

St. Agnes High School Grad Wins Patriotic Essay Prize

Miss Frances Post, a member of this year's graduating class from St. Agnes High School, has been voted second prize in the Rochester Gas & Electric Company's patriotic essay contest.

One of 26 contestants from that city's Monroe County schools.

Miss Post was the only Rochester student awarded a top honor in the competition. She was given a cash prize of fifteen dollars.

The RG&E-sponsored contest was opened in May of this year. "What America Means to Me," was the topic for the essay ill for senior students. Each school entering the contest submitted the one essay judged to be the best of their group. Each of these essayists were awarded a ten-dollar prize at graduation.

In a letter addressed to Miss Post, the judges paid tribute to "the fine writing talent revealed" by her essay. Judges were Harold Sanford, editor of the Democrat and Chronicle; Alfred T. Stewart, Monroe County Commander of the American Legion; and Mrs. Florence Bauman, president, Rochester Chapter, Gold Star Mothers of America.

Movie in Hiroshima
Tokyo (NC) — Over 15,000 persons in the city of Hiroshima, which has only 700 Catholics, have seen the film on the 26 martyrs of Japan which was shown by the newly-organized St. Vincent de Paul Society there to raise funds for an orphanage.

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DESCRIBES EXPERIENCES



A recent visitor to St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, was the Rev. Joseph L. Van Winkel, L.H.M., a Belgian missionary who spent World War II in Japanese prisons, shown here describing his experiences to the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor. Father Van Winkel is presently raising funds for the rebuilding of the China missions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary order.

Priest, Ex-Internee, Pleads For Chinese Mission Funds

A plea for funds for the rebuilding of the China missions was voiced by the Rev. Joseph L. Van Winkel, L.H.M., a veteran missionary who spent four years in a Japanese prison camp in Manchuria, speaking in St. Anthony's Church, Elmira.

Belgium born, Father Van Winkel is now on temporary leave to conduct his fund-raising campaign for the Immaculate Heart of Mary missions in China. He will also assist in organizing parishes for colored people in Louisiana, Texas, and in Philadelphia.

DURING HIS 14 years in the mission field, the Belgian priest lived under Japanese domination in the territory of Jehol Province, South Manchuria. His work included teaching Latin, history and geography at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary located at Sung Chiu Tzu.

Father Van Winkel was arrested with 8 other priests by the Japanese Secret Police in December, 1941, and spent the duration of the war in Japanese internment camps. After an ordeal of near-starvation and bad treatment, the priests learned of the Japanese surrender from a Russian General, who told them the war was over and that they would be cared for. They never heard from the Russian officer again.

THE MISSIONARIES were released eventually by American troops, who bought them food and provisions. When Father Van Winkel was permitted to return to the mission compound, it was only to discover that the entire territory was controlled by the Communists and the Russian Army.

At the outset, the priest revealed, all facilities were extended to the priests, who were allowed to carry on their work unmolested. A short time later, however, persecutions began, and freedom of worship was denied.

Father Van Winkel was born in Duffel, Belgium, where he returned in March, 1946. Educated at St. Joseph's Seminary, Louvain, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1932.

White gladioli and palms were used in the altar decorations for the wedding of Miss Viola P. Flynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Flynn of 88 Center St., and Samuel L. Venuti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Venuti of 21 State St., at 10 a. m. Saturday at St. Francis de Sales Church.

The ceremony was performed by the pastor, the Rev. Edward K. Ball. Mrs. Anita Kutcho was organist. Selections included "Pater Angelicus," "Mother Be-loved," and "Ave Maria."

The bride was escorted by her father who gave her in marriage. Maid of honor was Miss Rose J. Flynn, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were the Misses Dorothy Flynn, Mary Venuti, Ann Gringeri and Tini Saglimbeni. Joseph P. Venuti, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Thomas Gillespie, Daniel Feligno, John Harding, Frank Madia, Patrick Calto and Edward Smaldone.

A reception was held at Club 5-20 at the foot of Seneca Lake. There were 250 guests for the wedding dinner.

After a wedding trip to Chicago, Montreal and Quebec, the bride and bridegroom will reside at 174 Nursery Ave. Both are graduates of De Sales High school, class of 1944. The bride has been employed as secretary of the Finger Lakes Council, Boy Scouts of America, for the last four years. The bridegroom operates the Seneca Amusement Company.

DIVINEY-MEEHAN
Miss Helen Diviney, daughter of Mrs. John E. Diviney, Geneva, I. D. I., was united in marriage to John Meehan, son of Mr. and

Auxiliary To Mark Jubilee

Two days of celebration will mark the Golden Jubilee of Ladies Auxiliary No. 45, Knights of St. John, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish.

Opening the schedule will be a Memorial Mass at 8 a. m. Saturday, Aug. 7, in OLPH Church. Highlighting the evening program will be a supper at 6 p. m. in the parish hall, followed by a reception and dance. A Solemn High Mass will be offered at 8:30 a. m. Sunday, Aug. 8.

Mrs. Katherine Harter is honorary chairman of the celebration. Mrs. Bernadine Bossert is general chairman, with Mrs. Julia Bossart as co-chairman.

Priests To Speak At German Outing

Catholic participation in the resettlement of displaced persons will be emphasized by two priests during the annual German Welfare Day outing Sunday, Aug. 8, at Schutzen Park.

Principal speaker will be the Rev. Vincent Brosnan, assistant director of War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference. Father Brosnan, an ex-U. S. Army chaplain, will be introduced by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith and managing editor of the Courier Journal, who also will deliver a brief talk.

Included among affiliates of the Federation of German-American organizations of Rochester, sponsors of the outing, are the Catholic Kolping Society and the Catholic Central Verein. Last year a total of \$1,672 was turned over to the NCWC War Relief Services by the Federation.

DP Talk To Show Catholics' Duty

Auburn—Necessity for Catholic interest in the problem of Displaced Persons will be stressed by George Montgomery, a representative of Rochester Diocesan Catholic Charities, at the monthly First Friday Supper Club at 6:15 p. m. Aug. 6 in the K. of C. Home here.

Montgomery helped set up the Rochester Diocesan Resettlement Council, which is headed by the Rev. Arthur E. Raligan, director of the Family and Child Care Placing Agency, Rochester Catholic Charities. Montgomery is on leave of absence from his position to attend Buffalo University.

He will return to Rochester soon to resume his work with adolescents at Catholic Charities, with which he has been associated for seven years. William Murley is chairman of the First Friday Supper Club.

Discoverer of McCormack Dies
Dublin (RN)—Dr. Vincent O'Brien, distinguished Irish Catholic musician, died here at the age of 79. Noted as the discoverer of the late John Count McCormack.

Shannon Kelly
Miss Dorothy A. Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Kelly, 19 Gaylord St., and John J. Shannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shannon, Stanley were married July 24 in St. Mary's Church by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen, pastor. Attending were Miss Elizabeth Shannon, maid of honor; Miss Pauline Englert and Miss Catherine D. McCarthy, bridesmaids; and Joseph Shannon, best man. Miss Patsy Ann Shannon was flower girl. Ushers were Thomas Maloney and Arthur Thompson.

Breche-Walter
Miss Agnes Walter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Walter, Union Springs, became the bride of Paul Breche, son of Mrs. Clayton L. Bell Jr., 30 1/2 Grant Ave. Officiating was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Conway, pastor of Holy Family Church. Attending the couple were Miss Dorothy Walter, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, and James Shaw, best man of the bridegroom. Best man of the bridegroom was Mr. Daniel F. Murphy Jr., who was his brother's best man.

Kimak-Newert
St. Mary's Church was the scene of a pretty summer wedding when Louanne Newert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Newert of Auburn, became the bride of Stephen Kimak, son of John Kimak, Sr. of Skaneateles Falls, on Saturday, July 24 at 11 a. m. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen, pastor performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Stephen Pudiak, as maid of honor, and Stephen Pudiak was best man. Ushers at the church were Frank Kimak and James Newert.

Maritz Peacock
St. Alphonsus Church was the scene of a pretty summer wedding at 10 o'clock Saturday, July 24, when Miss Elaine Peacock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peacock of 4 First Avenue, became the bride of John Maritz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Maritz of Auburn Rd., R.D. 2. The Rev. Robert Dohbertin, assistant pastor, performed the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Stanley R. Pele, sister of the bride was maid of honor, and the best man was William Dushinsky.

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DANCE FOR 'PILGRIM VIRGIN'



Pueblo Indians performed a ceremonial dance in honor of the Virgin Mary at the Pilgrim Virgin statue, Our Lady of Fatima, at Laleta Pueblo, New Mexico. The statue, now touring the United States, was carried in procession through the streets of Laguna Pueblo, New Mexico, with more than 500 Indians taking part in the ceremony, adding their prayers for the conversion of Russia and for world peace. More than 75,000 persons attended the various services during the three day visit of the famous statue in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Weddings In Auburn

Murphy-Stieler
A pretty mid-summer wedding took place Saturday, July 24, at 11:45 o'clock at St. Alphonsus Church when Miss Georgia L. Stieler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Stieler of 152 N. Fulton St., became the bride of Edward J. Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Murphy, 21 of Lowell Mass. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Clarence W. Gardner, assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus Church. Mrs. Kenneth M. Champin, sister of the bride was maid of honor. Daniel F. Murphy Jr., was his brother's best man.

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St. Louis Golden Jubilee
St. Louis, Mo. The Rev. Michael I. Stritch, S. J., 86-year-old professor emeritus of philosophy at St. Louis University, has observed the 50th anniversary of his ordination. He taught at the local university from 1912 until 1941 when he was named professor emeritus.

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Red Judges Give Priest Four Years

LONDON (NC)—A military tribunal in Katowice has sentenced the Rev. Michael Nerek to four years in prison on charges of opposition to communism and incitement against the present Polish regime, according to the Inter-Catholic Press Agency here.

Father Nerek is a repatriate from eastern Poland, which has been incorporated into Soviet territory. He has been pastor in the village of Krzywina, Lower Silesia.

The priest's mother and brother died in Siberia. At his trial he admitted that having suffered many personal injuries at the hands of the Russians he lacked sympathy with Russia. As a Catholic priest, he said, he could not approve atheistic communism. Charged with having organized prayers for Poles who died during exile in Siberia, he said he felt it was a duty to pray for the dead and saw nothing wrong in asking such prayers.

Mass for Guam Hero-Priest
Agana, Guam (NC) — Catholics from villages throughout Guam journeyed in pilgrimage to the tomb of the Rev. Jesus Duenas at Inajaran. A Solemn Memorial Mass was offered there for the man who was beheaded in 1945 by the Japanese just before they were driven from the island.

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