

### Chaplain O'Brien Tells Experiences

Auburn — Chaplain William J. O'Brien of the U. S. Army was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of Catholic Action League of St. Alphonsus Church held Thursday evening in the Parish House.

Father O'Brien spoke on "World Conditions" and also told of his experiences while serving at the battlefronts in Italy.

The meeting was attended by 65 members and Miss Athalea Rold, president, presided.

The Book Club has been reorganized and it was announced that all books are to be exchanged the first and third Monday of each month, beginning Feb. 4. It was also announced that the Home Bureau Unit of the Society would hold a meeting. Miss Rita Walsh was appointed chairman for the February meeting.

A vote of thanks was extended to the January supper Program Committee composed of Alice Shaw, chairman, Mary Shaw, Jean Dunn, Louise Merma, Veronica Toohy, Arlene Wallace, Lucy Bock, Rosemary Toutant and Katherine Wilson.

### Two Auburn Soldiers Return from Service

Auburn — Joseph McGrath of Auburn is one of 5111 Army veterans returning to the State about the USS Eastland which left Yokohama, Japan, Jan. 12.

First Lieut. Thomas G. Magill, Nelson Street, who arrived in the States Monday after a year in the ETO has been promoted to captain. He has been in the service 44 months of which 14 months were spent in the Panama Canal. Capt. Magill has been granted a 60 day terminal leave prior to his discharge from the Army.

#### ALARMING WEAPONS

Richard Tydings: "We have lately reached a point in the development of destructive weapons which will amaze and stun even the most imaginative person."

### NEGRO PRIEST WELCOMED



One of 18 colored priests in the U. S., the Rev. Vincent Smith of the Society of the Divine Word (left) was greeted on visit to Rochester by the Rev. William W. Heisel, pastor of Holy Family Church (center) and Chaplain Charles Erb, S.V.D., native of Rochester.

### Urges Christ's Principles To Solve Racial Problems

"There would be no racial problems in the United States if people would respect the principles of Christ," according to the Rev. Vincent Smith, a colored priest and the pastor of Our Lady of the Divine Saviour Church, Trenton, N. J.

Visiting in Rochester last week Father Smith addressed a group of parishioners of Holy Family Church at the invitation of the pastor, the Rev. William W. Heisel.

"Of the 13 or 14 million colored people now living in this country only 500,000 are Catholics," Father Smith told. "The State of Louisiana with 100,000 has its largest number of Catholic Negroes. Next to Maryland with 20,000 to 40,000. The rest of the Catholic colored population, Father Smith explained, is concentrated in such cities as Chicago, Philadelphia and New York.

18 Colored Priests in the United States conducted exclusively for colored students to the priesthood, he said. The Society of the Divine Word, chiefly dedicated to the work of the foreign missions, has taken a special interest in the colored people of the United States and now has 18 colored priests working in this country, Father Smith revealed.

Emphasizing the importance of raising the economic status of the Negro, Father Smith stated: "You will find worse slums in the colored sections of Chicago than you will find in such places as Calcutta in India."

Much of his time in his Trenton parish, the priest said, is spent trying to find jobs for his people. "The Negro is the last one hired and the first one fired," he complained.

Father Smith was supported in his plea for the colored people by U. S. Army Chaplain Major Charles Erb, who has just returned from Germany.

Father Erb, who is also a member of the Society of the Divine Word, argued for the democratic treatment of Negroes. "I have seen," he told, "colored soldiers from Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi fighting in the Aleutians and in Germany. They were fighting for democracy. When they return we must not deny them the thing for which they fought as Americans."

### Weddings

Maria - Ward Johnston, Pa. — Miss Rita Elizabeth Musico, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Musico, Lansing Street, and LeRoy J. Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Ward, New Haven, Conn., were married Jan. 12, in Our Lady of Sorrows Church, here. Rev. Stephen A. Ward, uncle of the bridegroom performed the ceremony.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father was attended by her sister, Miss Patricia Musico, William J. Hickey of Auburn was best man.

A reception was held at the Sunnyside Country Club after which the couple left on a trip to Montreal and Quebec. Mr. and Mrs. Ward will make their home in New Haven.

The bride was graduated from Holy Family High School and Auburn City Hospital School of Nursing. She served four years in the Army Nurse Corps, being overseas for three years. Mr. Ward graduated from St. Bonaventure College and was a lieutenant in the Signal Corps. He also served four years in the Army and was overseas for two and a half years.

We stand on the threshold of a new age. But will it be God's best of a new age or the best of some other hand?

#### Basketball

### Junior League Sets Games, Alumni Five Wins Twice

Auburn — St. Francis Basketball team defeated the K. of C. team on Tuesday night by the score of 45 to 27 in the weekly contests sponsored by the Senior Division of the Recreation League. The triumph was the sixth straight for the St. Francis team and gave them first place in the league.

The game marked the first defeat for the K. of C. team. Michaelis was high for St. Francis with 12 points and Leide next with 11. For the Knights Synnott had seven and Hoerger six counts to lead the team. Alco defeated Columbian Rope 39 to 35. For Alco Krause led with eleven points and Eger and Corcoran had 10 each. Krause and Corcoran have just returned from overseas duty and were playing their first game with Alco.

For Columbian Rope, Lavarnway was high with ten points and Wall had six. IHC defeated St. Hyacinth's by the score of 46 to 28. Painter led the IHC team with 15 points and Wrobel was high for St. Hyacinth's with nine points and Kulakowski with 8 points.

St. Alphonsus Alumni basketball team defeated Oswego 47 to 41 and registered their fifth win of the season. Clifford was high for St. Alphonsus with 16 points and Averis next with 12 points. For Oswego, Schaffer had 14 and Sterio 11. In the preliminary the Columbian Squires varsity scored a 21-12 win over the Teen Agers of Oswego.

In the Junior Division of the Recreation League the following games were played on Saturday morning and resulted as follows: St. Alphonsus, 24, St. Hyacinth's, 14; St. Mary's, 34, Holy Family, 19; St. Francis, 33, Neighborhood House, 21; St. Peter and Paul, 32, St. Aloysius, 27.

Games scheduled for next Saturday are:

- 6:00 o'clock St. Francis vs. St. Peter and Paul
- 8:40 Holy Family vs. St. Aloysius
- 10:30 St. Hyacinth's vs. Neighborhood House
- 11:00 o'clock St. Mary's vs. St. Alphonsus

In one of the most exciting basketball games in Auburn in sometime the Canandaigua Knights of Columbus defeated St. Alphonsus Alumni by the

score of 66-67 in an overtime period. The Alumni led 17 to 2 at the end of the first half and at the beginning of the last quarter the score was 37 to 36 in favor of the local team. Trailing by a basket with less than 15 seconds to play Jack Clifford scored to put the game in an overtime period. Graugh, Wallace and O'Brien with 18, 17 and 16 points respectively led the winners and Clifford with 17 points led St. Alphonsus and Averis had 16 counts. Synnott had 12 points and Lavarnway had 10 points for the local team. The Squires varsity were defeated by the K. of C. junior varsity 35 to 34.

St. Francis five was defeated by Geneva Pepsi Cola team on Sunday evening. The score was 55 to 47 in favor of Geneva. Joe Corcoran led Geneva with 18 points and Schaffer was next with 11 points. For St. Francis Oliver and Averis led with 11 points each.

The Auburn Polish Falcons registered their third straight win in the Central New York Polish Basketball League by defeating the Rome Polish Club by the score of 57 to 44. The victory gave the locals possession of second place. Tokarz led the locals with 16 points and Beer led Rome with 15 points.

Holy Family High defeated Immaculate Heart Academy of Watertown on Friday by the score of 35 to 31. Capt. Ernie Zarnett and Johnnie Fitzpatrick led the local team and Bonnie Kenny, Jim Cuddy and Dick Fitzgerald were high for Watertown. At half time Holy Family led 20 to 12. On next Saturday Coach Crowley's team will meet Eldridge High at Auburn.

### Bowling

Catholic Church League Auburn — St. Aloysius No. 1 team took high three game honor with a total of 2,718 and also captured high team single, 1033, in the Catholic Church Bowling League contest this week. At the top of the individual list was J. Keegan, 190, 223 and 193, 612. F. Skora was next with 606 and Father Haffey, third with 587.

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