

State I.F.C.A. Leader To Visit Rochester Schools

Miss Nell C. Merrigan of New York City, Governor of the New York State Chapter, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, will pay the Rochester Circle of the organization an official visit Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1 and 2.

While here Miss Merrigan will meet with the Rochester members of the Executive Board of the Chapter. They are: Regina K. Kennedy, Nazareth Academy Alumnae Association, State chairman of the Department of Education; Mrs. Lillian R. Boyce, State trustee; Miss Gertrude Howard, State chairman of the Mary's Day Committee, and Miss Dorothy Craig, State chairman of the Girl Scout Committee.

Miss Merrigan will visit the four affiliated Rochester schools, Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High School, Sacred Heart Academy and Nazareth College, on Friday afternoon.

Miss Genevieve J. Madden will preside at a dinner in honor of Miss Merrigan at the Roosevelt following which the governor will speak at the monthly meeting of Nazareth College Alumnae at the Chatterbox Club.

Miss Merrigan, who comes to Rochester to confer on the current membership drive of the circle, is well known not only in Metropolitan circles, but throughout the

state. She is chairman of the Laywoman's Retreat movement, editor of April, the publication of the Catholic Poetry Society of America, and director of "Friends of Fordham." She holds an "A. M." degree from Fordham Graduate School and is recognized as an outstanding speaker, dynamic in her promotion of Catholic Action.

Membership Drive Opened by IFCA

The International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, Rochester Circle, will conduct a membership drive from Feb. 1 to Feb. 17.

Leaders in the drive include Miss Genevieve J. Madden, Nazareth College, Regent of Rochester Circle; Mrs. John Croston, Mt. St. Joseph's on the Ohio, Treasurer; Mrs. William E. Fleming, St. Joseph's, Hamlet, Secretary; Miss Louise Carroll, President Nazareth Academy Alumnae Association; Mrs. Lewis Boyce, President Nazareth College Alumnae Association and Trustee of the State Chapter of I. F. C. A.; Miss Marjorie Howard, President Our Lady of Mercy Alumnae Association and State Chairman of Mary's Day Committee; Miss Helen Rasmussen, St. Elizabeth's College; Mrs. Rita D. Hess, Nazareth College; Miss Virginia Akey, Nazareth Academy; Mrs. Howard B. Stauffer, Mt. St. Vincent's College; Miss Helen Kennedy, Nazareth Academy and Chairman of New York Chapter Department of Education; Mrs. R. Peter Culross, Our Lady of Mercy Alumnae Association.

Special emphasis will be placed on opening new members from Rochester, new comers and women in the WAYNE, SPAIN, WASH. etc., provided they are graduates of affiliated Catholic schools, academies or colleges.

The I. F. C. A. was founded in 1914 with a view of bringing into communication the alumnae of Catholic High Schools, Colleges and Universities for the purpose of upholding the ideals of Catholic womanhood and of extending Catholic education, Catholic literature, and Catholic social service.

The work of the Federation is carried on through four departments and their bureaus which cover every line of activity in edu-

3 Catholic Boys Die, 13 Missing, 11 Wounded, 1 Prisoner, in War

By MARY CAHEY

Three gold stars have been added to parish honor rolls. Thirteen Catholic men are missing and one is a prisoner.

Charles Borromeo parish, has been missing in action in Germany since Dec. 29, his wife, Mrs. Jane Carroll Curtis, 290 Bancroft Dr., has been informed. Son of Mrs. Martha Curtis, 422 Orchard St., Private Curtis went into service last May and has been overseas since November. The 26-year-old soldier has a daughter, Donna, 2 at home and a brother, N 1/2 Vincent Curtis, stationed at Jacksonville, Fla.

Surviving besides his father are three brothers, Sgt. George Curtis, Fort Myers, Fla.; Sgt. Harold S. Curtis, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio; and Pvt. John C. Curtis, Key West, Fla., and two sisters, Mrs. William Bell and Miss Veronica Curtis, both of Rochester.

Pvt. Anthony Prinsivalli, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Prinsivalli, 201 Arnett Blvd., was killed in infantry action Dec. 18 in France, according to word reaching the parents. Private Prinsivalli went into service Mar. 24, 1944, and had been overseas since November. He was a parishioner of St. Monica's Church.

Also surviving are two sisters, Evelyn, 12, and Thelma Prinsivalli; a brother, Peter, 15, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Prinsivalli of Fairport.

Solemn memorial services for 1st Lt. Herbert J. Willis, killed in action Dec. 23, in Italy, were conducted in the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sunday, Jan. 28, 1945, the Rev. Frank J. Hoefen, pastor, officiating.

Overseas since August, 1943, Lt. Willis was on his way from a rest camp to his base in Italy when his plane crashed. The 28-year-old officer had been in the Air Force since June, 1941. He attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help School and Aquinas Institute.

Survivors include his father, John Willis and two sisters, Mrs. Francis Seta, 224 Norton St., and Sister Mary of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart with the Good Shepherd Order in Shanghai, China.

Pvt. Joseph Branciforte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Branciforte of Mt. Morris, who has been listed missing in action in the European theater, is now reported safe. Private Branciforte, a member of Assumption Church, Mt. Morris, is a former pupil of St. Patrick's school in that town.

Pvt. Charles Casanover, son of Mrs. Margaret Gerace, Main Street, Mt. Morris, has been reported missing in Italy. He is a parishioner of Assumption Church, Mt. Morris.

Pvt. Edward L. Cella, of St. Cecilia, Niagara, regular service and motion pictures.

Catholic alumnae wishing to join the Circle are asked to contact any member of the Committee.

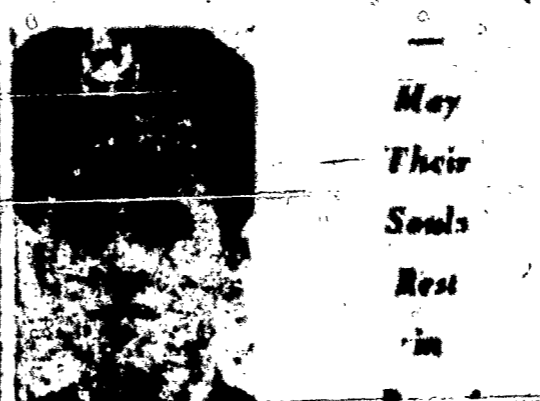
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Pvt. Pietro Chapara, 19, member of the Holy Name Society of the Church of the Most Precious

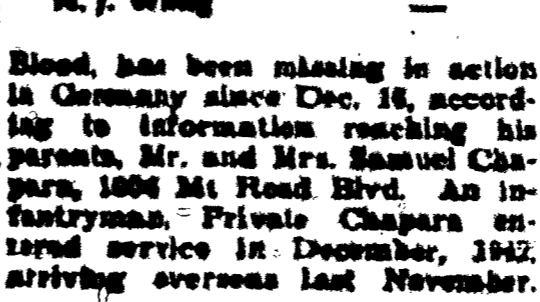
Sacrifice Lives



E. W. Curtis



A. Prinsivalli



M. J. Willis

Blood, has been missing in action in Germany since Dec. 16, according to information reaching his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Chapara, 1004 Mt. Road Blvd. An infantryman, Private Chapara entered service in December, 1942, arriving overseas last November.

Holder of the Purple Heart, Sgt. Joseph A. Culotta, 30, has been missing in Luxembourg since Dec. 20, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Culotta, 31 Woodward St., have learned. Overseas 14 months, Sergeant Culotta was wounded Aug. 8 in France. A member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, he began service in May, 1941. His two brothers in service, Pvt. Bartle

and Corp. Anthony Culotta, are in New Guinea.

Pvt. Louis J. D'Agostino, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Romualdo D'Agostino, 35 Lewis St., and a parishioner of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, has been missing in Belgium, his parents are informed. Private D'Agostino went overseas in April, 1944, and was wounded in the invasion of Northern France, receiving the Purple Heart. A graduate of Corpus Christi school he entered service in March, 1942. He has a brother, Pvt. Thomas D'Agostino, 18, stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Corp. Bernard A. Dalton, 19 member of Sacred Heart parish and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome T. Dalton, 256 Electric Ave., has been listed missing since Jan. 2, his parents have been notified. Engineer on a Liberator, Corp. Dalton was reported missing when he was on the way to an overseas base. He entered service in Sept., 1943, a few months after graduation from Aquinas Institute.

Two other members of the family are in service: BME E. Jerome F. Dalton, a brother, serving in the South Pacific theater, and A/S Margaret Dalton, a sister, stationed with the WAVES at Hunter College, New York City.

Pvt. Thomas C. Errio, 24, of St. Monica's parish, has been missing in action in Luxembourg since Dec. 18, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Errio, 191 Scottville Rd., have learned. In service since December, 1942, Private Errio has been with his infantry unit overseas for 17 months. One brother, Staff Sgt. Cosmo Errio, also an infantryman, is in France. Another, Staff Sgt. Anthony Errio, now in Germany, has been wounded in action three times.

Corp. Raymond C. Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Gardner, of St. John the Evangelist parish, Spencerport, has been missing in action in Belgium, according to report. Corporal Gardner, who has been overseas since last September, enlisted July 5, 1940. He saw 28 months of service with the field artillery in Puerto Rico.

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