

Lenten Sermon and
Benediction tonight
for all, 6:30 and 7:00.

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This is Passion-tide.
All should assist at
Mass. Love Christ more.

Ed (Ned) Brockman ex '45 Killed In Crash.

Ned died last Saturday in a hospital in Madison, Wisconsin a few hours after his plane crashed. Ned, the first member of the class of '45 known to have died in the Service, was a Naval Aviation Cadet in training at the University of Wisconsin. He was buried from his home in Glencoe, Illinois Yesterday.

Ned's popularity with his classmates was manifested by the number of his friends who came at different times Sunday evening to report his death and to ask prayers for him through the BULLETIN.

The tragedy brought out many stories of Ned's nobleness of mind and his charity, the foundations on which his popularity was built. When Ned was preparing to join the Navy, a friend tried to persuade him that he should remain in school and get as much education as he could before being called to the Service. His reply tells us something of the man: "I have a brother Don who will be eligible for the Armed Forces in a few years. I think I had better go and get this war over before he must take up arms too." "Greater love than this no man hath, than to lay down his life for his friend."

An incident which took place last year was typical of Ned's thoughtfulness of others. A hallmate had lost his money, and as a consequence he would have to forego a long planned week end. Ned, hearing of the disappointment, went about the hall himself asking the fellows to give a little cash to meet the loss. And they did. Enough money was supplied for the week end. Ned did not want the honor of making the presentation to the sorrowing sophomore, so he sought out the rector and requested him to make the offering so willingly donated.

Actions like these spring from a young man who is living a good life. This was the life that prepared Ned for a happy death. The plane crash killed the instructor flying with Ned. Ned was conscious when rescuers reached him. The doctor thought it remarkable that a body so badly crushed did not cause unconsciousness.

Ned had to be cut out of the wreckage. While he was waiting to be freed, he gave his rescuers instructions to take him to a Catholic hospital and to call a priest. He lost consciousness only after he had received the Last Sacraments. A priest was with him when he died.

Ned's parents and his relatives, especially his brother Bernard (Bud) '40, now with the Marines in the Southwest Pacific, will be consoled to know that many prayers have already been offered by the student body. Monday night a number of Ned's classmates met in Cavanaugh Chapel and said the Rosary in common for him.

May Ned's life be an example to all pilots, to all sons of Our Lady.

NOTRE DAME FAMILY HOLY WEEK.

THREE INTENTIONS

1. For the restoration of Christ's peace throughout the world;
2. For our Notre Dame boys on the campus and in the Services, and for the Missing, and for those who have died in Christ;
3. For the unity and security of our families after War.