

News from Elmira in Service

Here we are, back again after a short vacation. We are sorry we

ran out on our readers last week but due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to gather any news. However, we noticed the Eclipse Machine Division filled in for us on the back page, very well, but we hope our readers missed us just a little.

This week we want to tell you first, about Sgt. Clarence W. Jones. Clarence joined the Navy in January of this year. He was sent to the Great Lakes Training Station immediately and entered the Aviation Ordnance School. He has completed his course and is awaiting transfer to an Ordnance Station in England. The station has a Chaplain at the station and a Chaplain who has a keen interest in all the men under his care. Clarence was graduated from Number 8 School, but joined the Navy before completing his senior year of the Academy. His mother tells us however, that he will receive his diploma in absentia this June. Clarence is the son of Mrs. Anna Jones, 708 Dickinson Street, and the family are communicants at St. Peter and Paul's Church.

We have had the name of Pfc. Paul A. Rhode tucked away in our mental file for quite a while, so we think it is high time that we brought him into the limelight. Paul entered the Army Air Corps in January 1943. He received his training at Lowry Field and Buckley Field, in Colorado, and Hunter Field, Georgia. At Hunter Field he received special training in maintenance of 75 millimeter guns. Paul is an expert with the small guns too, having received a medal for rifle marksmanship. Paul was sent to North Africa in December 1943 and after a short time was sent to India. He doesn't say much about life in India, except that it is a beautiful country abounding in strange trees, flowers and birds. Paul was graduated from Number One School and the South Side High and was employed at Hardinge Brothers before entering the service. He is married and his wife resides with her parents in Elmira. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Rhode, 701 East Clinton Street. Paul and his family are members of St. John the Baptist Church.

Another nice lead this week came from Father Hogan of St. Mary's Parish. He suggested that we call Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Frawley, 701 Broadway who are members of St. Mary's parish. We talked with Mrs. Frawley, who is justly proud of her three sons in the service. First she told us about Pfc. Carroll Frawley, who entered the army in December 1942. He trained at Camp Livingston, La., Camp Gordon, Johnson, Fla., and Camp Pickett, Va., before being sent to England in October 1943. Carroll hasn't said much about life over there but reassures his parents about his religious life and says Mass is celebrated in one of the "quaint houses" of the town where he is stationed. Carroll was graduated from St. Mary's School, the Southside High and the Elmira Business Institute and was employed at the American Lorraine before entering the service. He is married and his wife resides with his parents.

Officer Candidate Donald Frawley was the second of the Frawley boys to enter the service. Donald joined the army in May 1943. He received his training at Fort Totten, New York, Camp Wheeler, Georgia and is now receiving specialized training in Engineering at Niagara University. Donald was graduated from St. Mary's School, the Catholic High and from Niagara University last May just prior to his entry into the service.

The third of the Frawley's to enter the service wanted to be different. He is Sgt. Gerald Frawley, who joined the Sea Bees in August 1943. He trained at Camp Perry, Virginia, Camp Endicott, Rhode Island and Camp Parks, California and is now stationed at Pearl Harbor. Gerald was also graduated from St. Mary's School and received his diploma from the Southside High School last June.

We thought we had better start checking off names on that long list which Father Schwab gave us before he called us on it. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Boylacaqua, 128 Cleveland Avenue, who are members of Lourdes Parish have two sons in Uncle Sam's service. Corporal Joseph Boylacaqua was the first of the boys to enter and

he became a member of the Air Force in October 1942. He trained in camps in Florida, Utah, Washington and California and received a special course in engine mechanics. In August 1943 he was sent overseas and is now stationed on the Island of New Britain in the South Pacific. He says they have a chapel at the Camp and special services very often. Recently a mass was held and the boys crowded to the service every day. Joseph sent his mother a family prayer booklet which he recited at the mission and asked her to say it every day. He says too

service was held and all the boys received the Sacraments for their mothers. Joseph was graduated from the Hendy Avenue School and the Academy and worked at Hardinge Brothers for two years before entering the service.

Sgt. Peter Boylacaqua joined the Navy Signal Corps in March, 1943. He trained at Sampson, Norfolk, Virginia, Little Creek, Virginia and is now aboard a ship stationed at a base in the European Area. He expects to go on convoy duty very soon. Peter says they do not have a Chaplain on his ship, but while he was in port he was able to attend Mass as there is a ship at the same base with a Chaplain stationed aboard and the boys are permitted to board the other ship to attend Mass. He also says they had the Mother's Day service aboard the ship and all received Holy Communion in honor of their mothers. Peter was also graduated from the Hendy Avenue School and the Academy and for three years before entering the service he worked in the press room of the Corning Leader.

MARGARET KENNEDY

NEW ACTIVITIES AT VILLA MARIA

There will be Swimming, Hiking, Crafts, Archery and Ping Pong as usual at Camp Villa Maria. Then, too, Campers will enjoy constructive periods of Nature Study, Singing, Dramatics, Outdoor Cooking and games, including Badminton, Soft Ball, Volley Ball, and many others. Special attention will also be given to Camp fire programs that will be different and loads of fun. But that will not be all -- In keeping with the present national crisis, there will be courses in Safety Education, First Aid and Commando Training for these young Americans.

The Camp uniforms, which were so popular last year will be used again this season. Both the boys and girls will wear the white shirts with the Camp emblem and name in dark blue letters! The girls will also have the attractive dark blue shorts, which are being made by the Sewing committee. Both shirts and shorts may be purchased at the Camp office beginning Monday, June 5.

The Camp Registration Blank this year is an agreement on the part of the parent to cooperate with the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the camp. Requests for cabin mates must be made in writing by parents one week before camp opens. Changes in cabin assignments will not be made at the opening day of camp.

Equipment is pretty important too! It's a help if some campers bring Athletic Equipment, Musical Instruments, Costumes or Cameras. On the "Must" list are play suits, bathing suit and cap, pillow, pillow cases, sheets, wash clothes, towels, toilet articles, soap, pajamas and two pairs of shoes. Often overlooked, but very necessary, are three double blankets, a heavy jacket or sweater, raincoat, rubbers and flashlight.

Too near home? Is that your opinion of Camp Villa Maria? Well, that is a pretty good asset just now, with gas rationing, an ever-present menace and proximity is an advantage in case of illness or other emergencies. And you should know that every camper, who was a member of the Villa Maria family last year agreed that it was the "Best Camp" ever! The Counselors are hand picked, the atmosphere is Catholic and the fun is tops. Ask any Camp Villa Maria boy or girl. Don't take our word for it!

All disquiet of heart and distraction of the senses arise from inordinate love and vain fear. Thomas a Kempis

3 Corning Churches Set for Clothing Campaign for Italy

CORNING. - Announcements were made in the three local Catholic churches on Sunday on request to the drive for clothes for the people in Italy. At St. Mary's the Rev. John A. Smith, pastor, who is in charge of the campaign in this area, announced that St. Mary's gymnasium is to be the receiving center for the clothes. The drive will be open Wednesday and Friday nights of this week from 7 to 10 o'clock when clothes may be brought there.

The Rev. El A. Davidson, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, told his parishioners that they could

bring donations on the rear porch of the parochial residence for delivery to St. Mary's gym. In St. Vincent de Paul's parish the Rev. Joseph V. Guilford, pastor, announced that clothing could be left at the school hall Friday afternoon and morning of this week from which it will be sent to the receiving center.

Further announcements about the drive, which will be concluded in June, will be made on Sunday.

STANS OFFICERS AT ST. MARY'S

Officers for the 1943 Graduation Class of St. Mary's Parochial School, Elmira, have selected the following officers:

President, Edward Winkowski; Vice-president, Gabriel Shrotenko; Secretary, Anna Marie Blynn; and Treasurer, John Primmer.

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