

# Msgr. Sheen's Lecture To Attract Throng

AUBURN—Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen who is delivering an address entitled "Problems of a Post War World" on Wednesday evening, May 11, at 8:30 in East High School Auditorium, needs no introduction to Auburnians for he is America's most famous preacher and radio orator, a brilliant scholar and philosopher. A capacity audience is assured because his two previous lectures in Auburn, one in May, 1942 and the other in June, 1943, were enthusiastically received.



Msgr. Sheen

Although his official priestly work is teaching philosophy at the Catholic University in Washington, Msgr. Sheen fills his speaking engagements a year in addition to his radio work as the preacher on the Catholic Hour of the NBC chain each Sunday evening. For fourteen years his voice has entered millions of homes through the medium of the radio and he receives from 2,000 to 6,000 letters a day from inquiring listeners who tune in on the Catholic Hour and he has mailed out over two million copies of his radio addresses.

For more than ten years Msgr. Sheen has been the Lenten preacher at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. On last Good Friday he gave the sermons of the Three Hours Devotion before afternoon and evening crowds that jammed the Cathedral.

Ordained in 1919, born in El Paso, Illinois, on May 1, 1894, Msgr. Sheen attended St. Victor's College, Kankakee, Ill.; St. Paul's Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, and was ordained at Peoria, Ill., on Sept. 20, 1919. He did graduate work at the Catholic University of America, the University of Louvain in Belgium and Angelico University, Rome.

Already famed for his scholarship in philosophy, Msgr. Sheen returned from Europe to the diocese of Peoria with an invitation to teach at the Catholic University. However, his Bishop saw fit to assign him to a poor and difficult parish in Peoria for two years. This was the last time that anyone suggested that there was anything inadequate about Msgr. Sheen. He was loaned to Catholic University, made a prompt impression as a teacher and writer and achieved national renown as a preacher and as the outstanding popular explainer of Catholic doctrine.

Msgr. Sheen is one of the Church's ablest converts. He is much in demand for instructing converts and holds public and private classes in Washington, spending ten hours a week in this quiet heart and soul job. The late Heywood Brown, newspaperman, was baptized and buried by Msgr. Sheen, and Henry Ford II was one of his most public converts. But of all the big name converts, some received more time and care in instruction than the convert who brought Msgr. Sheen no temporal glory: his Negro cook.

The Monsignor's ideal in preaching has been to redeem intellectual by preaching truth. As he puts it: "The world is in a sad state today because men in it have lost their zeal for truth. The kingdom of the intellect is about to be taken away from us. We must redeem truth by preaching and living and practicing it with every fiber of our being. The preaching of God does not consist in how a thing is said—it is what is said and what it means that really counts."

Rev. Richard T. Torney, general chairman of the Lecture Committee, announced this week that a musical prelude will precede the address. Tickets for the lecture are in charge of Mrs. Carroll Carey, Mrs. Fred Armstrong and Miss Anne Stapleton, assisted by 119 Auburnians.

Arrangements are being taken care of by Harold Holmes, Charles Oren and Miss Helen Stapleton; Fred Armstrong is in charge of advertising and Mrs. Paul Mulcahy of Publicity; Vincent LaMay and Miss Marion Stevens head the usher committees. Tickets are also on sale at the following stores: Gertrude Herron, Genesee Barber Shop, Berkley Smith, Murray's Restaurant, Bennett and Tracy, Douglas Book Store, Edna Moon Book Store and Dowd-Lee Co.

**Disproves Hitler**  
NEW ORLEANS—The USO has disproved Hitler's contention that different groups in a democracy are unable to work together, the Very Rev. Msgr. H. Joseph Jacobi said at the third anniversary celebration of the USO club here, organized by the National Catholic Community Service.

# Armed Services Keep Auburn Youths Active At Posts Throughout World

AUBURN—Gerald F. Fitzgerald has been promoted to the rank of corporal, according to word received in Auburn by his wife, Mrs. Violet F. Fitzgerald, 140 Genesee St. Corp. Fitzgerald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fitzgerald, Pleasant St., and is now stationed in England. He entered the service on Nov. 24, 1942, and has been serving overseas since October, 1943.

Dr. Edwin C. McCarthy, whose home is at 178 Genesee St., Auburn, has been promoted to the rank of captain in the Medical Department, U. S. Army. Captain McCarthy is stationed at the Base Hospital, England.

Edward W. Whelan of Auburn was in the group of 17-year-old Central New Yorkers sworn into the Navy at Buffalo during the week-end. He is awaiting word to report for duty at the Sampson Naval Training Center.

John Komarisky, S/2c, has returned to his base after spending a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Komarisky, Garrow St.

Donald E. Kelah was the guest of honor at a farewell dinner given at the Osborne Hotel during the past week. Mr. Kelah has left for basic training at the Sampson Naval Training Center. He is a graduate of Holy Family High and also attended Niagara University and Syracuse University. He has been employed for the past four years as a chemist by the Columbian Rope Co.

Walter L. Gonyea, fireman 2, has returned to Gulfport, Miss. Gonyea was called home by the serious illness of his six-month-old son. Mr. Gonyea is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gonyea of 83 Franklin St.

Miss Joseph Charles E. Murphy, son of Mrs. A. H. Murphy, received recognition as eligible to qualify for the petty officer rating of electrician's mate third class during recent graduation ceremonies at the Naval Training School on the Iowa State College Campus, Ames, Iowa.

Pfc Vincent George Agosta, 21, U. S. Marine Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore C. Agosta, 1 Orchard Ave., has been promoted to the rank of Corporal. Corp. Agosta enlisted in the Marine Corps on July 2, 1942. He received his boot training at Parris Island, S. C., Marine Base. He is now attending the Aviation Machinist's School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn.

Pvt. Charles Hanahan, son of Mrs. Julie E. Hanahan, 42 Clark St., has been assigned to the Army Service Forces Training Center at Camp Plauch, New Orleans, La., for basic training. Pvt. Hanahan will receive nine weeks of specialized training to fit him for duty with the Transportation Corps. Prior to his induction, on April 3, Hanahan was employed by the International Harvester Co.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. McKeon, 10 Button St., have received word from the War Dept. that their son, Staff Sgt. William Joseph McKeon, has been wounded in action in the South Pacific. He has been in the Air Corps for nearly two years and is a gunner on one of the large B-24 Liberators and he has completed several missions. Sgt. McKeon has two brothers in the service, Pvt. John Robert McKeon, Jr., who has been in the Infantry for three and one-half years and is now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands and Pvt. Francis J. McKeon, who has been with the U. S. Engineers for the past four months in the European area. The three brothers who enlisted are graduates of Holy Family High School where they were outstanding athletes.

Lieut. Robert J. Graney, U.S. A.A.P., who is stationed in England, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Lieut. Graney had completed 25 missions over enemy territory last January and since that time he has earned several clusters to add to the medal. Lieut. Graney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Graney of Utica, formerly of Auburn, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Graney, 86 Seymour St.

Paul T. Toole, 54 Capitol St., and Charles David Lester, 58 Capitol St., recently completed their boot training at Sampson Naval Training Center and are enjoying a short leave at their homes. They will report back to Sampson for further training.

One of the largest groups of Auburnians to complete their boot training at the Sampson Naval Training Center graduated last week and were granted leaves. All have the rating of seaman second class and will return to Sampson for further assignment. Included in the group were: Charles Joseph Angello, 78 Clark St.; Thomas Joseph Brennan, Jr., 51 Bradford St.; Anthony H. Case, 41 Orchard St.; William F. Kane, Owasco St.; and Francis Timothy Ryan, 28 Owasco St.

First Lieut. Thomas H. Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Higgins, 105 Chapman Ave., flew a big AT-7 twin engine plane over his home in Auburn on Saturday morning. The occasion was a double celebration in the Higgins household as Saturday was Lieut. Higgins' birthday. The sight of the big plane attracted the attention of

hundreds of downtown shoppers. Lieut. Higgins spent Mother's Day at home.

Pfc Martin Kierst of Ft. Lafayette, Brooklyn, is spending a week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Kierst, 52 Bradford St. Pfc Kierst has been in the Marine Corps over three years and has seen a great deal of service in the South Pacific.

Second Lieut. Robert F. Lewis, 4 Fitzhugh Ave., has completed his studies in the 6th Unit Gas Officers' Course at the West Coast Chemical Warfare School at Camp Geary, Calif.

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