

Edward F. Secaur Elected Auburn K. C. Grand Knight

Auburn—Edward F. Secaur was elected grand knight of Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus at the annual election held Thursday evening in the E. of C. Home in Genesee

Gentile Heads Seneca Falls K. C.

Seneca Falls — Chosen Grand Knight of Seneca Falls Council, Knights of Columbus, at a recent meeting, Nicholas Gentile, with other officers elected, will take office at ceremonies being held Sunday, July 1.

Elected with Grand Knight Gentile are: Deputy Grand Knight, Andrew L. Sipos; Chancellor, James J. Fay; Recorder, Edward La Due; Treasurer, George Robinson; Advocate, John H. O'Brien; Warden, Lawrence Doran; Inside Guard, Fredrick Gallette; Outside Guard, Leon Bolich; Trustee (3 years), John Fraser; Delegates to chapter meetings, Rev. James D. Cuffney, Andrew Sipos, Frank Seelley, William Bunce and Charles Fegley; Alternates, Gordon Cornstock, Thomas Carter, Gerald Masten, Lawrence Doran and Thomas Kennedy. Delegates to State Convention, Nicholas Gentile and John Fraser; Alternates, Edward Leonard and William O'Brien.

Street. Other officers were elected as follows: Deputy grand knight, Joseph Hester; chancellor, Charles Cora; recorder, J. Harold Wright; treasurer, Terrence O'Donnell; advocate, Joseph J. Rooney; warden, Raymond W. Clancy; outside guard, Carmen Colella; trustee for three years, Clarence T. Hoey; trustee for two years to fill unexpired term of Edward Secaur, newly elected grand knight, Patrick J. Mullaly; trustee holding over, Russell Wise; delegates to state convention, Edward F. Secaur and Avery E. Neagle; alternates, J. Raymond Davis and John B. Ginnily. Delegates to Central New York Chapter, Leon S. McConnell, Thomas Neville, Edward Burns, and Gibson Brown; alternates, Frank J. Lesch, Albert Austin, Carroll Caffrey, Terrence O'Donnell and John B. Alger. Rev. Gregory Dugan is chaplain of the Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Secaur succeeds Avery E. Neagle whose two year regime was marked with many achievements. Outstanding among them was the burning of the mortgage on the extensive property. The new officers will begin their terms on July 1.

Six Groton Family Members Serve in Armed Forces

Groton — Seaman 1/c Gerald G. Shea, 19-year-old sailor who took part in recent bombardments against Japanese held islands in the northern Kuriles, is one of six members of his family in the armed forces.

Seaman Shea, who is stationed aboard a cruiser of the Pacific

2 Auburnians War Casualties

Auburn — An Infantryman and a Marine Captain from this city have suffered wounds in the Pacific fighting, according to word received by relatives, this week.

Pfc. John S. Pele, husband of Mrs. Helen S. Pele of Chapman Avenue, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the Japanese near Cabaruan, Luzon, P. I., on January 25. Pfc. Pele is in a front line company of the 63rd Infantry Regiment of the 6th Infantry Division, holder of the record for continuous combat in the Pacific theater.

Capt. John H. Clifford, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clifford, Frances Street, received a slight wound while in action at Okinawa according to word received in Auburn. Capt. Clifford informed his parents that his wound was slight and that he was soon returned to action. Clifford recently sent his parents some beautiful native gifts. Among them was a captured medal and a Japanese battle flag upon which Capt. Clifford has the autographs of the men of his company who engaged in the bloody battle of Sugar Loaf Hill.

Clifford was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in September, 1942, and was advanced to his present rank last April. He has been overseas 30 months.

Fleet, is the son of Mrs. Charles B. Shea, 111 Lincoln Ave.

The stepfather, Charles E. Shea, CM 1/c, USNR, 45, set the example for his sons by enlisting in the Navy early in 1942, since which time he has taken part in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. In the latter campaign, his ship was bombed continually by the Nazis. During his last trip to England the transport on which he was serving was torpedoed, but it was kept afloat through the efforts of Carpenter's Mate Shea and his shipmates.

Second to enlist was Sgt. First Class J. Shea, 23, husband of Ann Shea of Buffalo, N. Y., now stationed in San Diego. He was followed shortly after by James T. Shea, 21, who joined the Army and is now stationed in New Mexico.

Alfred C. Shea, 25, husband of Rose Shea, of Ithaca, also joined the Army and is a telephone lineman serving in Germany with the Signal Corps. John Mally, 29, Pfc., USA, whose wife, Virginia, lives in Williamsville, a fourth brother, has been wounded four times in Germany and has received the Purple Heart. A fifth brother, Lawrence Mally, 27, is working at the Curtiss-Wright aircraft plant in Buffalo.

Ovid Court of CDA Elects New Staff

Ovid — Sarah McGuire was chosen Grand Regent of Court St. Elizabeth, Catholic Daughters of America at the June meeting.

Chosen with her were: Vice Regent, Ella Robinson; Proprietress, Anna McGough; Lecturer, Mary Earley; Historian, Elizabeth McElroy; Financial Secretary, Mary E. White; Treasurer, Agnes Hanson; Monitor, Rose Hanson; Sentinel, Elizabeth Riley; Organist, Margaret D. Martin.

Trustees for three years, Ida R. French, Margaret Mannix.

Two Brothers to Sing First Solemn Masses

Two brothers, both newly-ordained priests, Rev. Francis V. Courneca, S.J., and Rev. James



Rev. F. Courneca

P. Courneca, M.M., of 425 Arnett Boulevard, Rochester, will celebrate their first Solemn High Masses on Sunday, June 24, at St. Augustine's Church on Chili Avenue at 10:00 and 11:15 o'clock respectively.

The Rev. Francis V. Courneca will be ordained a priest of the Society of Jesus by Bishop John M. McNamara of Baltimore, Washington, at Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md., on June 17. Father Francis Courneca entered the Jesuit order in 1932.

He studied at St. Andrew-on-Hudson, Poughkeepsie, New York, and at Weston College, Weston, Mass. He received his Master of Arts degrees from Fordham University in 1940 and then taught at Xavier High School in New York City before resuming his theological studies at Woodstock College.

The Rev. James P. Courneca graduated from Fordham University with a degree in business administration before entering the Maryknoll Society to study for the foreign mission priesthood. At Fordham he was a member of the Glee Club and after entering Maryknoll was placed in direction of the Seminary choir. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 10 at Maryknoll by Bishop James Edward Walsh, Superior General of the Maryknoll Fathers, and following a short vacation at home will take up special duties at the Maryknoll center in New York City.

A sermon for the occasion will be preached between the two Masses by Rev. Theodore T. Farley, S.J., Student Counselor at Fordham University. A reception for the two young priests will be held at 4:00 o'clock at their home.

Both priests make their home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Courneca, of 425 Arnett Boulevard. Mr. Courneca is the passenger agent for the Rochester Division of the New York Central Railroad. A sister, Mrs. William G. Clancy, resides in Roswell, New Mexico, but will be in Rochester for the first Masses.

Weddings

Maguire - McArdle

Ovid—The wedding of Thomas Maguire, M. M. 1/c, USNR, of Ovid, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Maguire, Ovid, and Miss Marguerite McArdle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McArdle of Willard, took place on Wednesday, June 13, at 9:30 A. M. in Holy Cross Church, Ovid. Rev. Thomas Stafford, Pastor, performed the ceremony and offered the Nuptial Mass. A wedding breakfast was served at the Armitage, Seneca Falls, following the ceremony and a reception was held in the afternoon at the home of the bride's parents.

The groom has recently returned after spending 2 1/2 years in the South Pacific War Area, where he saw action in 5 major battles.

City Joins Farewell To Chaplain Tormey

Auburn — Priests, civic leaders and prominent laymen joined in commending the spiritual and civic work of the Rev. Richard T. Tormey, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church who is leaving for duty with the U. S. Navy Chaplain Corps.

Farewell was extended at a testimonial in Father Tormey's honor in Lyceum Hall, Wednesday evening, June 13. On the stage were priests of the parish, officers of parish societies, Mayor, Edward T. Boyle and City Manager George F. Train.

Speaking for the city, Mayor Boyle said that Auburn would be proud to be represented in the Navy by such an outstanding young priest and in the name of the community wished him success in his new field.

Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen, pastor, commended Father Tormey's zeal, kindness to the sick, leadership and eagerness to serve. The Rev. Dennis Hekey and the Rev. Leo McMannus who have been associated with the new Navy Chaplain lauded his spiritual work and the Rev. John White and the Rev. Vincent Collins joined in felicitations.

Testimonials were presented by Frank J. Lesch who expressed

the high regard and esteem of all the parishioners.

Speaking of his happy days at St. Mary's, Father Tormey recounted opportunities given him by his pastor and said that in the Navy it was his desire to serve well both as priest and Navy man. He thanked the parishioners and asked their prayers for him in the service.

Paul W. Myers was chairman of the testimonial. A program of entertainment was presented by the Girl Scout Chorus with Richard Hoey as guest soloist. Songs were sung by the Misses Ann Simmons, Patricia English, Lois DiCenzo and Rita Cappello with Gerald Conroy as accompanist.

Father Tormey came to St. Mary's on June 21, 1942 following his ordination. He served as moderator of the Boy Scouts, the Holy Name Society, the Recreational Program, the Ivescum Flyers and the League of the Sacred Heart. He was radio commentator for all programs broadcast from the church and took an active part in the Youth Center, the Sevier Club and on committees named by the city for the community's benefit. He was invited many times to give the address at civic projects and on educational programs and taught classes in religion in the school for high school students and public school children.

Political Apathy Branded Criminal

St. Louis — Indifference in political obligations is denounced as criminal and near treason by John O. O'Brien, Ph.D., of the University of Notre Dame, in a pamphlet, "Stop! Are You A Good Citizen?" just published by The Queen's Work here, Socially central office of the United States and Canada.

"How many so-called good people regard politics as a dirty business with which they disdain to soil their white-kid gloves," the author continues. "They have time for auction bridge and other social pastimes. But for the important business of electing capable public servants they have no time."

"There is a form of civic cowardice that approaches treason. Such careless and indifferent citizens are not only slackers; they are criminals. For to their apathy is traceable in the last analysis the election of unqualified officials and the consequent failures in the enforcement of law."

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