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CATHOLIC NURSES WAR SERVICE COMMENDED

With His Excellency, Bishop Kearney who praised their contribution to the war effort at the Catholic Nurses' Fifth Anniversary dinner, Nov. 28, were these officers of the Army and Navy, (from left) Mary Maley, Genesee Hospital graduate; Ruth Reichenberger and Nancy Howe, both graduates of St. Mary's Hospital.

Catholic Nurses Organize In Geneva; Hold First Tea

Geneva—An informal tea was held Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Helen Quigley, 106 Washington Street, for Catholic Nurses of the city of Geneva. Thirty-five nurses attended this opening event, which lasted from four o'clock until six.

The Tea was followed by a business meeting with Mrs. Loretta Linehan acting as chairman. Rev. Robert H. Fennessy, assistant-pastor of St. Stephen's Church was appointed as Moderator for the Geneva Unit of Catholic Nurses. He spoke briefly on the high calling of nurses relative to the physical and spiritual needs of their patients. He then introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. Charles B. Connell.

Father Connell, Chaplain of St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, and Moderator of the Rochester Council of Catholic Nurses, spoke of the organization of the National Council of Catholic Nurses, which was founded five years ago by the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit. The constitution drawn up at that time provided for a set of officers for each diocese. Individual units were to be formed in the various leading cities, to be headed by a Chairman and her assistants.

The purpose of this organization, as outlined by Father Connell, is to benefit all nurses in their care of the sick. The organization also provides spiritual, educational and social activities for its members. He closed with a cordial invitation for all Catholic nurses to attend any activities of the Rochester Council.

The members elected Mrs. Loretta Linehan as chairman for the coming year to be assisted by two co-chairmen, Mrs. John Vahey and Mrs. William J. [illegible]. Tentative plans were made for a "dinner meeting" in January, a "Study Group" during Lent, a "Day of Recollection" before Easter, and a "Communion Breakfast" in May. A vote of thanks was extended to the hostess, Mrs. Helen Quigley, and also to Father Connell for aiding in organizing the Geneva Unit of Catholic Nurses.

Papal Letter to be Read In All German Churches

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16 Auburnians Leave Service

Auburn — Honorable discharges were granted to these 16 Auburnians this week:

First Sgt. Eugene F. Conklin, 105 Van Anden Street.
Staff Sgt. Francis C. Flynn, 77 North Street.
Pfc. Peter Tosky, 118 No. Division St.
First Lieut. Paul V. Bishop, 1 Lexion Avenue.
James M. Gilleads, PC 2/c, 86 North Fulton Street.
Thomas J. Nesbo, MoMM 1/c, 134½ Seymour Street.
William F. Donovan, M. 2/c, 37 Steel Street.
Pfc. Thomas H. Murphy, 31 Howard St.
T/Sgt. Thomas F. Smith, 47 Lewis St.
T/Sgt. Timothy F. Sullivan, 43 North Division Street.
T/Sgt. Tony Sacci, 71 Washington St.
Corp. Philip A. Fiume, 30 Wallace Ave.
First Lieut. Bernard H. Jaworski, 181 State Street.
Corp. William G. Bongo, 30 Mary St.
Sgt. Charles F. Quinn[illegible], 7 Anna St.
T/4 Raymond Flynn, 74 No. Fulton St.

Novena Asks Aid For Polish Nation

Auburn — A special Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary was held at St. Hyacinth's Church this week "for the salvation of Poland, for freedom in the coming elections and for justice to a noble people who fought for the four freedoms and now see those freedoms slipping from their midst."

"The entire parish took part in the Novena "to beseech the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin in behalf of her faithful nation, which she so often helped in the past."

Bayonetted Girl's Education Assured

Manila — (INS) — A wealthy unnamed New Yorker has offered to pay for the education of [illegible]

Diocesan Nurses' Unity Emphasized

Importance of Catholic nurses being united throughout the Rochester diocese was stressed by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney at the fifth anniversary dinner of Rochester Council of Catholic Nurses held Nov. 28 in St. Monica's Hall, Rochester.

The Bishop under whose guidance the Catholic nurses were formed into a diocesan unit of the national organization in 1940 paid tribute to the creditable record made by diocesan Catholic nurses in the armed services during World War II.

Founder of the diocesan council and present spiritual director of Auburn unit, the Rev. Gregory Dugan was among the 125 attending the dinner.

Also at the speakers table were: the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, chancellor of the diocese; the Rev. Charles Connell, spiritual director of the diocesan council of Catholic Nurses; the Rev. Eugene Golding, the Rev. John Merklinger, the Rev. Alphonsus P. Crimmens; Mary Rose Maley, president of the council; Mrs. Ethel Doyle, secretary, Mrs. Edward O'Brien, first vice president; and Miss Margaret Cullen, chairman of the membership dinner.

The dinner marked the close of the 1945 membership campaign.

35 Become Knights In Auburn Ceremony

Auburn — A class of 35, composed mostly of discharged servicemen was initiated into the Knights of Columbus first degree in the council rooms, Genesee Street, Thursday evening. Warden Raymond [illegible] had charge of the ceremony. The second degree was conferred on Thursday, Dec. 6. Luncheon followed the installation ceremonies. Fred Berry was chairman of the luncheon committee.

The major degree will be conferred on Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Knights of Columbus [illegible]

Family [illegible]

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Chaplain Tormey Flies 126 Miles To Meet Fr. Whalen

Auburn — Chaplain Richard T. Tormey who is stationed with the Marine Air Corps at Ewa, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands flew 126 miles Nov. 26 to visit Chaplain Leslie G. Whalen who is at Maui, Hawaiian Islands. Fathers Tormey and Whalen are both priests of the Rochester Diocese and both are former assistants of St. Mary's Church, Auburn.

Father Whalen who has been with the 4th Marines since going to the Pacific Area is now at a Supply Depot at Maui. He says that two Rochester residents are also at Maui, Dr. B. Duffy and Miss Margaret Curran of Vassar Street, a teacher at the Maui High School.

Father Richard Tormey writes: "Tuesday of this week I took the day off to fly down to the Island of Maui with 2 pilots to visit Father Leslie Whalen. He is with a small Marine outfit now down beside the sea since his 4th Marine Division went home. There are several fine priests in bases nearby so he lacks no clerical company. I was very interested to see the vestments and furnishings that St. Mary's had shipped to him. They are very carefully kept in a large chest made by one of his men."

"Last Tuesday with 7 other priest-chaplains of this area I flew to Molokai Leper colony. We went down in a hib bomber and discovered that the only way to enter the colony which sits on a narrow green peninsula at the foot of a 1000 foot craggy cliff, is by climbing down the hills. This proved to be a 45 minute trip down the steep rocks on a meandering donkey trail. Coming back we rode on little sure-footed donkeys.

"We lunched with the priest chaplain and 3 brothers, all of the Order of the Sacred Hearts and visited the house of the Franciscan Sisters who run the Hospital. Two of the nine sisters used to work at Mercy Hospital, Sister Carmelita and Sister Mary Margaret. It was a pleasure to see how happy they were to hear about names and places in Central New York.

"Some of my companions went by car to visit the old church and home of Father Damien (he never lived to see the present colony) but I was taken on a guided tour of the Sisters hospital to get a close up view of the lepers. There are over 300 in the colony but only 40 or 50 sick enough to be patients in the hospitals. The others live with their families in community groups around the bright and neat colony.

"The whole atmosphere despite the grotesque conditions of the patients is clean and happy and the place is filled with magnificent color of flowers and sea-scenery. The place is run and administered by the Territory of Hawaii and the Sisters and Brothers are maintained by Territory funds to run the Hospital. The priest has been there 28 years and some of the Sisters more than 10. Besides the fine Catholic Church there are Mormon and Presbyterian churches."

Father Tormey concluded his letter: "A few Sundays ago I visited Sister Miriam David in Honolulu. Her convent is about 45 minutes ride from here. We had a nice chat and I promised to return to visit the large school which over 800 children attend and of which she is assistant superior. Sister Miriam David is also going to help me with my outdoor Christmas Midnight Mass." Sister Miriam David is a member of the Maryknoll Sisters and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Donovan, Parker Street, Auburn.

War-Damaged London Cathedral to be Replaced

London — (NC) — Archbishop Peter E. Amigo, 83-year-old Bishop of Southwark, is busily engaged in planning a new Cathedral to replace St. George's Cathedral, which was burned out by German incendiary bombs on St. George's Day, 1941.

It is expected the new edifice will cost $800,000 and considerable help from the British Government in the building project is anticipated. The Southwark diocese embraces the southern portion of London and the bombed-out Cathedral is just across Westminster Bridge from the House of Parliament. The Cathedral was designed almost 100 years ago by Augustus Welby Pugin, Britain's celebrated Catholic architect.

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