

CAMP SERVICES IN NEW CHAPEL

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Both Protestant and Catholic Observances Held in Army Depot.

Initial services in the first chapel to be completed at the Shenango Personnel replacement Depot were conducted yesterday.

A Catholic mass was conducted at 9 a. m. by Rev. Fr. Robert Goodill of the Cathedral Rectory, Erie, followed by a 10 o'clock Protestant service in charge of Capt. Charles D. Swank of the Chaplain Corps.

It was announced that on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock a Jewish worship service will be held at the chapel on the military reservation by Nathan Singer of the Jewish Welfare Board.

Yesterday's services were well attended. The newly completed chapel is very attractive and the spiritual welfare of the men is being well cared for, according to personnel officials of the Army depot.

The first church gatherings at the Shenango depot were held in temporary quarters a week ago in charge of Capt. Swank, post chaplain, and Rev. Fr. John C. Cronin, assistant pastor of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church of Greenville.

Spiritual ministry is needed to aid the soldiers to be stationed at Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, Rev. Mark F. Sanborn, noted Battle Creek, Mich., minister, said Sunday in an address at the Sharon First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Mr. Sanborn is in Mercer County to assist the Council of Religious Education to organize a religious program for the Protestant churches.

Rev. Mr. Sanborn pointed out that soldiers brought any community liabilities as the boys, becoming lonesome, were faced with temptations. He said the churches could play an important part in aiding them to ward off the temptations by opening their doors and welcoming them.

"It will be necessary for Mercer County churches to unite and offer a broad program," he said.

Post Chaplain Speaks to Church Men Group

— Jan 22 '48

Capt. Orin D. Swank, post chaplain at Shenango Depot, was the guest speaker at the January meeting of the Men's Fellowship Group of the Baptist Church, last evening.

Capt. Swank drew on his extensive experience as an Army chaplain to tell of religious life in the camps. He finds the close association of men of various faiths in the camps has a splendid effect, in a general way broadening and in a specific way definitely helpful in a religious way. The aim of the Army chaplains is to center their activities on religious work and to be spiritually helpful. Regulations now forbid chaplains to undertake extraneous secular duties which formerly took much of their time from the main purpose.

As is known to most readers, Shenango Depot has three large chapels and three smaller ones. Two are now in use.

CAMP CHAPEL TO BE DEDICATED

Jan 23 '43

Ceremony to Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon at Shenango Depot.

The first Army chapel in Western Pennsylvania will be opened Sunday, when a newly completed religious center is dedicated at the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot.

Chaplain Harry D. Southard, chief chaplain of the Third Service Command, will speak at ceremonies beginning at 3 p. m. Sunday afternoon.

Officers and enlisted men of the post will attend. Civilian friends of post personnel will attend by special invitation only.

Ceremonies will be conducted by Chaplain Orin D. Swank, post chaplain. Chaplain Swank, a regularly ordained minister in the Evangelical Church, served in the Armed Forces since the close of the last war, including a three-year tour of duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps. He came to the Shenango Depot after 16 months' duty as hospital chaplain at Fort Eustis, Va.

The dedicatory program Sunday will serve for all chapels on the post as they are placed in service.

The completed chapel was built according to standard government specifications for service chapels. Its most interesting feature is the inter-denominational altar, which can be adapted for Protestant, Catholic or Jewish services.

The building, seating over 300, is a frame structure situated near the post headquarters. The white exterior carries out a New England style. The interior is softly lighted in buff tones, while the beamed ceiling is finished in dark walnut. There is a choir loft, a consultation room, and two rooms for chaplains.

Although the first religious services were held in the chapel a week ago, and the first camp services held in temporary barracks the week before that, the coming ceremonies will mark the formal presentation of the religious center to the commanding officer of the post, Col. George H. Cherrington.

DEDICATE CAMP CHAPEL SUNDAY

Jan 25 '43

Ministers of Three Faiths Take Part in Sunday Ceremony.

CHIEF CHAPLAIN DELIVERS ADDRESS

Ministers of three faiths—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish—participated in ceremonies yesterday afternoon marking the dedication of the first chapel at Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, newest Army camp in Pennsylvania.

Chaplain Orin D. Swank, post chaplain, who was last week promoted rank of major, presented Chaplain Harry D. Southard (Lieut. Col.), chief chaplain of the Third Service Command. Chaplain Southard traveled from Baltimore to give the prayer of consecration and deliver the principal address.

"A chaplain's duty," said Chaplain Southard, "involves much more

than singing hymns and preaching sermons. His purpose is to make good soldiers."

Chaplain Southard served in the Army since the last war in which he saw 14 months' service overseas. Previous to that he was in Africa four years as a trader and later as a missionary. He has since seen service in the Philippines. Born in New York City where he was baptized by Henry Ward Beecher, Chaplain Southard was ordained at the Leander Clark College in Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. Father James J. Kearns, pastor of St. Michael's Church in Greenville, gave the invocation. Scripture was read by Rabbi Sidney Riback of Sharon.

Accepting the keys to the house of worship, Col. George H. Cherrington, commanding officer, pocketed them and declared, "It is my desire that these doors shall be open at all times for soldiers desiring meditation and prayer." Col. Cherrington congratulated engineers

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and laborers for the fine work of construction.

Presentation of chapels was made by Maj. W. C. Sale, area engineer in charge of construction. Mrs. Sale traveled from Greenville to cut the ribbon at the entrance to the chapel.

Musical program included selections by Privates Frank H. Wilson, playing Handel's "Largo." Mrs. Wallace Donovan of Greenville sang "Ave Marie." Mrs. R. V. Turner, of Sharon, sang "Come Unto Him," from Handel's Messiah.

Benediction was given by Rev. Wayman Parsons, of Sharon, president of the Shenango Valley Ministerium.

Ceremonies were attended by officers and enlisted men of the post, and a gathering of contractors and prominent citizens of the valley.

Floral decorations were donated by the Mercer County Council of Religious Education and the Associated Soldiers of Greenville, subcontractors who built the chapel. Members of Associated Soldiers present included Walter H. Mallorie, Jack H. Moss and W. M. DeArment of Greenville.

Regular services are now being held in the chapel, the first of several similar houses of worship to be opened at the Shenango Depot.

Chaplain O. D. Swank to Speak at Clarksville

Jan 29 '43

Maj. Orin D. Swank, chaplain at the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, will give the main address at a community meeting in the Clarksville Presbyterian Church on Sunday, at 8 o'clock in the evening. He will tell of religious work in the Army, and of many experiences with individual soldiers.

The meeting is under the auspices of the high school section of Christian Endeavor, and will mark the observance of Young People's Day. The Epworth League of the Methodist Church of Clarksville will also attend. The public is also invited.

Special addresses will feature the congregation worship of the Clarksville Presbyterian Church, in the morning at 11:30. Three phases of "Loyalty to Christ" will be presented by Lois Jane Moyer, Robert Campbell Willaman and Louise Elizabeth Thompson. The viewpoint of the youth of this generation will be stressed. The entire service will be in charge of the Christian Endeavor.

FOUR CHAPLAINS ADDED TO STAFF AT SHENANGO DEPOT

Mar 11 '43

Four chaplains of the Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, and Baptist faiths have arrived at Shenango Depot to assist in ministering to spiritual needs of soldiers stationed at Pennsylvania's newest Army camp.

Trained to render religious guidance and counsel at the Army's Chaplain School at Harvard, the newly assigned ministers, wearing the cross and the silver bar of the first lieutenant's rank, will provide religious leadership and guidance under Chaplain Orin D. Swank, (Major), post chaplain.

In the Army tradition, chaplains at the Shenango Depot will fulfill a vital role in meeting soldier's needs for competent advice and guidance in personal religious problems.

Chaplain Boyd Tucker, of Mansfield, O., an ordained Methodist, is one of the spiritual advisers who will conduct services regularly at the many chapels on the Post. A graduate of Asbury College, (Wilmore, Ky.,) Northwestern and Boston Universities, Chaplain Tucker served 13 years with Methodist missions in India. Besides being principal of a high school in Calcutta, and superintendent of missions at Pakur, he was a close associate of the Hindu philosopher and poet, Rabindranath Tagore. For five years he taught at the university which Tagore founded, and in 1929 he traveled around the world as Tagore's secretary. While in India from 1921 to 1934, he traveled extensively with Gandhi, the Indian leader, and served as acting chaplain for British troops. Since 1939, he has been preaching and lecturing at Orient, Long Island.

Chaplain Tucker's mother, Mrs. Belle Tucker, resides at Lexington, O. A brother, Paul D. Tucker, and a married sister, Mrs. W. J. Robbins, are living in Mansfield, O.

Chaplain James D. Campbell, formerly with St. Peter's Church, North Side, Pittsburgh, was ordained in 1935. A native of Hazleton, Pa., and a graduate of Duquesne University and St. Vincent's Academy at Latrobe, he served with Father F. F. O'Shea, at Pittsburgh's North Side parish, before attending the Chaplain's School at Cambridge, Mass. Chaplain Campbell will officiate at Lenten Services Wednesday, and will hold Catholic masses regularly, three times each Sunday morning.

Chaplain Arthur B. Bengston, formerly with the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, at Ridgway, Pa., attended Augustana Seminary, (Rock Island, Ill.,) and won a master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh. Serving eight months overseas as an enlisted man in the last war, he has a full appreciation of the soldier's viewpoint, reinforced by seven months duty as chaplain at Fort Eustis, Va., where he served prior to his present assignment.

Chaplain Henry G. Spraggins hails from Brownwood, Texas, where he attended Howard Payne College and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth. He was engaged in evangelistic work in Texas before enrolling in the Army Chaplain's School at Cambridge, Mass., reporting to Shenango Depot Thursday upon completion of his training.

MINISTERS VISIT SHENANGO CAMP

Mar 13, '43

14 Members of Greenville Association Get First- Hand View.

SAY SOLDIERS WELL CARED FOR

Fourteen members of the Greenville Ministerial Association believe that soldiers are well-cared for in their physical and spiritual needs at the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, Rev. Peter Brath of Holy Trinity Church of Greenville, said today after the group toured the new Army camp.

In this opinion Rev. Paul Schwartz of the Greenville Episcopal Church concurred, adding that a view of the

spartan and simple Army life calls for Shenango Valley communities to throw open their doors to the men in uniform, especially since the Army has only limited time to provide the niceties of life in a rigorous program of military training.

"This large community of husbands, brothers and sons of countless families over the country should receive generously of the hospitality we would wish other communities to give our close ones," Rev. Schwartz said.

In line with this suggestion, the Methodist Church will open to service men its recreation rooms on Clinton Street at 2:30 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, March 21, for a classical music record program conduct-

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Ministers Visit Shenango Camp

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ed by Ronald Teare, Greenville Public School music director.

Officers of the Shenango Depot said they were especially happy that a civilian group of such considerable influence in neighboring Greenville could see at first hand the general conditions under which men live at the Army camp.

Other members of the ministerial

party which toured the Army post, viewing its chapels, theaters, mess-halls, service clubs, recreation halls and barracks, were Rev. Adolf Weaver, of the Methodist Church; Rev. Edgar H. Shade of the Baptist Church; Rev. Louis H. Benson of the Evangelical Church; Rev. J. Russell Dugan, United Presbyterian; Rev. Paul Winder of the Christian Missionary Alliance; Rev. Charles Stunkard, of the Fredonia Methodist Church; Rev. G. W. Allen, Pentecostal; Rev. Victor Ruth, St. Johns Reformed Church; Rev. Mr. Fabian of the New Hamburg Reformed Church; Rev. G. Wesley Anderson of the Jamestown United Presbyterian Church; Rev. R. H. Eckert of the Jamestown Methodist Church; and Rev. Charles E. Schweikert of St. Johns Lutheran Church.

Rev. Mr. Brath, chairman of the Association, said the Army chapels at the post are very well equipped, with "a church-like atmosphere, and fine facilities for consultation." The group believed the Army chaplain is afforded facilities for which any civilian minister would be happy. In addition to the chapels, the group was impressed by the hospital area, and the completeness of installations for medical care of the soldiers.

Members of the association were accompanied on tour by Major Orin D. Swank, post chaplain, and Lieut. A. B. Bengston, one of the four newly-appointed chaplains at the camp. Chaplain Swank was recently elected to the Greenville Ministerial Association.

It is believed an exchange of pulpits between the Army chaplains and the Greenville Association may be arranged through the Mercer County Council of Religious Education, in Sharon. At the present time, nurses, officers and enlisted men living in Greenville are welcomed at the local churches. Many churches maintain national offices through which the names of members in the armed forces are passed on to congregations nearest their assigned posts.

Transfer Chaplain to Shenango Depot

April 9 '43

Chaplain D. C. Morrison, stationed at the A. P. Hill Military Reservation, Bowling Green, Va., has been transferred to Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot.

Chaplain Morrison, wife and daughter, are moving to Greenville. Before his assignment as chaplain to the A. P. Hill reservation, Rev. Mr. Morrison was a Presbyterian pastor in Illinois.

Sunrise Service Planned at Camp

April 24 '43

The Day of Resurrection will be heralded at the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot by a special Easter Sunrise Service, scheduled for 6:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. An outdoor service is planned, but should weather conditions be adverse, the service will be held in Theater No. 1.

A chorus of 50 voices, including the combined adult, young people's and junior choirs, from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville, will sing two anthems, "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day" (17th Century Melody) and "Christ, the Lord Is Risen" (Williams). The chorus group is under the direction of Miss Elta Frederick, organist-director of Holy Trinity Church.

The invocation will be given by Chaplain Boyd Tucker, the prayer by Chaplain, D. C. Morrison, the sermon by Chaplain Orin D. Swank, and the benediction by Chaplain H. G. Spraggins.

A spokesman for the chaplains' Corps at the camp this morning stressed the fact that civilians will be welcomed to the service, if they desire to attend. If the outdoor service is held, the site chosen is the Motor Pool parking lot, in the 1700 block off "A" Street, where a loud speaker system will be set up. If held indoors, the service will be held in Theater N. 1, located near the main gate.

The choir members are being transported to the camp in Army trucks, which are scheduled to be at the church promptly at 5:45 a. m.

Change in Chaplains at Shenango Depot

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Chaplain Francis X. Cronin, of New York, will arrive at the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot tomorrow to replace Chaplain James Campbell, who has been transferred to a new assignment in Louisiana. Chaplain Campbell has been at the Army camp two months.

An addition to the station's corps of chaplains will be made with the arrival of Chaplain Lester Hill from the Harvard Chaplain's School. Chaplain Hill was expected this week, but he was granted leave upon the death of his mother, in Alabama.

NEW CHAPLAIN ASSIGNED HERE

July 8 '43

Chaplain Gorham Takes Over Duties at Shenango.

Chaplain Francis J. Gorham, latest addition to the Chaplains' Branch at Shenango, is a native of Holyoke, Massachusetts.

He received his early education at Sacred Heart School in his home city and later attended Holy Cross Preparatory Seminary in New York State. He then matriculated at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland where he completed the prescribed course of studies in Philosophy and Sacred Theology. He was ordained into the Catholic Priesthood in 1934.

For the past nine years Chaplain Gorham has been pastor of churches in the Diocese of Raleigh, North Carolina. For the past five years he served as pastor of St. Mary's Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina. He came to Shenango on June 10. This is his first assignment since his enlistment in the Army. However, Chaplain Gorham worked among the soldiers at the Air Forces Technical School in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He is now serving as the Catholic Chaplain at the Station Hospital.—Camp Newspaper Service.

Chaplains Report

Major Orin D. Swank, chief chaplain of Camp Shenango, announced today that a number of chaplains representing various denominations had reported to the camp, and requested that those clergymen interested in contacting those of like faith telephone Chaplain Swank at the camp for arrangements.

Jewish Chaplain at Camp Shenango

8/19/43
The arrival of a Jewish Chaplain for permanent duty at Camp Shenango was disclosed this week. Chaplain Albert A. Michaels, first lieutenant, is a native of Corsicana, Tex., and is a recent graduate of the Chaplain's School at Harvard. He took over his duties here effective July 10.

During the early days at Camp Shenango, Jewish services were conducted on the post by Rabbi Sidney Riback, of Sharon, who volunteered his services in a civilian capacity. Rabbi Riback has since joined the Chaplains Corps.

Negro Chaplain Is Assigned to Shenango

Chaplain Argalious *J* E. Martin, Negro chaplain, has taken over his new duties at the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, coming here from Camp Lee, Virginia. He has been in the Army since July 24, 1942, and has been capably administering to the negro component of the Army since that time.

Of the Methodist denomination, Chaplain Martin is a graduate of Clark University and the Gammon Theological Seminary, both in Atlanta, Ga.

Race Chaplain At Shenango

SHENANGO, Pa., July 22—Chaplain Argeline E. Martin has taken over his new duties at the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, coming here from Camp Lee, Va. He has been in the Army since July 18, 1942, and has been administering to the Negro component of the Army since that time.

Of the Methodist denomination, Chaplain Martin is a graduate of Clark University and the General Theological Seminary, both in Atlanta, Ga.

His wife, Mrs. Olivia E. Martin, is living in Petersburg, Va., and his two sons are governmental employees. There are two nephews in the service, one overseas and the other taking an ANTP course in Atlanta. In civilian life the chaplain made his home on the eastern shore of Maryland.

Camp Field Mass to Be Celebrated

— J 24'43
The first field mass ever to be held in Camp Shenango will be celebrated on Sunday, Aug. 15, the Feast of the Assumption, at 10:30 a. m.

It will be a solemn mass for victory held in the new amphitheatre in back of Post Headquarters. The Most Rev. John Mark Cannon, bishop of the Diocese of Erie, will be present. Many clergy from this part of the state have also been invited. Invitations have been sent to the Knights of Columbus and U. S. O. organizations of Greenville and Sharon.

An all soldier choir under the direction of Cpl. John Lockwood and the choir from St. Michael's Church in Greenville, will sing the mass. Music for the occasion will be rendered by the Shenango Post Band No. 1.

Bishop Gannon to Hold Field Mass at Camp

— *Aug 2'43*
Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, D.

D., D. C. L., LL D., bishop of the Diocese of Erie, will preside and give the sermon at the solemn field mass to be held in the amphitheatre in back of post headquarters on Sunday, Aug. 15.

Ministers of the mass will be Rev. James J. Kearns, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Greenville, as celebrant; Rev. Francis X. Cronin, chaplain of the Third Regiment at Shenango, as deacon, and Rev. Fran-

cis J. Gorham, chaplain of the Shenango hospital, as subdeacon. The choir of St. Michael's Church of Greenville, is to sing the mass.

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K-C TO ATTEND CAMP SERVICE

Aug 6 '43

**Members to Attend Aug.
15 Field Mass at Army
Depot.**

Preparations for attending the Aug. 15 solemn field mass at the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot are being made by Greenville Council No. 1446, Knights of Columbus.

Grand Knight Wallace T. Donovan said that members of the local council plan to attend in a body. Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, bishop of the Erie Diocese, will preside and give the sermon and Rev. Fr. James J. Kearns of Greenville, is to be the celebrant.

On the morning of the field mass, the Knights of Columbus will attend St. Michael's Church in a body to receive the communion for the spiritual welfare of one of the council members, Radioman 2-C Edward Paul Becker, who was reported by the Navy Department on July 20 as "missing in action."

Forty members of the Greenville K. of C. council are now in the armed services. An honor roll listing the names of these men soon is to be erected in the council rooms at 180½ Main Street.

FIELD MASS AT DEPOT SUNDAY

Aug 14 '43

**10,000 Expected to Hear
Address by Bishop
John Mark Gannon.**

The Feast of the Assumption will be marked tomorrow forenoon at the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot by a solemn field mass for victory.

The mass will be the first outdoor religious demonstration of its type since the activities of Camp Shenango, and it is anticipated that close to 10,000 service men will participate. Men of all denominations have been invited to join in the prayers for victory and peace.

The presiding prelate will be his excellency, the Most Reverend John Mark Gannon, D. D., D. C. L., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Erie, who will also give the sermon.

The processional will begin at 10:20. Starting from Post Theater No. 1, it will proceed to the altar erected in the amphitheater in the rear of post headquarters.

At 10:30, the Solemn High Mass will begin with Rev. Fr. James J. Kearns of St. Michael's Church, Greenville, as celebrant; Rev. Francis X. Cronin, chaplain of the Third Regiment at Shenango, as deacon, and Rev. Francis J. Gorham, chaplain at the Shenango hospital, as sub-deacon.

The Very Rev. Dr. C. R. McQuillen, chancellor of the diocese, will be the master of ceremonies, and Rev. W. Lawrence Franklin, editor of the Lake Shore Visitor-Register will be a chaplain of the bishop.

Colors of our country and the papal colors will be presented to the Bishop during the ceremony. Taps will be played to honor all the heroes who lost their lives in the present world struggle.

The choir of St. Michael's Church in Greenville will sing the liturgy of the Mass. An all-soldier choir will sing at the offertory. The traditional hymn for a bishop's processional "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus" will also be sung by the all-soldier choir under the direction of Cpl. John Lockwood. Shenango's post band No. 1 will accompany the choirs during the Mass.

The consecration of the Mass will be marked by the rolling of drums and the sounding of the bugle.

Members of Greenville Council, Knights of Columbus, plan to attend the field mass in a body. Before their departure for Camp Shenango, they'll attend St. Michael's Church in a body to receive Holy Communion for the spiritual welfare of one of their members, Radioman 2/c Edward Paul Becker, who was reported by the Navy Department on July 20 as "missing in action."

FIELD MASS IS CELEBRATED

Shenango Depot Soldiers Hear Bishop John Mark Gannon.

“Democracy had its beginning on the first page of the Bible when God said, ‘Let us make man to our image and likeness’”, the Most Reverend John Mark Gannon, D. D., D. C. L. LLD., Bishop of Erie, stated Sunday at the field mass celebrated at the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot.

“When this country was founded, it was almost one hundred per cent religious, but somewhere along the line it deteriorated until now, it is slightly more than fifty per cent religious, and as such, it is an open field for those who would cast aside the principles upon which it was founded,” Bishop Gannon added.

Bishop Gannon complimented Col. Zim E Lawhon, post commander, “who lifted his sights high enough to include the administration of religion.” The Bishop further added, “There is no government on earth that makes so generous provision for the practice of religion in the Army as the United States Government.”

Several thousand soldiers and guests assembled in the amphitheatre at Camp Shenango, Sunday, Aug 15, the Feast of the Assumption, to attend the solemn field mass for victory.

Bishop Gannon was the presiding prelate at the mass and he preached the sermon.

At 10:15, the post band number one, under the direction of M/Sgt. Andy Tavolieri, marched from one end of the camp to the area set off for the congregation, sounding the call for church.

The processional preceding the mass started at 10:20 from Shenango post theatre number one, where the visiting priests assembled. Led by the military police carrying the nation's colors and the papal colors of yellow and white, the procession moved to the altar set up on the stage of the newly erected camp amphitheatre.

Immediately following the color bearers and guards, came the acolytes brought from Erie by the Bishop, wearing their cassocks and surplices. Then came the priests and the Bishop's chaplains followed by his Excellency wearing the robes of his office.

Bishop Gannon was presented with the colors prior to the mass. These colors were placed on the sides of the altar, which was highlighted by an array of the flags of the United Nations.

As the procession approached the altar, the all-soldier choir sang “Ecce Sacerdotus Magnus.” The girls choir from St. Michael's Church in Greenville, sang the proper of the mass. At the Offertory, Pvt Charles Eyth played the violin accompaniment for Cpl. William Cooper who sang Gounod's “Ave Maria.”

During the Consecration of the Mass, the drums rolled instead of the customary chimes.

Several hundred soldiers approached the Communion rail as the all soldier choir, accompanied by the post band sang “Panis Angelicus.”

Concluding the services, the entire congregation stood and joined in the singing of the National Anthem. The

band and choir led in the singing of the recessional “Te Deum.”

Rev. James J. Kearns, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Greenville, was the celebrant of the mass. Two Army chaplains stationed at Shenango were his assistants, Rev. Francis X. Cronin, as deacon and Rev. Francis J. Gorham, as subdeacon; The Very Reverend Dr. C. R. McQuillen, chancellor, as master of ceremonies.

Soldiers stationed at Shenango were servers at the altar. The soldier choir is under the direction of Cpl. John Lockwood.

After the services, the following were among those entertained at a breakfast at the officers club: Rev. W. Lawrence Franklin, editor of the Lake Shore Visitor-Register; Chaplain Philip Dailey, USA.; Very Rev. A. J. Hoeing, V. F.; Rev. Joseph Sparacino; Rev. James F. Murphy, Rev. Giles Kaczmarek, O. M. C.; all of Sharon. Rev. C. Carlton Ritchie, Bradford; Rev. John C. Cronin, Greenville; Rev. Robert J. Toland, Stoneboro; Rev. E. G. Mader, New Castle; Rev. Thomas Griffin, Meadville; Rev. Dennis O'Mahoney, Mercer; Rev. Lambert Andrews, Farrell.

SOLDIERS TO LEAD SERVICE

1-26-44

Camp Reynolds Group to Have Pulpit at Clarksville Next Sunday.

A group of Camp Reynolds soldiers known as the Christian Service Men's League will conduct services in the Clarksville Presbyterian Church next Sunday evening. The program will celebrate Young People's Day sponsored by the Christian Endeavor, and will be held at 8 o'clock.

Corporal Lind will play a piano prelude, and read the Scripture lesson. Private Kennedy will lead in the opening prayer, and Private Schubert will render a violin solo. The audience will be requested to name favorite hymns which will be sung, repeat Bible verses and offer voluntary prayers.

The topic, "Can a good Soldier be a good Christian?" will be considered in short addresses by Corporal Saul, Private Kennedy and Private Engle. Other members of the League who will attend will sing with those mentioned as a Soldiers' Chorus. The Youth Fellowship and members of the Methodist Church will also attend.

The minister of the Clarksville Presbyterian Church, Rev. Charles E. Lamale, will yield his pulpit Sunday morning, at 11:30, to three young laymen of the congregation in observance of Young People's Day. The subject, "One Faith—One Fellowship", will be presented by Robert Willaman, Irvin McCullough and David Willaman. Martha Ashe will preside. Others to take part in the program will include Elaine Fogle, Lois Jane Moyer, Elsie Willaman and Grace Colson. The church choir will sing.

ORGANS DUE FOR CHAPELS

2-4-44 —
**Three Hammond Or-
gans Due For Ship-
ment Here Soon.**

(Camp News Service)

Hammond electric organs for the three Camp Chapels are expected to be delivered the latter part of February, Post Chaplain Orin Swank announced.

When the chapels were dedicated January 24th of last year, Chaplain Swank was notified that production of Hammond organs had been discontinued and that reed organs would be delivered. However, the reed organs were not received.

About two months ago a report was received stating manufacture of Hammond organs had been resumed and deliveries on government order would be made early in 1944; including three organs allocated to Camp Reynolds for the chapels.

The organs will replace pianos that are currently being used.

CHAPLAIN'S BRANCH AIDS MORALE DOORS ALWAYS OPEN TO SOLDIERS

Give Advice, Counsel; Experts Skilled in Work.

2-18-44

(Camp News Service)

"The primary interest of the Chaplain's Branch is the morale of the individual," Ch. Orin Swank, Post Chaplain, declared.

The chaplain acts as spiritual advisor for all soldiers and goes beyond that into their morale problems. He interviews every soldier who visits the chapel to secure a complete picture of the soldier's problem, and represents the soldier as a friend under circumstances in which the man is unable to act.

Works with Relief Agencies

By working in harmony with the Red Cross and with the Army Emergency Relief, the chaplain guides a soldier in obtaining aid from the organization or in other cases advises a soldier in obtaining a marriage license.

When an authorized statement is required, the chaplain often can secure the information and offer it to the commanding officer of the unit

to assist in relieving the situation.

Every day one of the chaplains on the Post visits the stockade to talk with the men and to assist them in solving their personal problems. Also the regimental chaplains visit patients of their organizations who are in the hospital, and assist them in obtaining such items as books and magazines which are not available in the wards. A chaplain is assigned to the hospital to care for the spiritual needs of the patients.

Services for Every Denomination

All denominations are represented in the 18 to 20 religious devotions held on the Post every week besides the Jewish services Tuesday and Friday and the Catholic daily mass. Civilian ministers, whose affiliations are not represented by chaplains in camp, conduct devotions on the post, and the schedule of services in surrounding communities is available in the chapels.

Chaplains are available on the Post at all times to offer devotions in an emergency and to advise any soldiers. One is on duty all night in the Post chapel. No one is required to have permission to visit the

chaplain, although a soldier may need permission to leave his company area.

"If a soldier does not understand his rights, privileges and duties, the chaplain offers a human as well as a literal interpretation of regulations that is conducive to high morale."

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Lent Observed at Camp Reynolds

2-26-44

With the arrival of the Lenten season, special religious observances for soldiers at Camp Reynolds are being conducted at the post's six chapels, Chaplain Orin D. Swank (major), camp chaplain, announces.

In addition to the regular Sunday services, Protestant worship is held Wednesday evenings at 7 p. m. in the main chapel, with various chaplains and guest ministers as speakers. Chaplain Walter H. Bierck conducts Episcopal prayer and devotions at 5:30 Wednesday and Thursday evenings, while Chaplain Arthur B. Bengston holds midweek services Wednesday at 6:30.

Catholic masses are conducted every day at Camp Reynolds chapels 985 and 1885, and at the Hospital Red Cross building. Father Giles of Sharon has blessed the chapel's stations of the cross, with Chaplains Francis X. Cronin and Francis J. Gorham participating.

New Chapel Building Opened at Reynolds

3-14-44

A new chapel building for use of First Regiment troops at Camp Reynolds was dedicated Sunday, with colored church groups and Army officers participating in the ceremonies.

Brig. Gen. Jesse A. Ladd, camp commander, urged full co-operation with chapel activities as an aid to Army morale and welfare.

Army chaplains and colored religious leaders highlighted the afternoon program. The choir of the Meadville A. M. E. Church sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Walk Together Children." Invocation was delivered by the Rev. Ira Lavigne, of the Farrell A. M. E. Church. George E. Mears, director of the Farrell USO Buhl Club, represented civilian communities.

Holy Week at Camp Reynolds

3-29-44
Special Holy Week services will be conducted at Camp Reynolds highlighted by a three hour devotion on Good Friday, Chaplain Orin D. Swank announced today.

Beginning at noon Friday a three-hour devotion will be observed with camp chaplains devoting the period to preaching on the Seven Last Words From the Cross.

Commencing Monday and continuing throughout the week Camp chaplains will conduct special services in chapels 985 and 1885.

Chaplain Swank Goes to Richmond

— 4/20/44

Chaplain Orin D. Swank, who directed Camp Reynolds chaplains branch since the camp opened last year, has been transferred to duty at McGuire General Hospital, Richmond, Va.

A native of Asbury Park, N. J., Chaplain Swank recently observed twenty-five years of service as an Army chaplain.

Chaplain Lester Hill, of Weatherford and Amarillo, Texas, will succeed Chaplain Swank as director of religious affairs. Chaplain Hill's wife and three children reside in Sharpsville.

New Chaplain at Camp Reynolds

8-7-44
Newly assigned as Catholic chaplain at Camp Reynolds, Chaplain John Francis Padvaiskas, 1st. Lieutenant, of Lawrence, Mass., took up duties today at the A and Tenth Street Chapel.

Three Chaplains Leave Reynolds

9/7/44

Three Chaplains, who have served Camp Reynolds' soldiers for many months, left today for new assignments at Camp Ellis, Ill.

They are Capt. Arthur B. Bengston, Post Chaplain; 1st Lt. Donald C. Morrison, Hospital Chaplain, and 1st Lt. Francis X. Cronin, Third Regiment Chaplain.

Two new chaplains are expected to arrive at Camp Reynolds within the next few days. They are Capt. David Wilson, who is being transferred from Ft. Lawton, Wash., and 1st Lt. Harry B. Ansted.