

### Win Oratoricals At DeSales High

James Patrick Rooney and Kathleen O'Brien were chosen winners in the Bishop's Oratorical Contest at DeSales High School, Tuesday evening, March 27. They will represent the school at the semi-annual in DeSales Memorial at Elmira, on April 27.

Contestants spoke on the general theme of "The Peace Program of Pope Pius XII." The oratoricals were opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Bernard Quinn acted as chairman.

Participants were: John Lawler, Humphrey Donahue, Stephen McWilliams, Patrick Rooney, Joseph Iacopini, Kathleen O'Brien, Francis Turner, Mary Frinzi, Alice Frautz and Josephine Berino.

### Keep Prisoner of War From Geneva on Move

Geneva - Captain Martin J. Lawler, U. S. Artillery, has been "on the march since January 1943," according to Mrs. Mary J. Lawler, who is now in Erie, Pa.

Captain Lawler is a prisoner of war of Germany. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Lawler, of 24 Lycoming street received word that he was a prisoner of war in Italy on Saturday, Jan. 2, 1943. He was formerly with the United States Forces in Africa and was transferred from Italy to Germany with war prisoners.

The card which is sent to his wife was dated March 1, and stated that he had been on the march since Jan. 2 with other German war prisoners who were being moved out as the Russians were approaching the zone.

A recent German statement announced that the German prison camp Oflag 26 where they were about 2,000 war prisoners was being moved to Camp No. 7 at Lubanowka, about 80 miles directly south of Berlin.

Captain Lawler informed his wife that when he arrived at a permanent camp he would send his address. Mrs. Lawler has not yet received an official word of her husband's present status.

### Two Auburnians Win Promotions

Auburn - An Auburn soldier has been promoted to the rank of Colonel and an Army nurse to first lieutenant, news from the war zone reveal this week.

Harold C. Bonnelly has been promoted from the rank of lieutenant colonel to that of colonel, according to announcement made this week at the Headquarters South West Area Command, Camp, Okla.

Joseph J. ... has been promoted from the rank of first lieutenant to that of captain, according to announcement made this week at the Headquarters South West Area Command, Camp, Okla.

### Auburnians Plan Welcome For St. Bernard's Choir

Auburn - Music lovers of Auburn are preparing a cordial welcome for St. Bernard's Seminary Choir coming Tuesday evening, April 10, to present a concert of church music in Central High School Auditorium. The choir will be directed by the Rev. Benedict Ekmann, professor of Church Music at the Rochester Seminary and director of the Seminary choir since 1938.

The concert will comprise both Gregorian Chants and Polyphonic Music.

The Gregorian selections will include "Memento Domine," "Christus Factus Est," "Improperium," "Pueri Inveni," "Alleluia," and other representative pieces. Likewise on the program will be examples of appropriate motets, especially those of Palestrina, who is considered the greatest of the church musicians of the Golden Age. Heard will be his "O Bone Jesu" and his setting of "Jesu Dulcis Memoria." The famous Allegri setting of the psalm verses, for many years the exclusive property of the Sistine

Choir, and Saint-Saens four-part motet, "Tollite Hostias," are also listed on the program.

Father Ekmann received his early musical education under the direction of Professor Philip Kretzel, Rochester organist and composer and later studied at the Eastman School of Music. He is a lecturer in church music at the Pius X School of Liturgical Music, New York. In 1942 he was chosen editor of the Catholic Choirman, the official organ of the St. Gregory Society of America. Father Ekmann is an instructor of the Catholic Choirman's Correspondence course, supervised by the Gregorian Institute of America.

In his directing, Father Ekmann has succeeded in demonstrating that the appeal of plain song is not to the few specialists but that it has a charm which all can appreciate. Auburnians have never had the privilege of hearing the Seminary Choir in their home city. A music critic after hearing the Choir present a concert stated: "It was a rare treat to hear this early music performed so

### Supper Meeting Set Monday by CDA Court

Auburn - The Catholic Daughters of America Court Auburn will hold a supper meeting on Monday, April 9, at 8:30 at the Home in South Street. An entertainment program will follow the supper after which a business meeting will be held. Rev. Gregory Dugan will be guest speaker.

Mrs. Kathleen Selzer is chairman and is being assisted by Mrs. Ella Donohue, Mrs. Josephine Cushey, Mrs. Nora Bouch, Mrs. Alden Audit, Mrs. Paul Brennan, Mrs. Frances Foster, Mrs. Frances Nellie, Mrs. Julia Harmon, Miss Julia Hartnett, Mrs. Mary Kenney, Miss Evelyn Murray and Mrs. George Frank.

### Geneva G.I. Reported Prisoner in Germany

Geneva - Mr. and Mrs. Cesare Cuppelli of 1 Humbert Street were notified by the War Department on Sunday that their son, Corp. Albert Cuppelli, tank gunner, with the First Army, who was reported missing in action in Germany on Dec. 19, is now a prisoner of war of Germany.

Corporal Cuppelli has been in the Armed Forces for about three years and was overseas about a year ago.

### Home for Easter

Geneva Falls - Many young Geneva Falls people, students in various colleges, are spending the Easter Holiday at their homes. Miss Georgia Forrest from Geneva State Teachers College, Miss Genevieve Sabatini from Albany State Teachers College, Miss Lesora Sabatini from Grouse Irving Nurses Training School, Miss Ann Odell from D'Youville College, Miss Betty Mackin from Bocker College, Miss Rita Calarco from Bryant School, Miss Margaret Creilly from Nazareth College.

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