

From the Fighting Fronts

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son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Lafferty, 20 Ringie, is back at his base in England, after a long walk and an experience he does not want again. Missing in action over Germany since Apr. 1, he has written his parents that he is safe. A former employe of the Times-Union and Democrat & Chronicle

Library Lt. Lafferty attended Aquinas Institute and St. Andrew's Seminary. Enlisting in May, 1942, he was commissioned at Moody Field, Ga. in February, 1943. On submarine patrol duty on the Atlantic Coast for a time, he was later stationed in Africa and more recently in England, where he was a member of former movie actor Maj. James Stewart's bomber squadron.

Flag Presented St. Mary's School by VFW Auxiliary In Impressive Ceremony

AUBURN. Auxiliary of Cayuga Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, presented St. Mary's School with a large American flag on Monday morning, the opening day of school. The school children were grouped in front of the rectory for the ceremony which took place before a throng of parents and parishioners. Presentation was made by Mrs. Charles Hayward, chairman of the Auxiliary's Americanization Committee. The Rev. Richard Torney accepted the flag on behalf of the school. The flag was blessed by Rev. Dr. William E. Cowan and was raised to the top of the flag pole by Miss Marian Hogan and George Burns, pupils of the Eighth Grade of St. Mary's. Mrs. Bert

Bookmiller, president of the Auxiliary and a group of members of the organization assisted with the program.

Father Torney in his speech of acceptance spoke of the meaning of the flag and of its importance especially in these days when so many are giving their lives for the ideals for which our flag stands. Mrs. John O'Toole gave an appropriate address on the significance of the American flag to American school children. During the ceremonies the students sang God Bless America and the Star-Spangled Banner and the exercises came to a close with Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by the pupils of the school.

Flower Guild Opens Fall Season

AUBURN. The Flower Guild of Mercy Hospital held the first dinner meeting of the fall season on Monday evening at the hospital. The committee in charge consisted of Miss Mary Agnes Brennan, Mrs. Fred Armstrong, Mrs. Francis Alexander, Mrs. William Butler, Mrs. Edward Burns, Mrs. Edward Boyle, Mrs. William Bouley, Mrs. D. D. Althouse and Mrs. Howard Bellner. Miss Loretta Donahue, president of the business session which followed the dinner.

St. Alphonsus Group Meets Monday at Parish House

AUBURN. The Immaculate Heart of Mary and Rosary Society of St. Alphonsus Church will hold the first meeting of the 1944-1945 season on Monday evening, Sept. 18, at 8:00 o'clock at the Parish House in East Genesee St. Rev. Robert Dobbertin will be the guest speaker.

Could you look a serviceman straight in the eye and say you're doing your full part in the war effort? Buy more War Bonds and Stamps.

Final Tribute Paid J. Ernest Mock

Internationally known as a portrait photographer, J. Ernest Mock, also widely known as a church musician, was paid final tribute at funeral services at his home, 1930 St. Paul Blvd. and St. Thomas Church, on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Mr. Mock, 76, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1944. A composer of a Mass, Mr. Mock had served as organist at Holy Family Church, St. Francis Xavier Church and St. Thomas Church, successively. He was an honorary life member of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

Funeral Mass was celebrated by the Rev. John F. Muckle with the following also in the Sanctuary, the Rev. Joseph J. Baierl, S.T.D., the Rev. Joseph DeVaney, the Rev. George J. Weinmann and the Rev. Albert J. Shamon.

Bearers were: Lt. (j g) John F. Mattinger, Karl Armbruster, Anthony Bader, Adolph Bader, Leo Mahoney and Eugene Schueler.

Interment was in the family lot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Father DeVaney officiated at the grave.

Mr. Mock whose studio is located in the Taylor Building, East Main St., is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Edward J. Leinen and Mrs. Frank J. Smith of Rochester and several grandchildren.

rites for Nicholas Smith Conducted at Dansville

DANSVILLE. Nicholas F. Smith died at the Dansville General Hospital Sunday, Sept. 2, 1944 following a brief illness. He was in his 74th year.

Mr. Smith was a life long resident of Dansville and one of its pioneer nurserymen and was actively engaged in the nursery business until a few days before his death. He was a member of St. Patrick's Church and of the Holy Name Society.

For many years he was an active member of the Improved Order of Red Men and one of its officers. Since the death of his wife (nee Miss Sarah Welch) six years ago Mr. Smith made his home with his sisters, the Misses Anna and Mary Smith and Mrs. Joseph J. Rauber at their Fulton Street residence.

He is survived by an only son Norbert A. Smith and grandson Norbert Francis Smith of Cranford, N. J., his three sisters and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral was held Thursday morning, Sept. 7 at 9 a. m. from his sisters' residence on Fulton Street and at 9:30 a. m. from St. Patrick's Church. The Rev. Edward K. Ball, pastor, officiated at the Requiem High Mass, and also at the interment at the grave in Greenmount cemetery. Bearers were Edward J. Rowan, William Bacon, James Ca-mody, William Foote, William F. Kelly and James Martina.

Out-of-town relatives and friends present at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Norbert A. Smith and son Norbert Francis of Cranford, N. J.; Miss Clara Hubertus and Mr. John Hubertus of Canistota; Mr. Herman F. Smith, Miss Rita Fitzpatrick and Henry K. Wheaton of Rochester; Mrs. James McLean of Buffalo; Miss Katherine Kuhn of Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Nellie Gardner, Mr. Edmond Gardner and Mrs. Blanche Carvott of Bradford, Pa.; Mrs. Edna Kelly and Miss Clara Kelly of New York City.

Rumanian Legation At Vatican Unchanged

ROME.—The Rumanian Legation at the Holy See is maintaining its position as in the past in perfect accord with the Government at Bucharest, competent Rumanian authorities here asserted today.

It was pointed out that the recent decision of the Rumanian Government with regard to the war does not in any way modify the position of the Legation and that all members of the Legation remain dependent upon the legal government formed by King Michael.

St. Eulogius

—Patriarch of Alexandria, was a Syrian by birth and while quite young embraced the monastic life. He remained steadfast in the Faith during the confusion of the Eutychian heresy. He was a close friend of St. Gregory the Great and several letters written by the latter to St. Eulogius are still extant. He died in 606.

Mrs. Durr Marks 95th Birthday

GENEVA. Mrs. Margaret Durr of 302 Castle St., who celebrated her 95th birthday on Wednesday, Sept. 6 was guest of honor at a family supper party on Sunday evening at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Heaney, with whom she resides. There was a special birthday cake and other decorations for the occasion.

Despite her age, Mrs. Durr is in fairly good health and is active about the house. As has been her

custom every day for the last 10 years, she arose early on her birthday and attended 7 o'clock Mass in St. Stephen's Church.

Mrs. Durr was born in Germany on Sept. 6, 1849, and came to the United States when she was twenty years of age. She had nine children, six boys and three girls. Only two are living. They are her daughters, Mrs. Heaney of Geneva and Mrs. Anna Riel of Utica. Mrs. Durr's husband died many years ago.



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