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**Aides Appointed  
For Holy Name  
Meeting Sunday**

With appointments of members of the Registration, Reception and Arrangements committees, this week's plans were completed for the Annual Convention of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union to be held Sunday, May 5 at Danville.

Principal speaker the Rev. Robert L. Dillon, vicar chancellor of Syracuse diocese will be heard at the business session in the Knights of Columbus hall following opening Benediction services in St. Mary's Church, Danville.

The Rev. Edward M. Scheidel, pastor of St. Mary's Church will welcome the delegates from all sections of the diocese. The Rev. F. William Stauffer, diocesan director will attend. John W. Martz, diocesan union president, will preside.

Appointed to the Registration Committee are: James F. Osterman, Rochester, chairman; Alvin Kramer, vice-president; St. Mary's Holy Name Society of Danville, co-chairman.

Honorary A. Scullin, Danville; Thomas J. Demerly, Danville; Francis J. Wardwell, Canandaigua; William M. Egan, Ithaca; Francis Reisinger, Naples; William Ryan, Hilton; Martin Weber, Rochester; Michael J. Thomas, Rochester; Leo Tainch, Rochester; Emmett L. Doyle, Rochester; Clarence J. Schoenmaker, Rochester; James A. Small, Rochester.

Members of the Reception and Arrangements Committees are: Edmund Kessler, President of St. Mary's Holy Name Society, Danville; Chairman, Wilfred Kauber, John Puzos, Edward Eberle, Nicholas Haver, Jacob Kreis, Walter Blum, Frank Vogt, Thomas Conlin, Joseph Maloney, Herbert Kennedy, George Reichenwald, all of Danville.

**Geneva Soldier  
Wins Promotion**

Geneva — Pfc. James Vincent McKeon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent McKeon, 125 William street, has been promoted to Corporal according to word received by his parents.

Corporal McKeon is at the Headquarters Barracks in the Aircraft Replacement Training Center at Fort Bliss, Texas. He has been in the Army since July 5, 1935.

Pvt. Romeo W. Passalacqua of East North street arrived in New York on Thursday, Apr. 23, on the Sea Phoenix.

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**PARISH CENSUS TAKEN**



Under the guidance of the Rev. John M. Duffy, pastor, (right) a "Fifty-Eight Hour Census" was taken in St. Augustine's parish, Rochester, beginning Sunday. Workers including James Bergin and John P. Bergin received their census cards at the church hall.

**St. Alphonsus Group  
Sets Banquet May 7**

Auburn—The Immaculate Heart of Mary and Rosary Society of St. Alphonsus Church will hold their annual banquet on Tuesday evening, May 7 at 8:30 at Springside Inn.

Mrs. Charles Berry is in charge of reservations and is being assisted by Mrs. Earl Lee, Mrs. Mary Gill, Mrs. Annie Toutant, Mrs. Rena Gaynor, Mrs. Walter Champlain and Mrs. James McEhan.

Reservations will close on Saturday, May 4.

The reception committee for the annual banquet is composed of Mrs. Charles Schindler, Mrs. Raymond Lewis, Mrs. Joseph Sidor and Mrs. Earl Gamble. Mrs. Frank H. Steigerwald will be toastmistress and Mrs. Joseph L. Schwartzwalder will be song leader. Decorations are in charge of Mildred Woods and Mrs. Floyd Abrams.

Mrs. Lawrence Sidor, president of the Rosary Society, presided at the business meeting on Monday evening. A Question Box was a feature of the meeting with the Rev. David Singer, spiritual director of the society in charge. Mrs. James McEhan was honored for attendance. A social hour followed the meeting with refreshments being served by Mrs. Harry Blaszczak, Mrs. James Wallace and Mrs. Joseph Marquart.

The society conducted a card party on Thursday evening in the parish house. Mrs. Carol Anton was chairman with Mrs. Charles Berry co-chairman, assisted by the following committee: Mrs. Floyd Abrams, Mrs. Frank Semple, Mrs. Fred Offenberger, Mrs. Frank Steigerwald and Mrs. John Offenberger.

**CHAPLAIN HOME  
FROM PACIFIC**

U. S. Army Chaplain (Major) Leo J. Matuszewski returned home to Rochester this week after almost four years of service.

During 25 months overseas he served with the U. S. Service Forces in Australia, Dutch Guiana, and Leyte.

Sailing from Leyte aboard a troop ship Father Matuszewski arrived at San Francisco on April 23. Enroute his ship had a close call when it managed to miss the recent tidal wave storm which struck the Hawaiian Islands.

Father Matuszewski was appointed to the Army at Camp Dix, N. J. and will be on terminal leave until July 21.

He is now awaiting re-appointment to work in the diocese. Before joining the Army he was assistant pastor of St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester.

**PASTORS IN ALBANY SEE**  
Albany — Two priests of the Albany diocese, Alumni of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, have new charges. The Rev. Joseph A. DeIney has been named pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Catskill, and the Rev. Dennis Dillon, former Navy Chaplain, is now pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Newport, N. Y.

**Holy Family Group to Hear  
Ex-Chaplain at Breakfast**

Auburn—The Rosary Society and the Sacred Heart League of Holy Family Church will receive Corporate Communion at the 8:00 o'clock Mass next Sunday morning, May 5, after a breakfast will be served at the Osborne Hotel at 9:00 o'clock.

Rev. David Singerhoff, assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus Church who served overseas as chaplain during the war will be the principal speaker and Mrs. William McDonald will be toastmistress. Reservations will close Friday.

Reports to date indicate a large attendance. Very Rev. Dean John A. Conway, pastor of Holy Family Church will also speak and there will be a musical entertainment presented by Mrs. Mary Murray, Mrs. Clarence Maywalt, Mrs. Earl McEhan, and Dick Bergin. Mrs. Francis Theilts is general chairman assisted by Mrs. Agnes Belknap.

**Father Whalen  
Tells of Tidal  
Wave at Maui**

Auburn — Destruction caused at Maui in the Hawaiian Islands by the tidal wave was described by Chaplain Leslie Whalen, with the U. S. Marines at the 18th Service Command on that island.

Father Whalen wrote to St. Mary's Church here where he was formerly stationed as assistant pastor.

"You have probably read all sorts of stories about the tidal wave in the Pacific and what it did to the Hawaiian Islands. Those stories were pretty much true and very definitely based on fact," Father Whalen writes.

"The waves as they swept in from the ocean were less than twenty feet high but they took everything that was not more than twenty feet above that line. In fact the chapel was not touched at all, only the tanks that were lined up just inside the camp suffered to any extent.

The Headquarters building was completely demolished and strewn all along the warehouses but the warehouses withstood the waves and while they had water in them they still were on their foundations."

**Sea Tosses Tanks**  
The first news of the disaster became generally known in Wailuku and Kahului when the report spread that a gigantic sea was pouring ashore outside the West Breakwater toward the 18th Service Command. The pile-driving camp and eight-ton alligator ambulances were picked up and tossed about like ships in a mountain torrent.

"A tank of gasoline topped over and broke out in flames but a succeeding wave rolled in and extinguished the blaze. The Administration building at the gate was picked up and hurled about two hundred feet as if by a giant hand. It crashed in utter wreckage. Three residences adjoining the rock-rocket disintegrator crashed under the terrific pounding. The home of John Corcoran was smashed backward and gulfed by the Pacific torrent. The walls were swept clean except for the sorrowful figure on a Quonset gazing down on the destruction."

Father Whalen said it was the most terrible feeling to see the water draw back from the shore about two or three hundred yards, so far that he could see the reefs just off shore, and then stop a few seconds and pile up about 15-20 feet, and then start rolling in toward the shore. They didn't stop at the shore, he stated, but kept on rolling right over the reef tearing down the forest, tossing the tanks and ambulances around as if they were cork and then coming to a momentary halt when they reached the higher ground. Things would float for a moment and then when the water receded it took everything that was floating with it.

The civilian population was not quite so lucky as the Marines. Great numbers of people had built their homes near the water and got much above the sea level. When the water hit them, most of the dwellers were lucky to get out with their lives. In places, such as Maliko Gulch houses were washed out to sea and there is very little left even as the water receded. The school on Maui's coast line residents were preparing breakfast, getting the children ready for school and the usual morning preparations were in full swing when the tidal wave struck with full fury.

**NCCW Unit to Meet**

The Executive Committee of the Rochester Diocesan Council, N.C.C.W. will meet with the Rev. Albert Shamon, Diocesan Moderator, at 15 South St., Friday, May 3, at 1:30 p. m.

**FOSTER PARENTS LAUDED**



His Excellency, Bishop Kearney praised the foster parents from 400 Catholic homes in Monroe County gathered at Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday afternoon. Here the Bishop greets Michael, son of Mrs. Manicko V. Dweets as her foster child, Leo McWilliam awaits his greeting.

**Communion Breakfast Listed  
By Seneca Falls CDA Court**

Seneca Falls—The annual Communion Breakfast of Court Seneca Falls, Catholic Daughters of America, will take place at The Armistage on Sunday, May 5, following the 8:30 o'clock Mass in St. Patrick's Church.

Mothers of the members will be guests of honor on this occasion. They will receive the Holy Eucharist in a body at the 8:30 Mass and then report to The Armistage for the breakfast.

Mrs. Catherine Coyne is chairman and will be assisted by Mrs. Camilla Gentle, Mrs. Ada Adona, Mrs. Eva Baldassarri, Mrs. Clara Lyman, Mrs. Mary Favero, Mrs. Mary McMillan, Mrs. Eugenia Di Totto, Mrs. Alice Ward, Mrs. Mary Bobbette, Mrs. Col-

**Priest Praises  
Soviet Stand  
Of N. D. Alumni**

Rev. Dr. George F. Kettell this week applauded the action of Thomas F. Byrne of Cleveland, National president of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, who wired UN delegates Edward R. Stettinius urging the investigation of Europe's Soviet-dominated governments if Franco Spain is to be similarly investigated.

Addressing seventy members of the Notre Dame Club at Rochester, gathered at the Sheraton Hotel to honor their five war dead, Dr. Kettell congratulated the Association on the alumni president's move, made in the name of the 20,000 veterans.

Only reason Kettell is so intent on destroying the existing power in Spain, Dr. Kettell declared, is that she represents the only spot in the world where Communism went down in its humiliating defeat when brought to the test.

Challenge To Catholics  
He pointed to Russian Communism as the only existing obstacle to world peace and offered a challenge to Notre Dame men as Catholics to exert their influence upon American public opinion by the intelligent use of the ballot, regardless of previous party ties.

Averting the government leaders today are "selling Americans down the river," the speaker pointed out that the United States, by all rights the most powerful nation in the world, is weak and adrift in a sea of appeasement.

The oppressed nations of Central Europe, said Fr. Kettell, who looked in vain to this country to relieve them of the totalitarian yoke, are now unavowed behind the great sheep, outside of Red Army control.

He reminded the group many of whom are World War II veterans, that over 10,000,000 American soldiers offered their blood for a principle that is evoked by the Star Spangled Banner. He charged the men of Notre Dame with the responsibility of seeing that the rage of this gallant sacrifice does not become an ignoble blotch on the star-spangled flag.

The occasion was the 20th annual Notre Dame Night which was observed by groups of Notre Dame alumni throughout the country in honor of their war dead.

Those alumni from the Rochester diocese who did not attend War II are: Lt. Louis J. Shultz, 94 Ryanville St.; Lt. George J. Farrell, 203 Albany St.; Lt. Joseph J. Farrell, 203 Albany St.; Lt. Joseph J. Farrell, 203 Albany St.

**120 ATTEND CDA  
BENEFIT PARTY**

Geneva — Court Geneva, Catholic Daughters of America, held a benefit and party on Wednesday evening, Apr. 24 at the Wagoner's building with the following in party: Mrs. A. J. Cowan and Mrs. A. J. Randall, were co-chairmen in arrangement.

Prize was awarded as follows: Mrs. Margaret M. Malley, \$10.00; Mrs. Mary J. Gannon, \$5.00; Mrs. John J. Gannon, \$5.00; Mrs. Mary J. Gannon, \$5.00; Mrs. Mary J. Gannon, \$5.00.

The group was presided over by Mrs. G. V. Mack and Mrs. A. J. Randall. Other guests included Mrs. G. V. Mack, Mrs. A. J. Randall, Mrs. G. V. Mack, Mrs. A. J. Randall, Mrs. G. V. Mack, Mrs. A. J. Randall.

EVERY DAY we receive inquiries from those who are desirous of purchasing electric and gas ranges, refrigerators, home freezers, water heaters and automatic washers, asking us when we will have new model appliances for sale.

Due to the limited number of appliances expected to be available for a considerable time to come, we have felt that the first new models should be sold by dealers. We announced this to the trade as part of our postwar sales policy, affirming that we would not resume normal merchandising for the time being but plan to do so when we believe conditions permit.

To our many friends who have purchased appliances from us before the war, we wish to express our appreciation for their confidence in us. When new electric and gas equipment becomes plentiful again we plan to resume our former selling activity. But in the meantime we ask you to consult your appliance dealer. We suggest that you get in touch with him as soon as possible so that you will be in line for any of the new models as they become available.

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