

Final Tribute Paid Msgr. Walter J. Lee

GENEVA—"He was a man among men—a nobleman. Always the priest, always a gentleman. This nobleman with his splendid dignity, his love of young people, and his knowledge of men—that is the man whom you have known. We are glad to record today the thoughts of your hearts," said Rev. Richard B. Bean, president of the Pontifical College Josephinum, Ohio, as he paid final tribute to the memory of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, V.F., during the pontifical Requies Mass which was celebrated for the beloved pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church Friday evening, Jan. 12, at 8:30 o'clock.

In an atmosphere of deepest mourning, parishioners and friends gathered for the funeral Mass which was celebrated by Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester. White crosses on purple background formed the sacristy wall insignia denoting mourning for the man who had been a spiritual leader of St. Francis de Sales parish since July 1927. In the faces of those attending the service was reflected their deep sorrow at the passing of one who was not only their pastor but a very dear friend.

Father Bean took for his text "I know that my Redeemer liveth and on the last day I shall rise out of the earth and in my flesh I shall see my God," (from the Book of Job).

Referring to the passing of Monsignor Lee, Father Bean said: "We watch him as he goes forward on his journey to God. You know him to whom we now bid farewell. We know that your hearts are warm with loyal tribute to your beloved pastor. He was a man among men—a nobleman, always the priest, always the gentleman."

Solemn Pontifical Requies Mass was celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney. Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., was assistant priest. Deacons of honor were Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Morgan, Chancellor, of the diocese, Robert H. Palmer,

V.F. Deacon of the Mass was Rev. William H. McFadden, pastor of St. Stephen's Church. Rev. James

ST. PATRICK'S (Seneca Falls)

Two Missing, One Wounded On Battlefronts

By Joan A. Boardman

SENECA FALLS — During the past few days word has been received in Seneca Falls that two young men, members of St. Patrick's Parish, are missing in action and one young man has been wounded.

Cpl. Edward T. Matrakas, U.S. A.A.F., son of Mrs. P. Matrakas, was reported by the Adjutant General's office as missing in action Nov. 14, following a mission over Italy. Cpl. Matrakas joined the army in February 1942 and trained at several different camps. He has been overseas four months and is an aerial gunner in an attack bomber group. He is one of five sons of Mrs. Matrakas now in the service.

Pvt. Martin Giovannini, son of Mrs. Teresia Giovannini, 80 Ovid St., and husband of Mrs. Margaret Van Dito Giovannini, has been reported as missing in action since Dec. 14, in Germany. Pvt. Giovannini was a member of the Infantry Division and has been in the service over two years. He was in action in the Alsace and returned to the States for hospital care. Later he sailed for action in Europe.

Pvt. Michael Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Turner, 205 W. Main Street, was wounded in action in Germany on Dec. 14 according to word received by his mother in a message from the War Department. He is now a patient in a hospital in France and is progressing favorably. He has just completed three weeks of intensive treatment and will be released soon. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Legion of Mary.

ST. JOSEPH'S (Geneva)
Rev. Raymond F. Neary, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Neary, 205 W. Main Street, was reported to be reported to a hospital with the first degree burn of his life. He was serving in the U.S. Army in France.

Basketball

Squires Lose First

AUBURN—Our Lady of Pompeii basketball team of Syracuse defeated the Colgate Squires on Friday evening at Fulton Street Court by the score of 44 to 32. This was the first defeat of the season for the Squires. At half time the Squires were trailing by the score of 20 to 8. For Our Lady of Pompeii, Shandoff was high with 17 points while Vito and Ross each scored 14 and 13 points each. For the Squires, Farrelly was high with 12 points, Dave Clifford was second with eight and Jim Laper was third with six points.

In the preliminary the Junior League defeated the St. Francis Club of the Junior League by the score of 27 to 26. Colgate was high for the Junior Squires with 12 points and Campbell and Shandoff each scored 10 points. For St. Francis Cannizzaro and Piermonte scored 8 points each for the scoring leaders.

St. Alphonsus Five Wins

The St. Alphonsus Ordinary School team defeated the Holy Family Grammar School team at Recreational Hall by the score of 13 to 12 on Monday. The deciding point was a foul shot by Dave O'Brien with seconds to go to break the tie that had lasted through most of the last quarter. O'Brien was high for Holy Family with four points and Fitzpatrick had 3. For St. Alphonsus Atherton accounted for seven and O'Brien had 6.

Colombian Squires

Roddy's Cots in the Columbian Squires Grammar School League defeated the See Hawks by the score of 44 to 3 on Saturday morning. Atherton scored 16 points for the Reddys. In the second game of the morning the Fighting Irish defeated the Ramblers by the score of 18 to 12. Nelson was high for the Irish with 11 points.

On next Saturday the Roddy Cots and the Fighting Irish will play at 1:15 and the Ramblers and See Hawks will commence play at 3:30 o'clock.

Junior Recreation League

of the Junior Recreation Division played at Fulton Street School Court the following scores have been announced:

Colombian Squires 34 vs Peter Paul, 21.
St. Hyacinth's, 26; St. Mary's, 16;
Holy Family, 20; St. Francis, 12;
Independents, 20; St. Alphonsus, 19.

The games are scheduled for next Saturday as follows: 3:30 o'clock St. Francis vs. St. Alphonsus; 5:15 St. Peter-Paul vs. St. Hyacinth's; 10:30, Squires vs. Holy Family; 2:30 o'clock, St. Mary's vs. Independents.

Watertown Defeated

Holy Family High School Basket-ball team defeated the Watertown High School team on Friday night by the score of 30-21. Tony Murphy was defeated 5 points by the Watertown team while breaking a six game winning streak in the final round of play. Mike McNamee and Dominic DiPietro, players for St. Mary's, were the high scorers. It was the best work of DiPietro, McNamee and Murphy that brought the team into position so that the sharpshooters could work. McNamee had ten points, DiPietro, nine, Doyle and McNamee each had four, and three, Murphy, two. Murphy was high scorer for Watertown with nine points. In the preliminary Holy Family had a victory against Watertown by the score of 26 to 20.

Capt. Al Crowley, commanding officer of the 41st Cavalry, announced that Lt. Francis Doherty, one of Utica will be in Utica on Friday to play Holy Family in High School.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMES UP IN NEW TERM

CONCORD, N.H.——A new religious education program has been prepared for instruction in the Concord Catholic schools. The proposed would "present the principles of the Christian religion, its history, its teaching, its influence upon the world, and the personal salvation of the individual."

CHURCH BUDGET LEADING

Mrs. E. J. Davis, a member of the Methodist Church, was elected chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee of the First United Methodist Church, Geneva. Mrs. Davis is a member of the First United Methodist Church, Geneva.

Action in France Takes Life of Geneva Soldier

GENEVA—An Army sergeant, graduate of DeSales High School, has made the supreme sacrifice in France, the crew's casualty announcements reveal, this week.

Mrs. John Vickery of 91 Brook Street received a War Department telegram Sunday, Jan. 7, stating that her husband, Tech. Sgt. John J. Vickery, 27, was killed in action in France on Dec. 30. He is the son of Mrs. W. J. Vickery, Goodell Terrace.

The young soldier entered the Armed Forces in April, 1942, and received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and was transferred to Camp Chaffey, Ark., and to Camp Campbell, Ky. He left for overseas in October, 1944. He is a graduate of DeSales High School, class of 1942.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. John Vickery, the former Miss Mary Crum of Geneva; his mother, Mrs. W. J. Vickery; two sisters, Mrs. Consuelo Higgins of Geneva and Mrs. Warren Van Derveer of Buffalo; four brothers, William, of Geneva; Arthur, of Canandaigua; Robert, of Buffalo; and Kenneth of Fort Benning, Georgia.

Mrs. Vickery is residing with her parents at her home at 91 Brook Street.

A funeral Mass for Tech. Sgt. Vickery will be held at a later date.

WILL BE BURIED

Give me home! is the cry of the Divine Heart of Jesus in our sad times. . . . The family must be the first living throne of the King of Love. If Jesus lives in the home, the world will be transformed and saved anew. — Fr. Mac.

Well Known Golfer Pro is Awarded Army Air Medal

GENEVA—Tech. Sgt. Fred A. Ross, 36, of Geneva, weight gunman for the B-17 Flying Fortress "Lucky Thirteen" has won the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement, courage, resource and skill" during the Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on military and industrial targets in Germany and Nazi occupied Europe.

Sergeant Ross is the son of Mrs. Pauline Ross, 11 Merritt Street. Gold professional at the Geneva Lake Country Club, the weight gunman also was golf coach at Cornell University, before entering the AAF in November, 1942. He is a graduate of DeSales High School.

Sergeant Ross is a member of the 36th Bomb Group, a unit of the Third Bombardment Division, the division cited by the President for its new historic England-Africa strategic bombing of Messen schmitt plane at Peppenburg, Germany.

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