

## ST. JAMES (Waverly)

### HEADS NAVY PRESS BUREAU

By ELLIEN O'FARRELL

**WAVERLY.** Pvt Robert Brant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brant, Providence Street, member of an Eighth Army division, is now serving in Germany. He went overseas in January.

Lieut. Commander John Cuthbert is now Chief of the Navy Press Bureau in Washington, D. C., according to the Notre Dame Alumni News. Commander Cuthbert, whose wife and two children reside in Baltimore, graduated in 1928 from Notre Dame.

Bernard J. Snell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Snell, of Leader Street, spent the weekend home. Having completed training as a Merchant Marine radio operator, he will leave Staten Island next week for duty in the Pacific theater.

Stationed in Washington, D. C., is Newman L. Jack Morgan, son of Mrs. Cathleen Hogan, of York Street.

Second Lt. John Coleman, USAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Coleman, River Road, has been spending some time at home. Pilot of a P-51 fighter plane, Lieutenant Coleman is stationed at Moore Field, Norton, Tenn.

#### Ambrose Young Price

Rev. Francis H. Dominguez spent Sunday in Syracuse where he was an officer in the First Marian High Mass of Rev. Harry Gleason, C. D. A. Gleason died.

Regular monthly meetings of Court Jean of Arc No. 220 Catholic Daughters of America will be held April 2 at eight o'clock. Plans are being made for a series of classes instructing in sewing, knitting, cards and perhaps other projects. Classes will meet April 2 at eight o'clock and a few of the par evening will be charged. Classes will be open to members and their friends.

Deacon Michael O'Dea, Miss Rita Sullivan of Channing

secret was one of the student nurses who received her cap at the R. A. Packer Hospital Training School recently.

#### Blood Bond Drive

Appointment of Clayton Luckner as chairman of the Waverly Boy Scouts financial campaign for the year has been approved by the Scouts district committee.

Mr. Luckner, who has accepted the appointment, has already begun preliminary work for a \$1,725 campaign which will open Sunday afternoon, Apr. 15.

#### Anthony Cooper 1866

Funeral services for Anthony Cooper, 22, who lived for many years in South Waverly, were conducted in St. John's Church, South Waverly, Saturday morning, Mar. 24, 1945, the Rev. John E. Walsh officiating. Burial was in St. James Cemetery.

Mr. Cooper, a retired Lehigh Valley employee, spent 20 years in the employ of that company since coming to this country from Italy 45 years ago. Survivors include his wife and four daughters, Mrs. Michael Conti, of Endicott; Mrs. Vito Coceo of Waverly, and the Misses Angelina and Viola Cooper, at the family home, 8 Center Street, South Waverly.

#### St. Frances of Rome

at the age of twelve, was married to Lorenzo Bonaventura Romanino, notwithstanding her desire to become a nun. She lived by the axiom: "A wife is bound to leave her devotions at the Altar and to tend God in her household work." After her husband's death she became a member of the Institute of the Oblates, which she herself had founded. She died in 1940.

We know well how to excuse and color our own deeds, but we are not willing to receive the excuse of others. It were more just that we should excuse ourselves and excuse our brother.

Deacon Michael O'Dea,  
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## News from Elmiraans in Service

By MARGARET KENNEDY

We started over in St. Mary's Parish this week and it certainly was our luck they for news. We called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gannon, 55 South Avenue, who have two sons in the service. Tom James M. Gannon

was the first of the boys to enter the service. He was among the first group inducted in 1940 and after a few months training was discharged but was recalled late service shortly after Pearl Harbor in 1941. He trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and in May, 1943, was sent overseas. He was stationed in Australia for a time and then went to New Guinea. Later he was with the troops in the Gilbert Islands and is now in the Philippines.

He was present at the ceremonies recently in Manila when General MacArthur turned the Government of the Philippines over to the President. We talked with Jim's dad, who told us that Jim is Publicity Department Chief for his company. He has nine clerks working under him and their work is mimeographing and distributing all orders and notices. Jim says there is a chaplain attached to his outfit and they hear Mass and receive the sacraments regularly. He was graduated from St. Mary's School and the Southside High and was manager of the Grand Union Grocery Store at Broadway and Baly Streets, before he entered the service.

Mr. Agt. John M. Gannon entered the service in February, 1941. He trained at Camp Lee, Va., Gowen Field, Idaho; Camp White, Oregon; and Camp Carson, Colo., before going overseas in May, 1942. He was in the invasion of North Africa, Sicily, Italian Mainland and the invasion of France and is now in Germany. Jack is with the 11th Field Hospital and works right at the front lines assisting in bringing the wounded in to the field hospital. John's company was recently awarded a meritorious service unit plaque for service in France, second highest award that can be given to any unit. Only two awards of this kind have been given in the European theater of operations. It is a gold wreath on

Next let me tell you about Corp. John F. Cicali, who has been in the service since November, 1943. John trained for six months at Ft. Meade, Md., and spent about six months at Camp Stewart, Ga., before being sent overseas in December, 1944. He landed first in England and remained there for a few weeks before going over to France, and is now in Belgium.

He told his parents that while in England he was able to hear Mass every Sunday at the American Church. However, since going into the battle area he has not been able to get to Mass very much.

John told his parents in a recent letter, that the parts of France which he saw, during the short time he spent there, were practically in ruins. He says that in Belgium, he has been staying at a farm house and sleeps in the hay loft. He says the people are very friendly and will do anything they

can for the boys. John was graduated from the George Washington School and the Academy and worked at the Pennsylvania

Power Company. John entered the service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Gannon, 118 West Seventh Street and they are members of St. Anthony's Parish.

The Navy boys, home on leave have been attracting the 8:30 crowd at St. John's Church. The past few weeks last Sunday it was Petty Officer 2/c John H. Loop who was home on a seven day leave, his first since last summer. Johnny joined the Navy in May, 1943. He went to Sampson for his recruit training and was sent to Norman Hall School of Aviation Mechanics. On completing his course, he was sent to San Diego, Calif., where he works in the Airplane Factory at the Naval Base.

Johnny works on the big cameras which go into the reconnaissance planes.

A graduate of the Boecker School and the Academy, Johnny worked at the Swift-Lubricator Company before he entered the service. He is married to the former Miss Mary Muskauskas and they have a baby daughter, Linda Anne, four months old. Johnny saw for the first time last week. Mary and Linda Anne are living with Mary's parents, at 218 East Clinton Street. For the duration Johnny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Loop, 513 Sullivan Street.

St. Cecilia Parish was our last call this week, and we heard some interesting news about Neaman & C. John K. Ruddick. John joined the Navy in January, this year, and is now going through his recruit training at Sampson. He has just completed his recruit training and has been spending a seven day leave at his home. When his leave expires he has been ordered to report back to Sampson where he will be reassigned for further training. John's half-brother, Charles Ruddick, was a member of the Marine Corps in the first world war and lost his life in action, and the local Marine Corps Detachment has been named for him. John was graduated from St. Cecilia's School and Catholic High and worked in the switch room of the New York Telephone Company before he entered the service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Ruddick, 1203 Lake Street.

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