

ST. PATRICK'S, Owego

LEAVES TO ENTER CONVENT

By MARY C. HOSMAN

OWEGO — For the first time in a great many years one of St. Patrick's young ladies will leave her home in this parish on September 4 to enter the convent of the Sisters of Mercy. The happy one is Miss Christine E. Skelly, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Skelly. Miss Skelly, a life-long member of the parish, is a graduate of St. Patrick's Parochial School and of the Owego Free Academy. She has recently been employed as a stenographer with the Remington Rand Corp. in Johnson City.

CHAPLAIN WATERS WRITES

Major (Chaplain) Edward J. Waters in a letter written to the Catholic Daughters of America from somewhere in France, acknowledging a recent remembrance for his birthday, asks only for prayers for himself and his "boys." Chaplain Waters writes: "Your gift, while appreciated was not necessary. What we need most is your prayers and I am sure that

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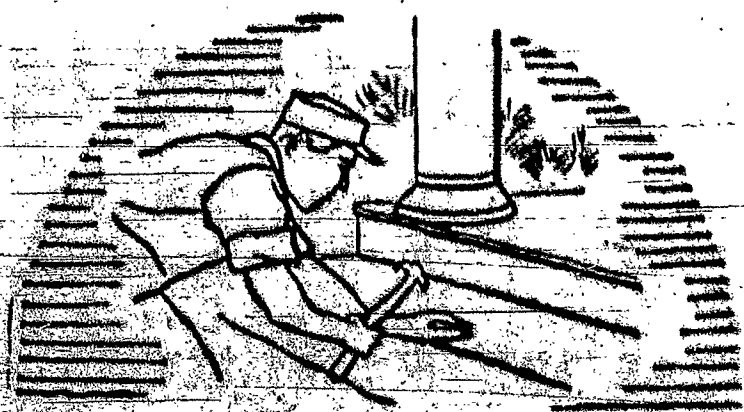
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Pope Sends Sympathy To London Faithful

ROME — At a farewell audience accorded the Most Rev. Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, His Holiness Pope Pius XII sent a message of blessing and encouragement to the clergy and laity of the English capital now so sorely tried with new forms of aerial bombardment.

A similar message was entrusted to Archbishop Griffin for the Most Rev. Peter Amigo, Bishop of Southwark.

and taps blown by Martin Barrett, bugler, Troop 2, Boy Scouts of America.

The honor roll boards, constructed of solid mahogany, were sponsored by Father Lyons and members of the parish are contributing to the cost and maintenance. The board dedicated to the 154 young men and women of World War II, about 146 feet, is placed in the sanctuary immediately below the pulpit. The World War I board, with 70 names, measuring about 34 feet, is on the Altar of the Blessed Virgin. Before it burns a perpetual blue Miraculous Medal light, made especially for the service board.

Mass for the men and women in service is offered every Monday morning at 8 o'clock by Father Lyons.

SERVICE NEWS

The Order of the Purple Heart has been awarded Lt. Arthur J. Crowley, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Crowley of 117 Howard St., for wounds received in action in France. He has forwarded the award to his wife, Mrs. Jane Crowley of 439 Park St. They have a four-month-old daughter, Jacqueline Marie. In his letter, Lt. Crowley said that his "condition was improving," although he was still in the hospital. Overseas since May, the young infantryman was wounded in France July 27.

LYNCH - KUHN

The marriage of Pvt. Frances M. Lynch, U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve, to Sgt. William P. Kuhn, also a Marine, has been announced by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. Lynch, 10 Ithaca St. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Kuhn of 6 Cedar St., Bloomfield, N. J.

The couple were married by the Rev. Hal Galland, on Aug. 8 at Edenton, N. C. Stationed at the Marine Air Base, there, they will return to their duties after a short leave.

Sgt. and Mrs. Kuhn recently spent a nine day furlough at the home of the bride's parents.

JAMES H. CATLIN

Funeral services for James H. Catlin, formerly of Waverly, later of Albany, were held Wednesday, Aug. 30, at St. James' Requiem Mass was offered by the Rev. E. J. Lyons, with the Rev. Francis Donoghue in the sanctuary.

Deceased leaves one daughter, Mrs. John Shea of Albany and one son, George H. of Elmira, three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Bearers were John Higgins, Gilbert Higgins, George Sutherland, Philip Kerrigan, John Hurley and Hugh MacDonald. Burial was in St. James cemetery.

God is First

The things of God come first. For this reason theology is a more sublime science than physics and chemistry. But theology does not try to do the work of either physics or chemistry. The contemplative orders are, in a sense, undertaking a more sublime task than the active orders; but this does not mean that the world could get along with the active orders. The religious state is a more sublime one than the secular, but it also, if it is to be fruitful, requires more of a man or woman than does the secular state in sacrifice, in humility, in monotony, in suffering, in holiness. But this does not mean that lay people cannot be saints. God made all things (and all people), and He knows that His works are good.

Not in Vain, After All

There is no doubt that what is most likely to endure in present-day French reconstruction—and it contains certain undeniable values—is based on social action developed by the French Catholic school many years before 1941. Helen Jaworsky.

Read the "Children's Corner" to the children, Page 13.

500 Year-Span Covers Existence of Papal Secretary's Office

ROME — (By Radio) — The recent death of His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, causing a vacancy in the office of Papal Secretary of State, serves to recall that the position as such has existed less than 500 years.

The occupant of the office need not be a Cardinal at the time of appointment, but invariably he has become a member of the Sacred College. The office derives from the necessity of the Holy Father to have secretaries to assist him in the discharge of the manifold duties of his high office.

The office of "Private Secretary" is found in the records of the Church as far back as the fifteenth century and Pope Innocent VIII defines the duties of the office, stipulating that the incumbent has "to reside always in the Vatican Palace" and that he was authorized to collaborate intimately in the government of the Church. The "Private Secretary" became constantly a closer collaborator of the Pope, and, under Leo X, the office of "Intimate Secretary" was created, from which stems directly the office of Secretary of State.

Under Leo X the Secretary was charged with drawing up documents which the Pope sent to the peoples and which were not written in Latin. This office, with the extension of the relations of the Church to all the world, grew in importance and, in 1560, Pope Pius IV named St. Charles Borromeo first Papal Secretary of State. The office then became that of a Secretary to the Holy Father in his diplomatic relations as well as his works of a spiritual character.

The functions and dignity of the Cardinal Secretary of State are now firmly fixed in the customs and laws of the Church. The titular of this office is traditionally a Cardinal. When not a member of the Sacred College at the time of his appointment, he is named not Secretary but "Pro-Secretary of State."

In the history of the Church perhaps the most celebrated and best known "Pro-Secretary" served in the present century when Pope Pius X named Monsignor Merry del Val as Pro-Secretary and later elevated him to the Cardinalate and Secretary.

Churchill Warns Italy Against Fascism

ROME (NO) — Addressing a "few words of encouragement and hope to the Italian people" in a message marking his departure from Italy, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, of Great Britain, warned that Italy "would be very unwise to let himself fall again into the clutches of a Fascist totalitarian system in any guise in which it might present itself."

The Prime Minister continued: "When a nation has allowed itself to fall into a tyrannical regime, it cannot be absolved from the faults due to the guilt of that regime and naturally we cannot forget the circumstances of Mussolini's attack on France and Great Britain, when we were at our weakest and people thought that Great Britain would sink forever."

Speaking in the main for Britain, though he reminded that "other victorious Allies would have to have a say in this," Mr. Churchill said: "I believe that the British nation will be happy to see the day when Italy, once again free and progressive, takes its place among the peace-loving nations of the world."

He asserted that "hard work, strong resolve, high inspirations and above all, true unity, will all be needed if Italy is to nourish her people and resume the place among the leading powers of Europe." He concluded with the hope that Italy will strive in this direction and said "your friends in England and across the ocean, will see their hopes rewarded."

St. Catherine of Genoa

—daughter of noble and wealthy parents, was extremely beautiful. After a marriage to a nobleman of dissolute habits, who treated her cruelly, she somewhat relaxed the strictness of her life and entered into the worldly society of Genoa. At length, enlightened by divine grace, she broke with the world and gave herself up to a life of rigorous penance and prayer. She died in 1510.

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