

From the Fighting Fronts

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ed in action on Pelizzano, according to word received here.

Second Army TS to Ramsey

Husville, he attended Middlesex Central School.

Pvt. Lawrence B. Herendeen, 21-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Herendeen of East Rochester, has been missing in action in Germany since Nov. 23, they have been informed.

A member of the First Army Infantry, Private Herendeen enlisted in May, 1943, and attended Fordham University under the Army Specialized Training Program before his transfer to the infantry.

Going overseas in August he participated in the fighting in France, Belgium and Holland before entering Germany.

A brother, Corp. James W. Herendeen, is serving in France.

Seaman 2nd Class Earl W. Curtis, 17, of St. John the Evangelist parish, is listed missing in action in the Pacific theater; his father, George Curtis, 7 Prospect St., has been informed.

A former student at St. Monica's and St. John's Schools, Seaman Curtis graduated from Madison High School and worked at Camera Works before he enlisted last February in the Navy. Following re-

call training he went to sea for July.

Reported missing in action in Italy since Sept. 2, Pfc. William Ayers, 21, of St. Andrew's parish, has returned to duty his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ayers, 31 Duran St., have been advised.

Inducted here February 13, 1943,

Private Ayers had been overseas more than 10 months. Believed to be one of the first American servicemen to enter Rome, he fought in the Po Valley sector of Italy.

Would Legalize Church Bingo in Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. (RNS) — Amendment of the state constitution to legalize bingo promoted by patriotic, religious, and fraternal organizations will be sought in the Legislature by the newly-organized Bingo Legalizing Corporation of Wisconsin, initiated by a group of rural volunteer fire departments.

Bingo has been an issue in Wisconsin for many years, and following recent decree of the state Supreme Court, law enforcement officers have virtually eliminated the game throughout the state. All previous attempts to legalize bingo in legislative sessions have failed.

MICHAEL TOUEY, 92, DIES
BY MARY C. BROSNAN

OWEGO—Michael Touhey, one of the oldest parishioners of St. Patrick's died on Monday, January 1 in this village aged 92 years. He had been in ill health for several months. His only immediate survivor is one brother, Patrick Touhey, with whom he resided. Their sister, Miss Elizabeth Touhey, died early last year. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Patrick's Church, the Rev. Michael L. Hynes, pastor, officiating. Burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

GETS WAR LOAN AWARDED

To Mrs. Mary Wicks, a well-known member of St. Patrick's Parish, goes the honor of selling the greatest number of War Bonds during the recent Sixth War Loan and to her goes the award of the title of Lieutenant General in the Blue Star Brigade. Mrs. Wicks, to achieve this honor, sold 181 War Bonds during the drive, the greatest number sold by any other individual in Tioga County.

INJURED IN WAR

Mr. and Mrs. William Donnelly have received word from their son, William Donnelly, Jr., who has been stationed with the U. S. Army in Germany that he is a patient in a hospital in England where he is receiving treatment for an injury to his hand. The letter gave no details as to the extent of the injury or how it had occurred. It was written on Dec. 18 and the young soldier wrote that two weeks previous he had been in the lines in Germany and since had been in a hospital in France and now in England.

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Parents Receive Mementoes of Ship Named for Son

EL MIRA

Invitations were received in El Mira, last week, by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wantuck, Tracy Place, to attend ceremonies commissioning the USS. Wantuck, a destroyer type transport, named in memory of their son, Pvt. John J. Wantuck, who gave his life on New Georgia Island in the South Pacific on July 17, 1943.

The ship which was launched in the early part of November, Wantuck, a sister of Private Wantuck, at the Bethlehem Steel Company's yards at Quincy, Massachusetts, where the commissioning ceremonies were held.

Pvt. Wantuck lost his life when he and a buddy volunteered to man two light machine guns to defend an American Task Force on the island. His bravery was highly commended by his commanding officer and he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Navy Cross with a citation and the Asiatic Campaign Medal. Private Wantuck is the only member of St. Casimir's parishioners from the Diocese of Rochester to have a ship named in memory of him. He was a graduate of St. Casimir's School and was employed at the Phelps Machine Division before he entered the service.

Relief from Brazil Arrives in Rome

VATICAN CITY (NC-RADIO)—Relief supplies for the indigent people of Rome, sent by the faithful of Brazil in response to an appeal by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, have arrived. It is announced

these men in uniform are doing a big lot for us. Now let's show them how grateful we are by at least purchasing War Bonds.

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Christmas Eve Primitive

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Upon the hill a tree,
Beneath the tree a roof
Where love may be.

Beneath all Heaven a life,
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Where love may look on love
Face to face.

The house of Heaven is all aglow
With stars forever bright
So burns a candle through the
snow

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Benevolence of Pontiff Recalled by WAC Corporal

Wartime Rome acts as a magnet for WACs and GIs anywhere within reasonable travelling distance when they have time off from military duties.

Capt. Edmund J. Kane, of the Rochester WAC recruiting station relates the following account of a recent visit to the ancient city by WAC Corp. Thirza M. Keogh, the high point of which was an audience with the Pope.

The audience took place in a long, rather narrow but beautifully decorated room. WAC Corp. Keogh, "There were two ropes strung down the center of the room to form an aisle on which the Pope would come. The women are taken up to the front and seated on benches on one side of the raised platform where the Pope sits. That was certainly a lucky break for us."

"Suddenly there seemed to be a great stirring; then complete silence. The Pope came in, his chalice scarred on the shoulders of four Swiss Guards in orange and black striped uniforms, blessing the audience all the way along. He looks exactly like his pictures, and I could hardly believe that a WAC corporal was sitting not more than 15 feet from Pope Pius XII."

"He spoke in English and then in French — just a few words to the effect that he hoped this struggle would soon be over and that we could all return to our home."

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