2,700 Pounds of 'Aid' Sent Italy from Elmira Parish

ELMIRA

The Aid to Italy Campaign conducted through St. Anthony's church had a successful ending and as a result the shipment made to New York amounted to over 2,700 pounds.

The list of goods shipped include 972 cans of vegetables, 486 cans of soup, 72 cans of mixed fruits, 865 cans of baby food, 300 cans of milk, 400 bars of soap, 25 pounds of coffee and many other items, as well as clothing, buttons, needles and thread.

The Sacred Heart men and women of the parish donated $110.00. Other cash donations were made by parishioners and members of the Third Order of St. Francis.

Could you look a serviceman straight in the eye and say you're doing your full part in the war effort? Buy more War Bonds.

Two Soldiers Die — One Wounded in War

ELMIRA

One Catholic soldier from Elmira has given his life in Germany, another in Luzon and a third has been wounded in Belgium, the casualty reports from the battlefronts state this week.

Mrs Madeline Fuhs Field of 301a Hoffman Street, has been informed by the War Department that her husband Pvt. Arthur Field Jr. was killed in action in Germany on March 1.

Private Field entered the service last July and trained at Ft McClellan, Ala. before going overseas in January of this year. He went first to France and was assigned to the Infantry with the 3rd Army.

A graduate of The Brockley School and the Academy, Pvt. Field was employed at the Kennedy Valve Mfg. Company before he entered the service.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter Katherine Marie, two years; his parents, Mr. and Mrs Arthur Field, 158 Judson St., two brothers, Corp. Carl Field who has just returned from two and one half years of overseas duty in the European Theatre and Corp. Frank Field with General Patton's Third Army in Germany.

A Requiem High Mass was offered in St John the Baptist Church where Private Field was a communicant on Wednesday morning at eight o'clock by the Rev. Theodore J Winterroth, pastor.

Pvt. Henry J. Gekoski was killed in action on Luzon on Feb. 23 according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gekoski, 323 Rose Avenue.

Pvt. Gekoski was a member of Company L, 108th Infantry and left Elmira in October 1940, when they went to Fort McClellan, Ala. From Fort McClellan, the company went to Fort Ord, Calif. and in December 1941, a few days after Pearl Harbor, they went to the Hawaiian Islands. Later he was sent to New Britain and was at Guadalcanal and Luzon.

Pvt. Gekoski was graduated from St. Casimir's School and the Academy and was employed at the Seltzer Threwing Mills before he entered the service.

Besides his parents, he is survived by three brothers, Pfc. Stanley Gekoski of Birmingham, Ala., Pfc. Walter Gekoski of Camp Atterbury, Ind. and Frank at home; also two sisters Mrs. Thomas Lynch of Corning and Frances at home.

A Requiem High Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul in St. Casimir's Church within a few days when it is expected that his two brothers, who are in the service will be home.

The War Department has informed Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davenport, 907 John Street that their son Sgt. Joseph G. Davenport, 22, was seriously wounded in Belgium on Dec. 24.

Sgt. Davenport has been in the service for about three years. He received his training at Camp Davis, N. C., before being sent overseas two years ago. He went first to England and then France and Belgium. He was with the First Army's Anti Aircraft Battalion when he received his injuries. He has been awarded the Purple Heart which was sent home to his family about two weeks go. He is now in a hospital in England.

Sgt. Davenport was graduated from SS. Peter and Paul's School and was employed at the Eclipse Machine Division before he entered the service. He is a member of SS. Peter and Paul's Parish.

'Patrick Ryan Class' Formed by K. of C.

SENECA FALLS — At the meeting in the council rooms, Tuesday, March 13, Seneca Falls Council, Knights of Columbus, conferred the second degree upon a large class of candidates. A delegation from Auburn Council, headed by the Rev. Gregory Dugan, Council Chaplain, put on the degree.

Announcement was made by the Rev. James D. Caffrey, chairman of the membership committee, that a class of approximately 30 candidates would be initiated into the local council in April. This group is to be known as the "Patrick J. Ryan Class," honoring the late Mr. Ryan, an organizer, charter member and first warden of the Seneca Falls Council.

Corp. Robert Caffrey, a wounded veteran of the Sicilian campaign and a brother of Father Caffrey, was among those receiving the first degree at the Tuesday meeting.

Make Saturday Blue...

To be Aired from Abbey

New York — (NC) — Features of choral drama, organ music and the ringing of abbey bells, the "Easter Eve Compline Service" originating from the Benedictine Abbey at St. Meinrad, Ind., will be broadcast nationally over the National Broadcasting Company's facilities for 4:30 to 4:45 P. M., E. W. T., on Holy Saturday, March 31.

Another feature of the program's Holy Week broadcasts will be the choral singing of the Holy Week Passion from St. Simon of the Catholic University of America, in the "The Eternal Victory" over the "Catholic Hour" program on Easter Sunday.

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