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BUTLER BOTANY DEPT TO MARK 25TH YEAR

Miss Florence Geisler, former botany student at Butler university, will act as general chairman of the 25th anniversary banquet of the botany department. The banquet will be held at 6:15 p. m. Sept. 16 in the Butler cafeteria.

The program will follow an informal meeting in the botany department rooms in Jordan hall at 3 p. m. Honored guest at the dinner will be Dr. Ray C. Friesner.

Members of the committee in charge of arrangements include Miss Geisler, Mrs. Howard F. Wright, Mrs. Little Page Trefts, Mrs. Helen Aufderheide, Frank Hamp, Dr. J. E. Potzger, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Prettyman, and Dr. C. Mervin Palmer, all of whom have majored in botany at the university since the department was organized in 1920.

OPTIMIST PROGRAM SET
The annual surprise program of the Optimist club will be presented at the meeting at 12:15 p. m. tomorrow in the Columbia club ballroom.



Sgt. J. W. Hause and Sgt. John T. Smitha Killed in Action Fighting Overseas; Lt. Wendell G. Garrett and Sgt. Kenton Waymire Missing

S. Sgt. John W. Hause, a turret gunner on a B-29 Superfortress, was killed in a raid over Japan Aug. 20, the day he was promoted to the grade of staff sergeant.

Son of Mrs. May Sheets, 238 N. Walcott st., the 28-year-old flier was born in Indianapolis and graduated from Technical high school in 1933. Before his induction March 6, 1943, he was employed at Moundings, Inc.

He took his training at St. Petersburg, Fla., and had been overseas since last April. He was a member of the First United Brethren church. He graduated from three gunnery schools in Colorado with high honors.

Survivors, besides his mother, are his wife, Marian, of Kirkland; and two sons, John T. and 2-month-old William Leroy, whom he had never seen.

Sgt. John T. Smitha Jr., husband of Mrs. Mary Frances Smitha, 1260 W. 31st st., and son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Smitha, 325 N. Grant ave., lost his life in France Aug. 14 while serving with a tank destroyer battalion.

A native of Edinburg, he came here when he was 4 and attended school 41 and Technical high school. He was inducted into the army Feb. 10, 1942, and had been overseas since last April.

Besides his wife and parents, survivors are a 3-year-old daughter, Madonna Jean; two brothers, Dale and Gerard, and a sister, Mrs. Thelma Justis, all of Indianapolis.

Lt. Franklin R. (Pat) Ryan, a member of the 33d armored regiment, was killed in France Aug. 17 where he had been serving since two weeks after the invasion.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryan of Booneville and brother of Mrs. Odessa Holdcroft, 963 Congress ave., and Starlin Ryan, 542 Sutherland ave., Lt. Ryan was wounded Aug. 2 and had returned to duty just two days before he was killed.



Pfc. Arthur L. Arnold . . . killed in France.



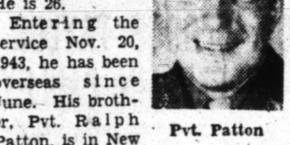
Lt. James R. Burton . . . prisoner of Germany.



Sgt. Kenton Waymire . . . missing over Yugoslavia.



Second Lt. Wendell G. Garrett missing over Germany.



Pvt. Wesley K. Patten, husband of Mrs. Margaret Patten and son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Patten, 336 S. Oxford st., was wounded seriously in France Aug. 12. He is 26.

Entering the service Nov. 20, 1943, he had been overseas since August 1943.

Survivors also include two other sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Decker, Evansville, and Miss Ruth Ryan, Jeffersonville.

Pfc. Arthur L. Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Arnold, 1141 Shannon ave., lost his life in France July 25.

Second Lt. Wendell G. Garrett, husband of Mrs. Mary Kathryn Garrett, 624 Congress ave., has been missing since a raid over Germany Aug. 22.

Sgt. Kenton Waymire, son of Mrs. W. H. Nicholas, 1301 E. 59th st., was lost in a raid over Yugoslavia July 28.

An aerial gunner on a bomber, the 18-year-old airman won his wings at Tyndall field, Fla., and has been based in Italy since June 1, 1944.

He enlisted Oct. 5, 1942, while a high school senior in Frankton.

Sgt. Waymire has been awarded the air medal and one oak leaf cluster.

Col. Bernard B. McMahon, who led an infantry division into France on invasion day, was wounded seriously in action last month and is now in a hospital in England.

A native of Indianapolis, he is the husband of Mrs. Dorothy Lockwood McMahon, Washington, D. C., formerly of Indianapolis. He received shrapnel wounds in both legs, body, one arm and head.

A graduate of DePauw University, Col. McMahon also attended Indiana university and was employed by the old Nordyke & Marmon Co. until the first world war began.

He entered officers' training school in 1917 at Ft. Harrison and was graduated second in his class. He served overseas and was in the occupation army in Germany, returning to this country with the rank of captain and in command of the last American troops to leave Germany.

He was the American postmaster in Coblenz, Germany, and also was editor of the army's newspaper. After returning to this country he was sent to Ft. Benning, Ga., where he took charge of infantry training. Later he supervised construction of the first 16 CCC camps in the Pacific Northwest.

After completion of officers' staff school training at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., he was in charge of the military department at DePauw university. When the second world war began, he was an instructor in the war college, Washington, D. C. He requested active service and was sent to England.

For influencing 2500 Germans to surrender by talking to them in

Seaman 1-c James William Ancelet, brother of Mrs. Theodore Rowe, 1244 E. Washington st., Apt. 22, and son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Ancelet, R. R. 20, Box 259, has been awarded the presidential unit citation for "outstanding performance in combat against Japanese forces ashore and afloat in the Pacific war area from Aug. 7, 1942, to Feb. 26, 1944."

Seaman Ancelet, who has been in the navy since May, 1943, was serving on the U. S. S. Buchanan, whose crew received the citation. The ship destroyed five Jap ships at Rabaul.

"The U. S. S. Buchanan has met and engaged the enemy in his own waters, striking devastating blows while Japanese opposition in the Pacific was at its height. She has provided faithful and sturdy protection for our carriers and convoys; she has destroyed hostile air, surface and sub-surface units, she has boldly faced shore batteries of the enemy and silenced his guns," the citation said.

"A gallant fighter, dependable in her readiness for combat and bold in fulfilling her missions, the Buchanan has contributed essentially to the success of the Solomon Islands campaign and her record of valiant achievement attests the loyal devotion to duty of her officers and men," it continued.

T. Sgt. Richard M. Salb, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Salb, 1450 College ave., has been decorated with a third oak leaf cluster to the air medal for meritorious achievement on a B-17 over Europe.

A radio operator, he is a veteran of more than a score of combat missions. A graduate of Shortridge high school in 1940, he was a student at Butler university when entering the army April 14, 1942.

T. Sgt. Baln A. Walls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Walls, 519 E. Ohio and hits on Nazi war plants.

GROUP PERPETUATES ANCIENT CARD GAME

HINGHAM, Mass. (UPI)—Probably the least played game in the United States is a 200-year-old Spanish card game still played once each week by a group of Hingham businessmen.

A B-25 radio operator-gunner, Sgt. Walls is at Miami Beach, Fla., awaiting reassignment.

T. Sgt. John R. Biehl of Marion, top turret gunner on a Flying Fortress of the 8th air force, has been awarded the oak leaf cluster to the air medal.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Biehl, Marion, and husband of Mrs. Rachel Biehl, St. Petersburg, Fla. He entered the air forces in November, 1942, and was cited for missions over France to a certain point.

The game is so complicated that only a handful of persons know the rules well enough to play.

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