The 190 Mexicans whom they serve include 82 children of St. Anthony's Shrine School. Two members of the community have charge of St. Anthony's Home for Mexican Working Girls and the other three are in charge of St. Anthony's Day Nursery. Seven doctors give their services for the care of the sick who come under the Sisters' supervision.

Italy and was inducted into the army on August 5, 1943.

Pfc. James S. Navarro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Navarro of 1477 1/2 Van Arden Street, graduated from the Radio Mechanics School at Truxav Field, Wisconsin on June 21, after having successfully completed a four-month course. Private First Class Navarro, who has been in the service since August 1943, has a brother, Pfc. Paul Navarro, serving with the Army. Paul has been in the service for more than two years.

Richard Joseph Schwartzwalder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph V. Schwartzwalder of 4 No. Hunter Avenue graduated from Cook Academy, Montour Falls on Saturday. The young Auburnian who had a creditable record in scholarship and was active in athletics has made application to join the armed forces of Uncle Sam and will take the examination during the coming week.

Sgt. Paul C. Killeby, son of Mrs. Gladys Killeby, 31 Seymour Street was graduated on Monday from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School at Fort Myers, Fla. He is now qualified as an aerial gunner and will become a member of one of the thousands of bomber crews which will be sent overseas in a few weeks. He will receive his crew training at an operational training field in the United States. Sgt. Killeby entered the army nine months ago and is a graduate of the advanced airplane mechanics school of the Curtiss Wright plant outside St. Louis.

James Greene, aviation radio-gram 3rd class U. S. N. who has been visiting at his home, 72 Prospect Street on a ten day furlough has been ordered to report at Norfolk, Va. He completed his training at Jacksonville, Fla.

Corp. Deshaie Pettigrew added a third stripe to his sleeves when he was advanced to the rank of sergeant. Pettigrew is stationed at Key Field, Miss., with an air base squadron of the Army Air Corps. His home is at 218 Seymour Street.

James John Cullen, 174 North Fulton Street, who was a student at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana when he entered the U. S. Army on April 11, 1943, has reported to the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field, Alabama, from the Nashville Air Center, Nashville, Tenn., to begin the second phase of his training as a pilot in the Army Air Corps. Cullen served as an enlisted man until he was accepted as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Corps, June 1, 1943 at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

William E. Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lane of 41 Fitch Avenue is training as an aviation cadet at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Lane is a graduate of St. Mary's and the Auburn High School. He was employed as a machinist by the American Locomotive Co. before entering the service.

Staff Sergeant John Roddy has returned to Fort Totten, Finland, La. after visiting relatives in Auburn. Mrs. Roddy accompanied her husband.

Norman E. Zolnowski of 40 Cottage St. has qualified for basic training in the recently launched Army specialized training programs and has been assigned to ASST Unit 3413 at Watson College, S. C.

Private Frank Hayes, son of Mr. Alton Hayes, 122 Washington St., is a newly arrived soldier at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Col. Parker G. Tenney, commanding. This historic post on the Mississippi River is a replacement training center for the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

## Franciscan Sings First Solemn Mass

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Officers for his First Solemn High Mass Rev. Father Blaise Samanek, O.M.C., Assistant Priest; Father Sixtus Wawraszek, O.M.C., deacon; Father Conrad Miller, O.M.C., sub-deacon; Father Vincent Webki, O.M.C., master of ceremonies; Father Jerome Holmowicz, O.M.C., pastor of St. Hyacinth's preached the sermon.

Father Blaise, O.M.C., who assisted as Assistant Priest is pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Montreal, Canada, and was the first assistant to Father Jerome when the Franciscans arrived at the parish in 1929. He spent four years in Auburn. Father Sixtus Wawraszek, O.M.C. is a graduate of St. Hyacinth's School and one of the five priests ordained from the parish in 1933. Father Matthew is the ninth priest to be ordained during the pastorate of Father Jerome, O.M.C.

On Sunday morning a procession consisting of the church organizations marched from the rectory to the church. The Children of Mary led the procession followed by other women's sodalities and men's organizations. The altar boys, honor pages and Garland Girls preceded the clergy and the celebrant. Immediate members of the family accompanied the priest to the church. The music was under the direction of Prof. Frank Cleas. Luncheon was served to the family, relatives and clergy at the Polish Home immediately after the First Mass. At 4 o'clock a banquet in honor of Father Matthew was held to which the parishioners were invited.

Stanley Swindor, father of the young priest, has been ill for a long time and was unable to attend the ceremonies. Father Matthew is the fourth of eleven children. His brother, Adolf Swindor was recently honored by the Army for his invention of a unique stretcher carrier. Pfc. Adolf Swindor entered the army in April 1941 and arrived in England with one of the very first American combatants.

## NUN ENTERED RELIGION AT 61



Enjoying a family reunion in New Orleans, with some of her nine living children, two of them nuns, Mother Theresa, 73, of the Missionary Servants of Christ the Master and St. Anthony is pictured with her daughters, Sister Teresita and Sister de Lourdes, both members of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Mother Theresa, who entered religion at 61, is stationed at the motherhouse at Conventville, Tex. New Orleans States photo. (N.C.W.C.)