

Chaplain Pegnam Outlines Women's Role In Helping Adjust Returning Veterans

Over 400 members and guests of the Sodality of Our Lady, St. Patrick's Church, attended the annual banquet of that organization and listened as Lt. Francis J. Pegnam told them "the men are not coming back as they left—war changes people and it is not to be

wondered at. They have been with out the influence of parents and thrown in with people of no faith and this is bound to have its effect."

"Upon their return they will be a little rougher — less spiritual and will have a difficult time adjusting themselves," Chaplain Pegnam said.

"It is your job, mothers, wives and sweethearts from now on — you can smooth out these rough spots, apply the principles of Christian charity for these men have gone through a great deal for you, overlook that veneer of roughness, for deep down they are the finest American kids I have ever had the pleasure of knowing."

Lt. Pegnam paid a glowing tribute to the youthful hero, gunners and members of the crew of the ship, stating they were eager for their duties, displayed the finest bravery and at times under seemingly overwhelming odds. He expressed his deep appreciation to the Sodality for their prayers during his absence and told of the prayers being offered for them by himself and the men aboard his ship.

Father Pegnam placed particular emphasis on a request that the people ignore reports of our losses as given out by Tokyo radio and stated he was at a loss to understand why they were published in our press at all. Chaplain Pegnam was assistant at St. Patrick's Church at the time of his entry into the service two years ago and was instructor of the Sodality.

For the past eighteen months he was aboard a ship in the South Pacific and told his audience many of the incidents relating to his experience.

The program was closed with the invocation by Rev. William J. Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's church and the singing of "America". Father Brien paid tribute to the work of Father Pegnam for his zeal as a priest, for his work with the Sodality and especially gave credit for the large increase in membership and added that he was active in all the work necessary for the spiritual welfare of the parish.

The Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, society moderator presented Father Pegnam and benediction was given by the Rev. John A. Murphy. Those at the speakers table included, Lt. Pegnam, Rev. William J. Brien, Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, Rev. John A. Murphy, Mrs. William A. Burns, Mrs. Wilfred H. Underwood, president, Mrs. Paul Bruchman, vice president, Mrs. Frances Lynch, Mrs. Thomas J. Knuth, Miss Helen T. McGrath, Miss Margaret Herchenbrel and Mrs. Marvin E. Johnson, general chairman.

Parish Party, Boy Scout Dinner Set at St. Patrick's

The annual Parish Party of St. Patrick's Church will be held on Wednesday evening Feb. 1 in the school hall. This party is being sponsored by the Sodality to raise funds to defray the expense of remodeling the kitchen in the school.

A program of cards, games and social activities has been arranged by Mrs. Edward P. Dawson who will be assisted by the following committees:

Cards: Mr. and Mrs. Justin T. McCarthy, Miss Helen Gandy and Miss Clara Lynch; tickets: Mrs. J. Shortman Campbell and Mrs. Walter C. Everts; refreshments: Mrs. Edward P. Dawson; Band: Mrs. Justin T. McCarthy and Mrs. Eugene F. Agna.

A Father and Son dinner for the Boy Scouts of Troop W and their Dads will be held in St. Patrick's assembly room on Tuesday Jan. 23.

Guests on this occasion will be Commissioner Strachan, members of the Troop Committee, Scoutmasters, a representative from Scout Headquarters and the Primates of the Parish.

Mrs. Walter C. Everts is in charge of details of this affair and will announce other committees who will assist at an early date.

Polish Bishop Dies in Nazi Concentration Camp

LONDON — The Most Rev. Edward Kozal, Auxiliary Bishop of Wladyslaw, Poland, has died at the Dachau concentration camp in Germany, according to information here. The 63-year-old prelate was imprisoned in September, 1933, less than three months after his consecration.

Blessed Martin Guild Sets Lecture by Eddie Doherty

Eddie Doherty, prominent Catholic layman, author and Chicago newspaperman will lecture in Dunn Memorial on Monday evening, Feb. 5 at 8 p. m., under auspices of the Blessed Martin De Porras Guild of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Mr. Doherty is now on a tour, speaking in most of the large cities in the Eastern States and in making the stop in Elmira on his way back to Chicago.

Choosing as his subject "A Reporter Tells a Story", Mr. Doherty will describe his experience as a reporter, covering the Negro district of Chicago.

Members of the committee met with David V. Sheehan, general chairman, on Jan. 16, when a final report on the lecture was given. Assisting Mr. Sheehan are Mrs. Uri French, St. Sebastian's church; Mrs. M. H. H. and Miss Margaret Kennedy, publicity; Mrs. John Maloney, library display; Miss Alice Hughes, usher; Frank O'Lea, tickets.

Members of the general committee are: Mrs. Charles Williams and Miss Mary Newsome, also Messrs. Edward Scherzinski, Michael McRell, Uri French, St. Charles Kroll, Mr. Henry Farrell, Lawrence Hastings and Gerald Laughlin. Tickets are now on sale and may

be obtained from any member of the committee. Only a limited number of tickets will be available and those planning to attend the lecture are urged to purchase their tickets immediately.

Ladies of Charity Group Plans Sale

A sale and fund sale will be conducted by Our Lady of Good Counsel committee, Ladies of Charity on Saturday Feb. 3 at Sheehan's store. The sale will continue throughout the day and is under the direction of Mrs. Jane Stevens.

Daughter Arrives

E. Sgt. and Mrs. J. W. Frost of 1125 W. Water St. are the parents of a daughter born at St. Joseph's Hospital on Sunday Jan. 21.

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