

Novena at 5:00 - Finish
it strong.....PEACE AND
WAR (part II) tomorrow.

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Father Gartland talks
in Dillon 7:30 tonite
and in Alumni Tuesday.

We Take It....Smiling.

This is no sour grapes philosophy. Eddie Anderson's Hawkeyes took us Saturday 7-6.

We don't say we liked it. Carnegie Tech didn't like it when we took them by the same score two weeks before.

We don't say our men played dumb football or called the wrong plays. We know much better than that. THEY GAVE ALL THEY HAD.

We don't say Communion figures tell everything but the record shows they hit a Saturday low the 11th. WE'LL BOOST 'EM THE 18TH. We'll keep playin' and prayin' right along. You can bet Northwestern and Southern Cal don't rate us a push-over because the Hawkeyes broke our string of six straight.

A good licking is good when we take it-- and take it we did. Defeat very often reaps more good than victory. It can; it has built up and toughened our character.

In "New York Day By Day" the columnist Charles B. Driscoll has something to say:

"Failure to win first place in any kind of contest is always hard on some pupils. Indeed, we find many adults who seem to be unable to live happily, if at all, in anything less than first place. I knew an industrialist who, when arrived at an age at which he might have retired gracefully to enjoy his immense fortune, lost the presidency of his big manufacturing concern by reason of a movement against him in a block of stockholders. After the fight that followed, the big man found himself free of heavy responsibilities for the first time in his life. Because of the big battle he had put up he discovered that his resources had been depleted. Down to his last \$6,000,000 he blew his head off with a shotgun.

"This man had everything that money could buy. He also had a fine family, many friends and a golden opportunity to see the world without worrying.

"Most of us have competed in some sort of contest while at school. I went in for the oratorical contests in prep school and college.

"These competitions were valuable to the student in more ways than merely helping to pay his expenses. Some of the lessons learned in that series of struggles remain with the competitors throughout life, whether they win or lose.

"The contest I remember best was one in which I took a good beating. I had gone up to Topeka, representing my school, and there were 13 others in the contest. A brother and sister, both older than I, spent some of their hard-earned money to go to the capital of the state and cheer me on, give me moral support.

"After the contest, I realized that the decisions were fair, that I had not placed at the top because several others did better work. We were discussing it in detail at the hotel that night in family conference.

"My eldest sister, depressed by the defeat but anxious to give me encouragement said, 'Well, before we turn in for the night, let's look at this Bible. I've heard that one can often find consolation just by opening it at random. It won't hurt to try.'

"A Gideon Bible lay on the dresser. I flipped it open and read the first verse my eye fell upon: 'Know ye not that they that run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? Even so run; that ye may attain.'

"That contest was worth losing. Competition thereafter seemed to me to wear a somewhat different complexion. Winning or losing, something is attained by the contestant who can take defeat along with victory. And that is the spirit that most teachers and coaches put into the minds of their pupils nowadays.

"There is no more touching scene in a big school than the homecoming of a defeated team. Almost universally, the students and teachers knew that everybody did his best. Instinctively they know that something has been attained, even though the competing team may have won the prize. The student body gains something too, in learning to give the defeated team a good hand and cheers for the next time. When sports and other school contests really bring out good sportsmanship, they are worth while."

PRAYERS: (R.I.P.) father of Adrian Cruise.