

## Commanding Officer Writes Of Corning Hero's Death

**CORNING**—A communication from Lt. Harold B. Morrison, commanding officer of the late Pfc. Paul Alaworth, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Alaworth, 280 E. Third St., reported details of the death of the young soldier who was killed in action on Jan. 17.

The letter follows:

"With a feeling of profound regret I write to express to you my own sincere sorrow and that of the entire company in the loss of your son, Paul."

"Paul was killed in action by sniper fire while he was on patrol in the vicinity of the Tocochue-

River, Mergui Island, Netherlands East Indies. He died of gunshot wounds in the neck. Death was instantaneous and Paul suffered no pain."

"He was a true soldier, valiant and steadfast, never for a moment wavering in his duties. He was respected and loved by all. I am proud to have known him and honored to have had the privilege of being his commanding officer."

"He is truly missed and for a long time his passing will be our great loss."

"It is therefore with greatest personal sorrow that I must report to you that despite all efforts to recover the body we were unable to do so. Heavy enemy fire repeatedly kept the patrol from retrieving his body although determined efforts were made time and again."

"When night came enemy fire continued thus frustrating our most efforts. Searching parties were sent out the following day but no traces were found. You may be assured that everything possible has been done to recover his body but all our endeavors were in vain."

"A Requiem Mass was held. It was attended by the officers and men of all faiths from our own company, as well as many others. Now as the rest of us continue in battle it is the memory of your son and our friends that goes with us."

Pfc. Alaworth, a graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School and Corning Free Academy, entered the service in September, 1942. He had been in New Orleans before taking part in later actions. His brother, Pfc. John Alaworth is a member of the Quartermaster Corps in England.

## Walter Sipple Guides Parish School League

Walter Sipple has been again designated as Commissioner of the Parochial School League sponsored annually by Elmira Council Knights of Columbus.

Sipple will arrange for a meeting of the Pastors or their assistants to be held in the near future for the purpose of lining up teams and completing plans for the opening of the league some time early in April. Plans are for the return of the same six teams to the league with the possibility of adding two more teams making an eight team loop.

The usual banquet for the winners and the other teams in the league will be arranged for by the local Knights.

### CAN BE ONE ONLY

"The soul of peace worthy of the name, its vivifying spirit can be one only: A justice which, with impartial measure, gives to each what is owing to him and spares from each what he over . . . Pope Pius XII in radio address on Sept. 1, 1944.

## 2 Judged Winners Of Fourth Degree Essay Contest

Awards for the winning essays on the life of George Washington were presented to Miss Alice Murphy and Jerome Hogan, both students of Elmira Catholic School, at a "Family Dinner" held recently at Columbus Center.

This essay contest was sponsored by Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and was directed by the Rev. William A. Burns, principal of the school. Judges were the Rev. William J. Brown, the Rev. Thomas J. Toola and the Rev. Arthur G. Smith.

Father Burns and the Rev. Rev. G. McNamee, Council Chaplain, spoke on the life of George Washington and extended congratulations to the winners for their initiative and enterprise in arranging such splendid essays.

## Fr. Gefell Lecture On Lourdes Set

The Rev. Joseph H. Gefell, Chaplain, Nazareth Motherhouse, Rochester, will give an illustrated lecture on "The Shrine at Lourdes" to St. John's Society, Tuesday, Mar. 6.

The business meeting starts at 7:30 P. M. and the lecture will begin at 8:30 P. M.

Father Gefell has made many trips to Europe and is an authority on the famed shrine of our Lady in France.

### Need 4000 Volunteers

At 200 military and civilian hospitals throughout the nation, 4,000 women volunteers serve as American Red Cross dietitian's aides, helping professional dietitians to keep patients well-fed despite the national manpower shortage. Four thousand more are needed.

## America's Progress Cause Cited at K. of C. Dinner

**HORNELL**—America's growth and progress was due primarily to its reliance upon healthful home conditions, Cornelius J. Milliken, Elmira newspaperman, told 150 Knights and ladies of Hornell Council 243, Knights of Columbus at the annual Washington's Birthday observance.

Associating the thought of home and family with Washington's title as "Father of His Country," Mr. Milliken pointed out that the United States as a home-loving nation of families had based its philosophy upon the fundamental teachings of Christ and that its preservation would be brought about by its adherence to the ideals of Christian civilization and not to the pagan concepts of materialism.

The speaker assailed the influences of the birth control movement and other false teachings that not only would impair the effectiveness of the American home but would destroy it.

Mr. Milliken urged a union of all Catholic lay organizations to present effectively Catholic thought on public questions and to combat

the spread of false and un-American doctrines.

Mrs. Milliken accompanied her husband here and was a guest.

The program opened with the singing of the National Anthem followed by invocation by the Rev. Francis Hardin. John R. Hogan, chairman of the meeting, presided as toastmaster.

Toasts were made by Grand Knight Richard M. Matthews, who introduced Grand Knight Harold Smith of Dansville and Mrs. Ed. Win Boyle, president of the K. of C. Auxiliary.

After Mr. Milliken's address Chancellor J. H. Mahoney gave a recitation and the assembly adjourned to singing "America".

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## Soldier Recovers from Wound in Germany

**CORNING**—William T. McNamee, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. McNamee, 318 Baker St., followed in the footsteps of his older brother, Joseph M., and enlisted recently in the U. S. Navy. He is now taking his recruit training at Bainbridge Naval Training Station.

A graduate of St. Vincent de Paul's Parochial School, William attended Northside High School where he earned varsity letters in track, baseball and football.

His brother, Gunner's Mate third class Joseph M. McNamee, enlisted in November, 1942. He has been in the South Pacific for 17 months.

Pray often that you may be safeguarded against a sudden and unprovided death; and above all that you may be fortified by the Holy Vitaeum against the dangers of your last hour.

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