

### Geneva Schools Graduate 69 Pupils

Geneva — Annual Commencement exercises for St. Francis de Sales and St. Stephen's parochial schools were held on Friday evening, when sixty-nine students from both schools received their diplomas.

St. Francis de Sales graduates class totaled thirty-two and St. Stephen's, thirty-seven.

Rev. Edward K. Ball, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, presided over the Commencement address at the ceremonies at St. Francis de Sales Church, while Rev. John P. McCafferty, of Canandaigua, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. McCafferty of Geneva, was the commencement speaker at St. Stephen's Church.

Prize awards at both schools are as follows: St. Stephen's: highest prize donated by Geneva Council, Knights of Columbus, usually merited by Diane Driscoll and Joan Schulze and won by Diane Driscoll; highest average: Robert McCann and Joan Schulze; history prize donated by the American Legion auxiliary, for the highest mark in history, John Kerney, St. Francis de Sales School; Christian Doctrine prize, Patricia McGuire; American Legion Auxiliary medal for highest average in story, Patricia McGuire.

### Plays Nun's Role



INGRID BERGMAN, Academy award actress, as "Sister Benedict" in Leo McCarey's "Nuns of St. Mary's," film. With her original screenplay about Catholic sisters and introducing Father O'Malley (Big Crosby) as "Going My Way," movie will be released later this year by RKO-Radia.

### 3 Freed from German Camps Home

Geneva — Three Geneva young men arrived home from overseas this week. Two were recently liberated from German prison camps and one who was missing in action but otherwise unreported were with their family circles once again.

Staff Sgt. Bernard J. Blanch, aerial gunner on a Flying Fortress, and Captain Martin J. Lawler, of the United States Infantry, were the Genevans returning from German prison camps and Sgt. Frank Liborio, half turret gunner with the U. S. Air Force, who was reported missing in action over Yugoslavia since June 24th, 1944, was the third local boy to come home.

Staff Sergeant Blanch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Blanch, 269 Washington street, was reported missing in action over Germany April 11, 1944, and was later listed as a prisoner of war of Germany. The young airman joined the Armed Forces in 1943 and received his parachute training at San Antonio, Texas. After completing training there, he was transferred to other training fields and went overseas in February, 1944. He is a graduate of De Sales high school and attended Hobart College. News of his liberation from the German prison camp was received here by his parents on Monday, May 21st.

Captain Martin J. Lawler, U. S. Artillery, arrived home on Monday, June 14 after being a prisoner of war of the Germans for two and one-half years during which time he was moved from North Africa to Italy, to Poland and then to Germany with hundreds of others. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Lawler, 24 Lyerum street. His wife and young son, Martin Jr., came here recently from Pine Bluff, N. C. to await the arrival of Captain Lawler from overseas.

Staff Sergeant Liborio, third Geneva to return to his home during the week, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Liborio, 46 Clinton street. He was reported missing in action over Yugoslavia since June 24th, 1944, completing thirty-nine bombing missions over enemy territory. He had been German fighter to his credit and was awarded the Air Medal.

He was inducted into the Army in October, 1942, and received his training at La Guardia Field, N. Y.

In civilian life, Sergeant Liborio worked as a sheet metal worker with J. A. Pontius of this city and Canandaigua.

### Girl Scouts on 'Train Hike'

Auburn — Members of the three Girl Scout troops at St. Mary's Church left at 9:45 o'clock on Tuesday morning for a "railroad hike" to Fillmore Glen, Moravia. Scouters numbering 119 assembled at the Lehigh Valley Railroad Station in Monroe Street where the start was made.

This was the largest crowd in several years to take the train for Moravia. Accompanying the girls were Miss Mary Catalano and Miss Mary Goslin, leaders of Troops 26 and 29 of St. Mary's and the Misses Kay Driscoll, Anne Bergan and Rose Mary Cunningham. Also accompanying the Girl Scouts were Rev. Leo McMannus, moderator of the Troops and Rev. John White, assistant pastor of St. Mary's.

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### D. F. C. is Awarded To Auburn Sergeant

Auburn — Staff Sgt. Thomas F. Walsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Walsh, Capitol Street, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is a gunner aboard a B-29 Superfortress of the 20th Bomber Command. He has been commended for meritorious achievement in the China-Burma-India flights and also saw service in Africa. He has previously been awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters.

### Scouts Invested At St. Aloysius'

Auburn — In the presence of the Troop Committee, parents, relatives and friends, the Scouts of Troop 24 of St. Aloysius Church were invested in the Tenderfoot rank and received their membership certificates at a ceremonial in the church on Sunday evening.

The ceremony began in the Scout meeting room where the candidates were presented to the troop chaplain by the Scoutmaster, Thomas F. Molloy. The badges and other insignia were blessed by Rev. Joseph P. Hickey, chaplain, at the church ceremony. Father Hickey also gave a talk on the Scout Oath and thanked the Troop Committee, Scoutmaster and guests for their co-operation.

The following scouts were invested in the Tenderfoot rank: Anthony Anderson, Joseph Belluso, Nicholas DeGlo, Edward Jackson, Thomas C. Molloy, Nathan Navarro, Peter Gropallo, James Quinn, Robert Roach, Robert Tenzel. Membership certificates were given to Joseph Gargull, patrol leader; Raymond Sullivan, patrol leader; Anthony Jarla, assistant patrol leader; Christopher DePalma, senior patrol leader.

Scouter certificates were given to Thomas P. Molloy, Scoutmaster; Paul J. Graney, chairman of the Troop Committee; Frank Audet, troop treasurer; Rev. Joseph P. Hickey, troop chaplain.

Other members of the Troop Committee who were not able to be present are: Capt. Wendell Linnebach, chairman of Public Relations Committee; Francis O'Connor who is in the Navy. The bugle calls were sounded by Nathan Navarro, troop bugler and the ceremony closed with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Silver Tea Held By NCCW Unit

Geneva — Geneva unit of the National Council of Catholic Women held their annual silver tea on Saturday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Thomas K. Fahy, Maxwell avenue.

Affiliations of the local unit include the Rosary Societies of St. Stephen's and St. Francis de Sales Churches; the St. Stephen's Parent-Teacher Association, Court Geneva No. 416, and the Canandaigua court of the Catholic Daughters.

Very Rev. William H. McPadden, pastor of St. Stephen's Church and Dean of Geneva Deanery, is the new moderator of the local unit.

The tea table was arranged with a centerpiece of pink and blue bachelor buttons and ivory tapers. Pouring tea were Mrs. Thomas A. Kane, Mrs. J. Elliott Clossy, Mrs. J. W. McElroy, Mrs. J. W. White and Miss Regina Sweeney.

Officers of the Geneva unit are: president, Mrs. J. W. McElroy; vice-president, Mrs. Donald Denamore; secretary, Miss Helen Van Nortwick; treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Clossy.

### Mark Bl. Oliver Plunket Jubilee in Ireland

Dublin — (NC) — His Eminence Joseph Cardinal MacRory, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, presided at a Solemn Mass in St. Peter's Church at Drogheda, marking the silver jubilee of the beatification of Blessed Oliver Plunket, one of "the Tyburn Martyrs."

### Mass to Mark Re-Opening Of U. S. Air Base in China

Chongking — (NC) — General Clare Chennault, commander of the U. S. 14th Air Force in China, has invited the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Romanello of New Rochelle, N. Y., to re-open the strategic Nanking Airfield with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving.

The Nanking field has just been re-captured by Chinese troops after severe fighting.

### Plan Summer Carnival in Seneca Falls

Seneca Falls — The Rev. John J. O'Beirne, pastor, announced Sunday that plans are being formulated for the Annual Summer Carnival to be held early in August. This is one of the few fairs held by the Parish which contributes largely to the reduction of the church debt. Committees and further plans will be announced in the near future.

### Couples Observe Silver Weddings

Auburn — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walsh, Capitol Street, observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 23 with a Mass at St. Mary's Church. A dinner for the immediate family and relatives was served at the Walsh home in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walsh were married in St. Aloysius Church on June 23, 1920. Rev. J. J. McGrath performed the ceremony and Rev. John Neary celebrated the nuptial Mass. Miss Mary A. Carey and Patrick W. Walsh were attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh have a daughter, Mrs. E. Waterhouse who lives in Auburn, three sons, Staff Sgt. Thomas, WSAAF, a gunner aboard a B-29 Superfortress who has been on 28 combat missions; Lt. John, USMC, now on duty at the Panama Canal Zone; and Pvt. David Walsh, USMC, in North Carolina. They also have a son, Peter in High School.

Auburn — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ryan observed the silver anniversary of their wedding on Sunday. They were married on June 4, 1920 in St. Aloysius Church by Rev. J. J. McGrath. Mrs. Ryan was the former Miss Florence C. Hickey. Mr. Ryan is a veteran of World War I.

Among those attending the reception on Sunday were Mrs. Harry McCabe and Francis Ryan, attendants at the wedding, and Mrs. Catherine Hickey, mother of Mrs. Ryan.

The couple have two sons serving in the armed forces and on Sunday they received a telephone call from these sons. Staff Sgt. Thomas called from his station in Puerto Rico and Coast Guardsman Joseph from Miami, Fla. Also among the 50 guests present at the dinner were Pvt. John McKeon, cousin of Mrs. Ryan who has returned from the Pacific and Pvt. Paul W. Elyland who has been liberated from a German Prison Camp.

### Priest Officiates At Baccalaureate

Auburn — Rev. Dennis W. Hickey of St. Mary's Church, gave the invocation, Scripture reading, and benediction, on Sunday afternoon in Emerson Auditorium of East High School at the Baccalaureate services held for the Auburn High Schools graduates of 1945.

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