

# 'White Fathers' Missions Impress Penn Yan Soldier

PENN YAN—"Knowing these missionaries (the White Fathers) has been one of the greatest experiences I have had since leaving the States."

## Son Officiates At Martin Tobin Rites

Boleinn Requiem Mass at the funeral of Martin T. Tobin, of 23 Ellison Street, was offered by his son, the Rev. Earl M. Tobin, of St. Felix Church, Clifton Springs, on Saturday morning, July 24, in Corpus Christi Church.

Mr. Tobin, father of a priest and a nun, died Wednesday, July 21, 1942. He was a member of the Holy Name Society and of International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 71.

Assisting in the Mass were the Rev. William Tobin, as deacon, and the Rev. John J. Malley, subdeacon.

Present at the Mass were the Rev. Mayor William M. Hart, V. G., and the Rt. Rev. Mgr. George V. Burns.

Among the other priests present were the Very Rev. Edward M. Lyman, Chaplain Juan L. Macerelli, U. S. Navy.

The Reverend Fathers Charles Hall, John H. Sullivan, Walter Carroll, Lawrence E. Casey, Alphonsus P. Crimmins, Emmett Davis, John M. Duffy, Raymond Epping, Francis J. Feehey, Howard W. Gack, Joseph Gorman, John Hayes, John Healy, Raymond G. Heibel, Peter Jankovics, Robert Keiser, Gerald Kelly, Francis Schrammer, Bernard V. Kuchman, John Leary, Dr. James G. McAniff, Dr. Almer McNamara.

The Reverend Fathers W. J. Duggan, C. S. B., Roy B. Morphy, William J. Naughton, James O'Connell, Joseph O'Connell, Harry Rogers, Leo V. Smith, P. William Stander, John Treacy, Michael J. Hyndes, and Raymond Walsh, all of Rochester.

The Reverend Fathers John Bohystewich, Bonnyce, Augustus X. Cameron, Barnett, James Cuffney, Reneas Falls, Joseph Donovon, Kenneth Robert Fennessy, Genevra, Walter Fischer, Hornell, Dominic Grasso, Mt. Morris, Joseph P. Haffey, Auburn, Leo Jones, Woodbury, Edmund Schuman, Churchville, Raymond Nolan, Geneva, William J. O'Brien, Geneva, Adelbert Schneider, Wayland, John Whelan, East Rochester.

Speakers were Ralph Walsh, Eugene Haveron, Edward Flannigan, Willard Wundak, Thomas Cunnors and Edward Burns.

Delegations of the Sisters of Mercy, the Sisters of St. Joseph and Sisters of Charity were in attendance.

Final blessing at the grave was given by Father Haffey, assisted by Monsignor Hart, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Joseph E. Grady, the Rev. John H. Hollinger, Chaplain Macerelli, Fathers Casey, Crimmins, Kelehan, Morphy, O'Brien, Sullivan, O'Connell, and the Reverend Fathers James Cuffney, Francis Feehey and Gerald Kelly.

Mr. Tobin is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise Collins Tobin; one daughter, Sister Mary Marguerite of the Sisters of Mercy; his son, Father Earl Tobin, and several nieces and nephews.

## IRISH RED CROSS SUPPLIES REACH REFUGEES IN SPAIN

DUBLIN.—The Irish Red Cross Society has learned of the safe arrival in Spain of a shipment of supplies sent for the use of refugees there. The goods included 25 tons of potatoes, 100 tons of sugar, ten tons of dried peas, five tons of dried milk and 1,000 blankets.

At a recent reception held by the Society in Dublin, Justice Conor Maguire, Chairman, said it was expected the next step would be to equip an Ambulance Unit to go on the Continent. He stated that the Society was expending \$40,000 on supplies for Spain, and expressed the opinion that the Society should be prepared to return some of the aid given to this country by the Red Cross of America.

## Holy Land Custos

Jerusalem.—A communication received through the Apostolic Delegation here gives notification that the Holy See has extended the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Albert Gott, O.F.M., whose six-year term of office as Custos of the Holy Land expired recently.

Thus writes Pvt. Larry Lynch from North Africa to his aunts, the Misses Ellen and Elizabeth Lynch and Mrs. J. V. Robertson of Main Street, this village.

The young soldier from Penn Yan describes in his letter his impressions of the African Missionary Society and their work described by Lieut. Donald T. Shannon, A. C. in May 12, 1941 CATHOLIC COURIER, Page 2.

The letter states: "Believe me, letters are the best things I can receive over here. Yesterday was the second birthday that I have celebrated (?) in the Army. I was able to get to Mass and Communion, which was the best present I could receive. The regimental chaplain doesn't get much chance to visit this battery because the organization is widely separated. Therefore we have to depend on French chapels for Sunday Mass and naturally the French-speaking priests cannot hear our confessions, because of the difference in the language. When one is home and the church is convenient one really doesn't appreciate that fact until one winds up somewhere and finds it difficult to reach a church or chapel.

"Well, the North African campaign is over and I have seen many German and Italian prisoners getting ready to be shipped to the States for farm work. It's a funny world—they go to America and we stay over here.

Gack Gives Name "I think perhaps you will be interested to hear about the 'White Fathers' at whose monastery I have attended Mass. The monastery is beautiful, composed of large white stone buildings with the grounds surrounding the monastery covered with many gardens of beautiful flowers. The first house in North Africa for the training of the White Father missionaries was opened in 1868 and the name 'White Fathers' soon was the popular name for the missionaries because of their white Arab garments.

"The robe or gandourah, and hooded cloak or burnous, and the soft round red hat, or shechia, comprise their clothing. The shechia of the Arabs sometimes is erroneously called a 'fez' but the fez is a hard, cone-shaped hat of Turkish origin and differs from the shechia. The White Fathers wear a rosary of big black and white beads around their necks, somewhat in the manner of the Moslem priests, or marabouts, who wear in a similar way a kind of rosary made of 99 brown beads, each one representing a perfection of Allah (God). According to the old custom among the clergy in North Africa, the White Fathers are bearded.

Suffer Martyrdom "The White Fathers have had several martyrs in the North African work. Six fathers were killed in the Sahara Desert on their way to Timbuctu and in Uganda, 22 young Christian Negroes were burned to death by the king of their tribe. The field of the White Fathers covers great expanses of territory in bush, deserts and jungles, inhabited by more than 20 million people. . . . in North Africa among the Arabs and Berbers; in East Africa among the Negro Bantus and Nilotics, and in West Africa among the Negro Sudanese. Some of the native Christians have to walk two to five



**MIN IN CHARGE** of Camp Columbus, east side of Onnesee Lake. Seated (from left) Thomas J. Florak, Rochester, athletic director; Edward A. Zimmer, Rochester, head counsellor; the Rev. Thomas M. Roddington, assistant pastor, St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn; Camp Director; William M. Hart, Rochester, craft director; Charles A. Bennett, Jr., Auburn, waterfront director. Standing (from left) William J. Amann, Rochester, junior counsellor; Clarence A. Arana, Rochester, junior counsellor; Joseph T. Gaynor, Auburn, spiritual director; Robert H. Gofell, Rochester, assistant craft director; Theodore S. Conroy, Auburn, junior counsellor.

## Clergy Face Labor Draft

WASHINGTON.—(NC)—Drafting of all anti-Nazi Norwegian clergy for compulsory labor service has been ordered by Quisling's Church Ministry, according to an article in the Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet reported in the Office of War Information, here.

Sigmund Felying, under-secretary in the Quisling Department of Church and Education, has instructed the Labor Office to draft all clergy who "no longer hold office," the dispatch said, adding that the order may be used against every Norwegian churchman who resigned his post in protest against Nazi domination of church affairs and who is therefore "considered disloyal to Quisling authorities."

It is estimated, according to Norwegian church circles, that all but 64 of Norway's 1,000 pastors have refused to remain in the employ of the Quisling puppet regime. Reports from Stockholm last month said that a list of 87 clergymen to be drafted had been drawn up, and that two of these, the Rev. Nils Kilde and the Rev. Gustav Hoyen, had already been called.

days to get to church.

"No attempt has been made to make the people un-African. The missionaries and the native priests live and eat as Africans and the desert remains the desert and the jungle remains the jungle. For adventure and daring the White Fathers could be a Foreign Legion, having in their company men from all countries: America, Belgium, Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Holland, Luxembourg, Poland, Spain, Switzerland. The White Fathers also arouse the curiosity of the soldiers who always wonder whenever they see them, 'who those men are dressed in white like Arabs and wearing a red hat.'

"The majority of the Fathers here are French and Italian with three young students from Southern Ireland. They are regular fellows. There are costly paintings and draperies in one of the chapels, brought from Europe, and also many relics of the martyrs of the early White Fathers who first came to Africa."

## Feast of St. James Noted By Men At Weekend Retreat

Following up the successful weekend retreat of men of Blessed Sacrament parish, the men of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester, went to Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva, over the past weekend, with creditable representation led by their moderator, the Rev. Robert F. Fox, assistant pastor, who made the retreat with his men.

Most encouraging to those in charge of this past weekend retreat was the fact that 80 per cent were now retreatants. All of these voiced the opinion that this, their first retreat, was for each of them the healthiest, happiest and most elevating experience in their lives. Each expressed the resolve to spread the seed of this important Lay Apostolate. They stated that they would not wait until next year but would get out immediately to contact other men of the parish urging them to plan now to avail themselves of this special time of grace.

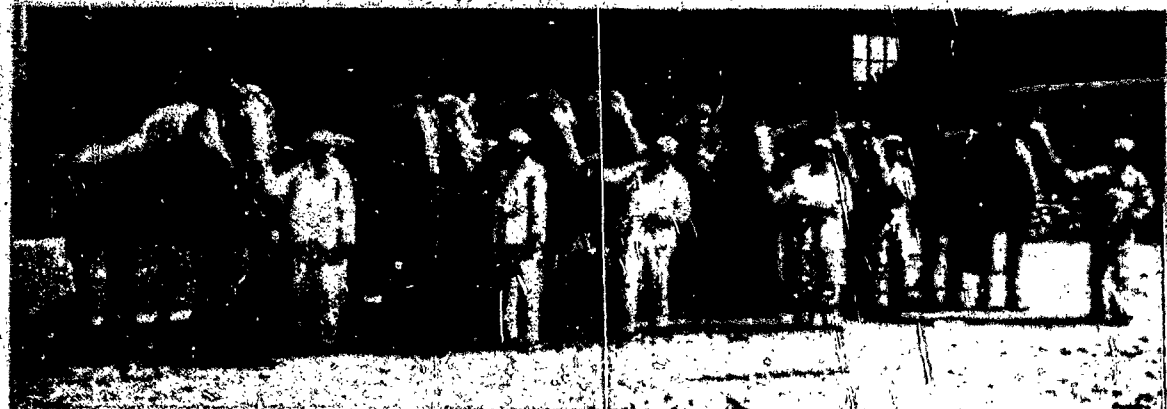
The Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C. S. R., retreat director, was declared the ideal host and retreat master. His various informative conferences and devotional meditations will be long remembered, the retreatants stated.

Bishop's Intention

Coincidental with the retreat over last week end and the occurrence of the Feast of St. James on Sunday, the retreatants on that day offered special prayers for the intention of His Excellency, Bishop James E. Keenan, whose interest and encouragement was largely instrumental in the establishment of the well-appointed Retreat House on Seneca Lake.

This coming week end good-sized delegations from the following parishes are expected: St. Monica's, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester, and St. Mary's of the Assumption, Scottsville.

The Reverend Director of the Retreat House emphasized the fact that any layman who for some reason cannot conveniently attend with his parish group is most welcome and can make individual reservations by writing to the Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C. S. R., Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva, N. Y.



**DOBBIN RETURNS**—Pictured are 12 of the servit Belgian draft horses which recently arrived for the American Brewing Company of Rochester. These horses were purchased in Nebraska and Iowa by Mr. Carl H. Leach, Secretary and Treasurer of the American Brewing Company and a former Lieutenant Colonel in the U. S. Cavalry. Each horse weighs approximately 2,000 pounds and is the best of its kind obtainable. They will be used in the delivery department replacing part of the motor vehicle fleet in the conservation of gasoline and tires. Anticipating the present gasoline and tire shortage, the American Brewing Company of Rochester inaugurated their horse drawn transportation on July 1, 1942 with 29 of the same type horses. With the arrival of the new horses the total number of horses in the stable is 49. Visitors are welcomed to the American Brewing Company stable at 444 Hudson Avenue.

## Do You Know Your Ration Dates?

Rochester Information Office  
Rationing Service  
July 25, 1943

**GASOLINE**  
A-6 coupons are good July 22.  
A coupons are still worth 3 gallons.

**TIRES**  
Deadline A tire inspection Mar. 31; Sept. 30.  
Deadline B tire inspection June 30; Oct. 31.  
Deadline C tire inspection May 31; Aug. 31.

**FUEL OIL**  
New Fuel Oil program begins July 1.  
Each unit has a value of 10 gallons.

Period 1—July 1-Jan. 4, 1944.  
Period 2—Nov. 30-Feb. 8, 1944.  
Period 3—Nov. 30-Mar. 14, 1944.  
Period 4—Feb. 8-Sept. 30, 1944.  
Period 5—Feb. 8-Sept. 30, 1944.  
Use your Reserve and Change coupons next winter. These are valid from July 1 to Sept. 30, 1944.

**SHOES**  
No. 18 shoe coupon good June 15 to Oct. 31.

**SUGAR**  
No. 12 sugar coupon good June 1 to Aug. 15 (3 lbs.)  
No. 15-16 coupons—5 lbs. each for canning until Oct. 31.

**COFFEE**  
No. 22 coffee coupon good July 22 to Aug. 11 (1 lb.)

**PROCESSED FOODS**  
RST blue coupons are good Aug. 1 to Sept. 7.  
Budget your points carefully. Shop early in the week.

NPQ blue coupons are good July 1 to Aug. 7.

**MEATS, FATS, OILS, CHEESE AND CANNED FISH**  
PQRS red coupons expire July 31.

T red coupons valid July 25 to Aug. 31.

U red coupons valid Aug. 1 to Aug. 31.

V red coupons valid Aug. 8 to Aug. 31.

W red coupons valid Aug. 15 to Aug. 31.

## STRESSES GREAT NEED OF RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

VATICAN CITY.—Rarely has the Church had to call with such urgency as she does today for young men and women to devote themselves to religious vocations, a speaker over the Vatican Radio declared in a broadcast in English beamed to Europe. This urgency, the speaker said, extends to the fields of education, charity and the foreign missions.

The speaker reminded that this call was emphasized by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in a discourse delivered recently to 5,000 young women members of Italian Catholic Action.