

Deceased: Mother of Edison Miller, of Dillon; niece of Father Cour, C.S.C.; Frank Esch, '26; Wm. Ashelford, who was to be a Freshman.

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Ill: Grandmother of Bob Raymond, of Alumni; mother of John Vuono (Law School); John Gilrane, '40.

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The Punch Back of Notre Dame.

Tomorrow we play the first game of the season. Eleven men take the field, but we all play the game. We'll fight to win; and we expect to win -- this game, and every game. Why? Because of .....

The Notre Dame Spirit!

"Rockne didn't make it. Gipp didn't make it. They're a glorious part of it. They helped make it -- and it helped make them.

"It's a unique thing -- this Notre Dame Spirit!

"It tolerates everything in religion, except sneers, disputes, and hatreds. The Notre Dame man may be Protestant, Catholic, Jew, or what-not. His faith, whatever it is, won't stop him from being the first-string halfback. And he needs no 'fraternity pull' -- there's no such thing at Notre Dame. All that is asked of him is that he respect the faith of his fellows, have a faith of his own, and give it the best he has. It provides no sheltering abode for the 'parlor-pink;' the communist. It fosters no whining, no self-pity, no dreamy visions of governmental socialistic coddling. Team work? Yes, and lots of it.

"It breeds, and it demands, physical, mental, moral strength. A chap may not be fortunate to excel in athletics. But surely there is something he can do, and do well. And he had better make a genuine, wholehearted effort, if he wants the respect of his fellows.

"The Notre Dame Spirit! Rockne may pass; Gipp may pass. There may be Four Horsemen, or none at all. But their spirit contains no germs of decay, and it will survive, never really to be beaten -- the Spirit of Notre Dame!"

Years ago, Jack Harding of Indianapolis wrote this beautiful tribute to Notre Dame courage, to men who tomorrow again will fight hard for the glory of a Beautiful Lady. You're a part of that heritage. Pray that you may add something to it.

Tomorrow, Mass For The Team.

It's an old tradition at Notre Dame that everyone attend Mass and receive Communion, asking God to preserve us from injury, and to give us as much victory as is good for us, for the school, and the glory of His Blessed Mother. This is your part in the game. Coach Leahy and the team ask you to help them. Here's a perfect opportunity for hall councilmen to swing into action. Your response will be the best test of your individual Notre Dame spirit.

Tonight, the Novena Begins.

In Sacred Heart Church, at 6:45, we begin the Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows. The services are brief; the rewards are unlimited.

The Bulletin thanks all the priests who dropped everything else to help out at the recent missions for Freshmen and Upperclassmen. Because of their interest, you had nine confessors every evening. That is likewise part of the spirit of Notre Dame, and an excellent example of teamwork.