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Ensign Genevieve O'Leary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil O'Leary, 209 W. Second St., St. Patrick's Parish, received her commission on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Naval Reserve Midshipman's School, Northampton, Mass. Her parents attended the graduation, and watched 300 WAVES marching in review, 337 newly commissioned.

The new ensigns followed a good old Navy custom of giving a dollar to the first seaman, male or female who saluted them. One lucky WAVE collected four.

Margaret O'Leary has left for Naval Training School in South Hadley, Mass., where she will study communications in a two months' course.

One of the WAVE's rigid regulations rules that each girl must attend some religious service. At Northampton, citizens were edified at the sight of the Catholic WAVE marching in a group to St. Mary's Church, where they sat together every Sunday.

Seabees in Aleutians

Working with the Seabees is anything but a picnic; even the Marines come after the construction gang has built a landing place for them, up there in the Aleutians. CPO Edward O'Hara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew O'Hara, 1116 College Ave., St. Patrick's Parish, has discovered. Sad reminder was the official U. S.

Navy photo of a group of Seabees toiling up a rocky hill, bearing white crosses for the graves of dead comrades. His parents didn't know until he wrote them that Edward was second from the right. And they're still trying to figure out the meaning of his promotion to "CCMAA."

The construction unit has its own chaplain there in the Aleutians, where Mass is offered in the most outlandish places, on the back of jeeps, on boxes tossed together, on a heap of rocks piled up. Edward left the country on Christmas Eve, only a few months after he joined in 1942. He received training at Camp Endicott, N. H., but he didn't need much; he is an old construction hand, having worked with the Dupont Co. in Morgantown, W. Va., almost since the time he left high school. He is 34 years old.

His brother, Lt. Raymond P. O'Hara, survivor of the submarine *Squalus*, sunk in 1939, is now stationed in a San Diego, Calif., hospital. His interest in medicine is long standing; he was formerly stationed in a South Pacific hospital, and was decorated for valor in the battles of the Gilbert and Marshall Islands, earlier in the war.

St. Anthony's, Elmira

SODALITY CHRISTMAS FETE

The Young Ladies' Sodality discussed plans for a Christmas Party at a special meeting held on Tuesday, Nov. 22. The Sodality will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 8 o'clock Mass on Dec. 12. A Communion Breakfast will follow in the church hall.

The Sacred Heart ladies will attend a High Mass at 8 o'clock on Sunday, Nov. 28, for the deceased members of the society. They will meet at 8:00 P. M. in the church hall to plan a Christmas party.

Why Our Cause Is Just

If we are to win simply because we can produce more planes and tanks and guns, we shall not be able to derive much satisfaction from our victory. For that will be either because of the accidental distribution of natural resources (for which we can claim no credit) or because of our superior efficiency and shrewdness (the very idea we are fighting against). No, we want to win because our cause is just. And it is just not simply because it is "democratic," not simply because it is "egalitarian," not simply because it is "humanitarian"—but because we are fighting for the dignity of man, because—as Joe Louis put it—"we are on God's side."—Catholic Action.

FAMOUS CLOSE SHAVES By Barber Sol



ST. PATRICK'S (Elmira)

NOVENA AND RETREAT SET

The novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception will commence in St. Patrick's Parish on Monday, Nov. 29, continuing until the feastday on Dec. 8. Essentially a Victory Novena, the services will be offered for the boys and girls of the parish who serve in the armed forces.

Rev. Emmanuel Duffy, OFM of New York, will conduct the novena. Masses in the morning will be at 6, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30. Evening services will start at 7:30 P. M.

A retreat for the high school students will be conducted for three days, in conjunction with the novena services.

Masses on the holiday of obligation will be at 5:30, 6:15, 7, 8, 9 and 12:15. The last Mass is included especially for the convenience of working people.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Thirty new members were inducted into the Holy Name Society on Thursday, Nov. 17 in St. Patrick's Church. After taking the pledge and reciting the prayers prescribed, members were addressed by the Rev. William J. Brian.

Mrs. Daniel E. Kennedy, 821 W. Gray St., underwent an appendectomy at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Philip L. Collins of W. First St., is recovering from an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Benediction closed the religious service. Afterwards, the men enjoyed movies in the assembly hall.

SODALITY SKATING PARTY

One hundred and five young Catholic people attended the Skating Party sponsored by the sodality on Monday, Nov. 16 at Grotto Park. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Hara, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schneck, and Mrs. John Reher.

The sodality plans to hold its annual December tea on Sunday, Dec. 12.

Our Lady of Lourdes

PARISH PARTY LISTED

The parish party to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 20, will be in charge of Co-Chairmen Mrs. Howard Campbell and Mrs. Henry Brill. A \$250 War Bond is an attraction.

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