

Yellak, George F.



CROATIAN HALL SERVICE FLAG—Left to right: Seated, Anna Yurich, recording secretary; Mr. and Mrs. George Yellak. Standing, George Vinkovich, second vice-president; John Hershey, vice-president; Phillip Valli, president. The letters G. F. Y. and the star to the left of the letters are in honor of George Francis Yellak, first member of the society to see service at Pearl Harbor. On the picture are the parents of Mr. Yellak. —Globe-Times photo

CROATIANS DEDICATE SERVICE FLAG SUNDAY

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About 250 at Dinner in Tribute
to Nationals Now With
U. S. Forces.

Approximately 250 persons attended a dinner on Sunday at Croatian Hall, East Fourth Street, the event marking the dedication of a service flag, a tribute to young men of Croatian ancestry, residents of Bethlehem, now in the armed forces.

The occasion was sponsored by the Heart of Jesus Lodge, No. 576, of the Croatian Fraternal Union. The meeting was opened by Phillip Valli, president, who, after introductory remarks, introduced Joseph A. Longo, who officiated, as toastmaster.

Brief talks were given by Councilman George J. Ruyak, Assemblyman Joseph A. Longo, of Bethlehem; Carlton T. Woodring, State assemblyman of Forks Township; Samuel H. Duffin, Wilson Borough. The latter concluded his remarks by reciting a poem entitled "My Boy."

Those honored include: George Yellak, navy, stationed in Pearl Harbor; Frank Valli, army; Joseph Valli, air corps medical squadron; Frank Platorich, army quartermaster corps; Vincent Platorich, air corps.

Mitchell Basik, navy; Stanley Basik, army; George Cotic, navy mechanic; Frank P. Hugijs, medical corps, army; Stephen Yelovich, army medical corps; Joseph Shegina, medical squadron, air corps; Louis Banko, Mark Chovan, Frank Terceg, Stephen Sever and Joseph Terlan, army.

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