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Thanks...

1. For the Birthday Greetings, especially from certain seminarians who promised birthday Masses and Communions; particularly to the one who promised frequent remembrance for the Bulletin and "the priests and students behind the scenes". You can include the brothers too because all help here; for example, the brothers at Dujarie want to do something and we're having them send some back Bulletins and magazines to many new chaplains, also to two or three Missions.
2. To Mr. and Mrs. Keddie of Boston, Pa., who transferred an intended \$15.00 donation for the Bulletin to little Pete's Putt-Putt Fund in memory of their deceased son, nine years old who was a great booster for Notre Dame and Rockne. In his memory they erected a little grotto at their home thinking that that best captures the spirit of Notre Dame. (The fund now totals \$45.75. Put-Put it over the top.)
3. To the Religion teacher who sent the following from a freshman's paper in Religion:  

"God put us here. We are here for a purpose, and we must find out what this purpose is...The Catechism tells us we were created so that some day we will be happy with God in Heaven, provided we live according to His laws. Man has a free will, therefore, we are in the driver's seat, directing our future. Let's make sure we know how to steer. We cannot afford a crack-up on the road to eternity. Along this road of life there are signs, many signs, good and bad. It is up to each one of us to read the right signs and to disregard the bad.....

You are a man, be a man. Stand up straight, throw off temptation, rise above the weakling, don't follow the crowd if it goes in the wrong direction."
4. Thanks to the returned service men who dropped in during furloughs to attend the game, and for their fine reaction to army life. They were comparatively and noticeably free from criticism and they were unanimous in saying that Notre Dame had prepared them considerably for the bumps in army life.
5. Thanks for the fine impressions and memories given by those Cotillion guests, far more than usual, who received Communion Saturday morning (many on Sunday, too). Obviously they had fasted since midnight at the Cotillion. The boys who invited those girls probably figured that if they can restrain their appetites and tongues from food or drink, they can later restrain their tongues from nagging too. We think you've got something there.

"Say a Prayer for Me, Will You?"-

-you often ask a priest, brother or nun, adding "I'm on the spot". You trustfully think the latter has a special entree, approach or "drag" with God, a special closeness and efficacy. That may be true but do you know that that special efficacy is only through Christ. Christ, Himself, said we should pray in His name, hence the ending of the Church's official prayers: "Through Christ, Our Lord".

If a priest, brother or nun, poor human creatures, has some special efficacy with God due to closeness, how the efficacy is increased a million million times - to infinity to be clearer - when the Son of God prays for you. That is just what happens at every Mass. The very Son of God, your elder Brother, prays to God for you, - offering infinite adoration, reparation, thanksgiving and petition.

Get to Mass - unite yourself with the sentiments of your Brother, God's Son. He has the "in", as it were. Use a missal and you're uniting yourself closely to Him.

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PRAYERS: (deceased) John Von Harz '41, Naval Air Cadet killed in plane crash; mother of Al Del Zoppo '41 (O.C.) Ill - mother of John Flynn (Dil). 6 Special Intentions.