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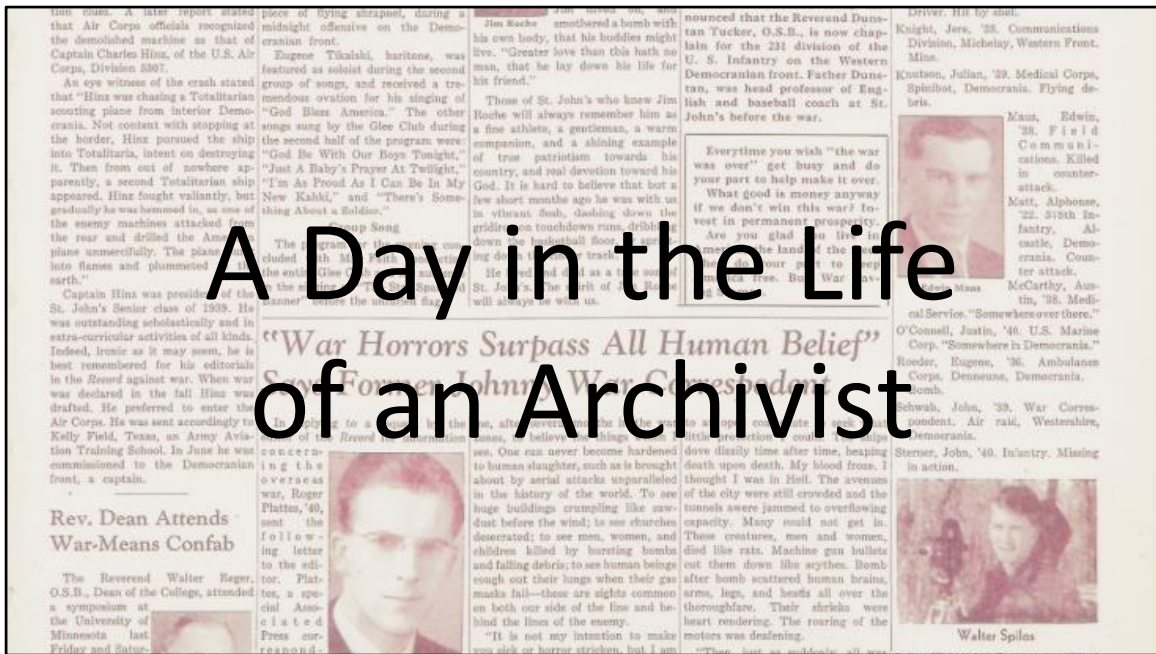
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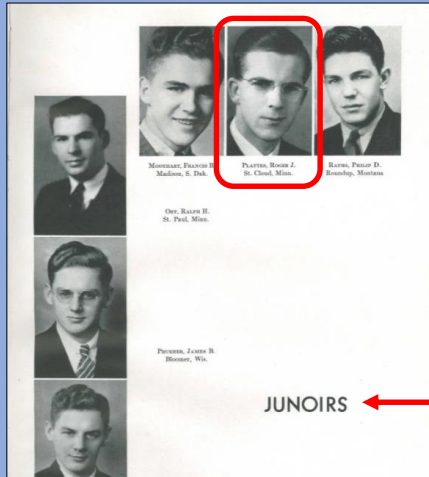
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Quote from an email received January 7, 2019.

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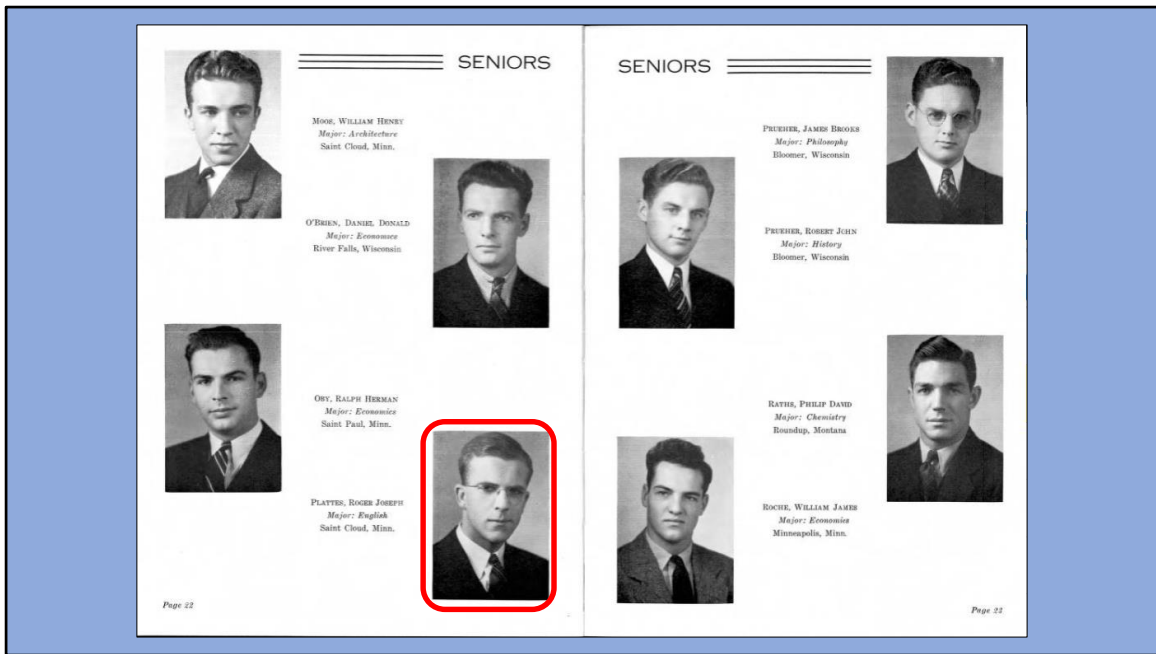
“I'm looking for information on SJU student Roger Plattes, Class of 1940. He was a St. Cloud guy and attended Tech High School.”



His junior photo in the 1939 *Sagatagan* yearbook

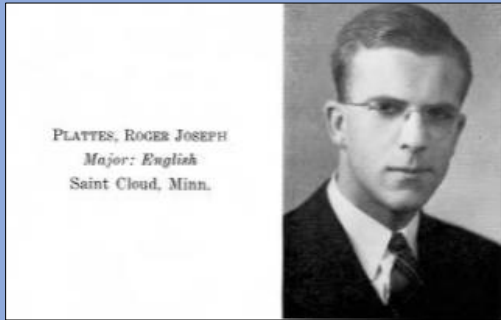
(a rather significant typo!)

He is pictured as a junior on [p. 41 \(of the pdf\)](#) in the 1939 *Sagatagan* yearbook <http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/SJUArchives/id/47795/rec/4>



1940 Sagatagan yearbook, [p. 22](#)

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His senior photo in the 1940 *Sagatagan* yearbook



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Roger in
World War II



His location and occupation are noted in the Summer 1961 issue of the *Saint John's Magazine*

1961
Grand Forks, N.D. . . . Roger Plattes is a reporter with the Grand Forks *Herald*. His home is 1224 Cottonwood Ct., Grand Forks, N.D. . . . The pastor

MILESTONES

- '39 Sister Jeremy Hall, OSB, sister of Bill '39, Nov. '08
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- '40 Art Thompson '40, Aug. '08
- '41 Elmer Eichers '41, Dec. '08
- '41 Bill McShane '41, father of Mike '70 and Tim '81, Mar. '09
- '41 Abbot Jerome Weber, OSB '41, Sept. '08

His death is noted in the Fall 2009 *Saint John's Magazine*

Plattes, Roger SJU 1940 in WWII 103Sh3v2p43no6.tif photo in the SJU Archives

Saint John's Magazine, Summer 1961, [p. 21](#),

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/SJUArchives/id/765/rec/6>

His February 2009 death was noted in the Fall 2009 *Saint John's Magazine*, [p. 43](#)

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to an open coal chute to seek what little protection I could. The ships dove dizzily time after time, heaping death upon death. My blood froze. I thought I was in Hell. The avenues of the city were still crowded and the tunnels were jammed to overflowing capacity. Many could not get in. These creatures, men and women, died like rats. Machine gun bullets cut them down like scythes. Bomb after bomb scattered human brains,

ened all at once. The streets were strewn with remains, human and material. Rescue work was begun immediately; ambulances were used, but they carried their 'contents' to the graveyard and not to the hospital. This work went on unceasingly until morning aided by beacons, for disease would soon be rampant if the bodies were allowed to decompose. I aided in this work for a while, but presently was forced to cease for

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"It was about 11:30 at I had just retired to my room was still and I drowsily the hum of the traffic and of people on the street be suddenly like a shattering thunder, the sound of roaring planes came to my ear. Alarms screamed and the people ran insanely for the tunnels. Pandemonium reigned.

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Patriotic Johnnies In Varied Branches of Service

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Durda, Joseph, '42, 83 Convalescent Base Hospital, Sault, Democraia. Formerly U.S. Marine Corps. Division 73.

Germans, Rev. Aldan H., O.S.B., '19, 26th Field Hospital Base, Democraia. Formerly Captain Chaplain, Engineer Corps, 44.

Gleason, John R., '25, 11th Convalescent Base Hospital, Saphlo Western Front, Democraia. Formerly Lieut. Ambulance Corps. Section 22.

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W a y n e, '41, Base Hospital, Lassegga, Democraia. Formerly Machine Gun Corps, 32 Battalion, Company A.

Lamb, Ed., '41, 83 Convalescent Base, Selsit, Democraia. Formerly Communications Division, Headquarters.

Mannix, Robert, '42, 74 Field Hospital, Essey, Democraia. Formerly 22 Division, Company G, 24th Infantry.



Wayne Kussel

JOHNNY PATRIOTS

Johnnies in the service. Drop us a line with your position, company, location, etc. We will print them all to show we're proud of our grads and students who have joined our forces in the hour of need.

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Campbell, Dunean, '36, Naval Aviation Corp, Alabip, Carrie Saratoga.

Cram, Cleveland C., '38, Entertainment Corp, "Over There."

Dougherty, Lawrence, '39, Quarters, Democraia.

Brehal, Joseph, '40, "Somewhere in Democraia."

Fleming, Edmund, '38, Field Artillery "Over There."

Gorman, Philip, '37, Intelligence Dept., Washington, D.C.

Grabak, Tod, '40, U.S. Marine Band Drum Major.

Hurd, Harlan, '40, Director of physical education, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Moon, Philip, '32, 1st Lieut. Medical Corps, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Pappenfus, Dr. N. D., '29, Lieut. Medical Corps "Over There."

Rathke, Philip, '40, Sergeant Major, Quartermaster Corps, 381 Division, Democraia.



Philip Rathke

Captain Edwin Welte '33, Describes War Hospitals

Edwin Welte, '33, now a Captain in the Medical Corps, 79th Regiment, Camp Lewis, Democraia, writes back the following facts concerning hospitals during war times, and the treatment which they offer wounded soldiers.

"Hospitalization, as a unit, is divided into four distinct and separate units, the emergency hospital, the field hospital, the base hospital, and lastly, the convalescent hospital. Each is a degeneration from the fighting front with thousands of cases passing through each unit.

"The emergency unit is restricted solely to the front line trenches, and it is the primary duty of this unit to stem the flow of blood from the wounded, and to pass each case toward its respective hospital, depending upon the severity of the injury. Most cases require treatment in the field hospital, and are sent there directly from the emergency unit.

"It is at the field hospital that amputations are performed, and te-

lanus antioxin is administered, to prevent lock-jaw. Lacerations and open wounds are closed, and the patients are then sent to the base hospital, some distance to the rear of the front line trenches.

"Here the cases are treated more thoroughly. Since there is not as great a danger of destruction to these hospitals, they are far better equipped than the former, hence, can take care of complications, as well as afford the patient the maximum in convalescence. Permanent staff doctors and nurses are in attendance in this hospital, in contrast to the more or less disorganized methods necessarily employed in the emergency and field hospitals.

"The convalescent hospital is the last stage in the wounded's course toward recovery. Here, the ambulant patients are housed, and under competent guidance, nursed back to normal strength. If the discharged patient is not permanently disabled he again takes his place in the front lines.

Save Now! Buy War Saving Stamps

*"Yes Sir. Chesterfield Time
Pleasure Time"*

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Rev. Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B., announced today that the number of *Saginogens* to be printed this year has been reduced from 500 to 200. The decrease in the student body as a whole, and the need to turn the funds into more needed channels has prompted this action.

Dr. N. A. Ahmann, '16
RESIDENT PHYSICIAN
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And...what? The U.S. wasn't in World War II yet in 1939...!?

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St. John's Gives All To Win War

Faith Asks For Recruits To Replenish Depleted Band Organization

Mr. John Faith, director of the St. John's University Marching Band, announced last Friday that there is a great need for recruits in order for the band to continue its present functions.

"So many students, among them the oldest and best bandmen, have left school to serve their country that unless we get new men we shall have to discontinue this organization which has proved the spirit of all those attending rallies in the vicinity," said Mr. Faith.

The band is in need of a drummer, a cornetist, flutist, and several cornetists; the trombone section needs strengthening also.

Since the founding of the first band in the late 19th century, St. John's has had a band every year, which kept up to the present time. At a time of crisis such as now, it would be a pity to have to discontinue the band for the lack of membership.

"No matter how little experience we have had, come to me at the afternoon for a report, and if there is any possibility of including you as a member of the organization, I will be more than delighted to do so," said Mr. Faith.

Former Track Instructor Now Second-Lieutenant On Democratic Front

Mr. John Ullrich, former Johnny Mack coach, is serving as a second lieutenant in the American forces at Division, Company G, 18th Infantry, on the Democratic front. Ullrich is well fitted for his position. When he was 16 years of age he joined the regular army, joining at 18. He served in the Canal Zone, Panama, and in the Philippines.

The Steeplejack

By EDWIN JONES

FROM BEHIND THE FIRING

The present crisis presents a little different for you truly than that before. You have all the boys in a pinch and as a result of the gangsters rather close to who reports a new law in business and the inserted as a viewpoint. Many of the boys are to stay at school during the war some sort of aid to see how the war is off. One can't help but notice the worried faces of the fellows who have broken in.

The bright of conscientiousness was evoked by one Tom Hanson, a student of Reno, Nevada. Circumstances will be dealt to Mr. Thomas Cassidy, instructor, to the extent of three boys Reynolds had just to make sure that the before the deadline marked his papers for.

IN THE DUSKLE EAGLE

"Claret?"—Someone recently comes Prueher twins look so much alike that of the other and slaves—Bill seems to early due to the new ruling of lights out—then there's the one about Paul Mc to send a letter with a war saving stamp in busy trying to manufacture a tool for the boys across who are in distress miles from Reno around here, but we do have a parody that struck me recently.



The Reason Why

This Record was not written to horrify, frighten, nor amuse its readers, but rather to make them pause for a moment, reflect upon the poignancy of the contents, and then, act in the manner described below. Such disaster as is contained within these pages could happen here, and will happen here, unless we form a United Christian American Front against war, against the war-mongers, against the communists who cry for peace and agitate toward war, and against those who decry neutrality.

Is not everyone satisfied by now that our entrance into the last war was sheer tragedy? Did we aid world peace? Did we make the world safe for Democracy? Did we settle the age-old nationalistic problems of the conglomerate territories of Europe? Decidedly not. Our part, our contribution, was a blind setting of the stage for the bitter drama that is now being unfolded in Europe.

A mother spends her life raising her children under the principle that they must not take what does not belong to them, and that they must respect their neighbor and their neighbor's property. Are yous fought on this principle?

Born-day's child will always be dumb.
C n a o n-day's child can never quite come,
But the child that's born on Birth-day,
Is little and honey and roared away.

So it's all a hoax — a macabre one.

Another clue, on page 3:

This Is Authentic News

Father Abbot Is Chairman At Catechetical Congress

Father Roger And Two Students Attend

Father Abbot and the Reverend Roger Schombacher, O.S.B., attended the first provincial Catechetical Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for the province of St. Paul held at St. Paul April 11-12-13. As delegates of the student body, Joseph Soukup and Urban Neudecker also attended.

Father Abbot was honorary chairman of the general session on Thursday morning when the nature and objectives of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine were discussed at length in speeches by priests and representative laity.

Father Abbot closed the session with an apt summary of the meeting reminding the hearers that while all these activities are very useful and necessary they should not forget that natural means alone will not suffice without the supernatural means of grace and prayer.

Pope Pius X

Many church dignitaries representing the several dioceses of the province spoke at the various meetings expressing the spirit of the Confraternity. The Holy See has commanded every ecclesiastical province to hold such a Catechetical Congress.

Rev. Ulric To Tour Europe; Study In Rome

By James Barry

We were sitting across from each other, Father Ulric Beste and I, in the small intimate parlor. His expressive eyes shot a decisive glance.

"The Record would like to congratulate you on your good fortune in having the gift of the trip abroad, which Father Abbot promised at your Jubilee celebration this fall. We feel that our readers would be interested in knowing about it."

Will Visit Palestine

"I first plan to embark from Naples, Italy, by boat to Alexandria, Egypt, and from there up the Nile to Cairo about ten days. I will then leave for Palestine and hope to reach there by Pentecost. After the sojourn in the midst of the hills and valleys of Judea, where our Lord walked during the first Pentecostal season, I will depart for Rome. I plan to stay in the Eternal City for a few weeks."

"What is the purpose of your trip?" "Well," he said with a laugh, "I suppose you could say 'merely a tourist' but I am also seeking for

To Marry



Edward Devitt

Edward Devitt To Wed April 22

Edward J. Devitt, '32, of St. Paul, assistant attorney general, will marry Mrs. Marcelle MacRae, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. V. J. La Rose of Bismarck, N. Dak., April 22, in St. Mary's pro-cathedral, Bismarck.

Fiancee Was Actress Mrs. MacRae is a graduate of Trinity college and the American

Faculty Delegates Attend Convention At Catholic U.

Bishop Peschges Stops At St. John's To Visit Crookston Students

Bishop John H. Peschges, D.D., '99, of Crookston diocese, arrived here Friday afternoon for a brief, informal visit to the priesthood students of his diocese. He was enroute to Crookston from the Catechetical Congress held the two preceding days in St. Paul.

At the Congress, Bishop Peschges preached the sermon at the opening pontifical High Mass at which Archbishop John Gregory Murray was celebrant. The theme of the sermon was "The Catechetical Congress as a form of Catholic Action."

Sophomores Finish Comprehensive Tests

On April 17, 19, and 21, sophomores at St. John's wrote the comprehensive tests taken by sophomores of practically every college in the country.

The scope of the tests covers all the basic fields in high-school and lower college education. The tests aid the administration in helping a student choose a correct course; they

Discuss Current Educational Problems

The Reverend Walter Reger, O.S.B., dean of the University, and the Reverend Oliver Kapner, O.S.B., librarian, attended the convention of the National Catholic Educational Association at Washington, D.C., April 12-15.

This convention marked the thirty-sixth annual meeting of Catholic university educators from Catholic colleges and universities all over the United States. The purpose of the association is to bring together representatives of Catholic schools for a discussion of current educational problems.

Father Walter represented St. John's University as delegate to the college and university department held at McMahon Hall, Catholic University.

The important topics discussed included relations of principles to action in Catholic colleges, role of the college in Catholic action, teacher training and graduate school programs, and education programs and research. Committees were drawn up to investigate the institution of a National Honor Society for students of Catholic colleges and universities. Father Oliver was the delegate to the library department of the convention.

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Student Newspapers of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

The entire run of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University newspapers have been digitized and are available for full-text searching. The newspaper published between 1965 and 1999, and had several titles. The newspaper, *The Record*, has been published since 1888. In 2000 it became a separate newspaper.

Issues can be searched separately, collectively, or browsed; see below.

An **IN-HOUSE SUBJECT INDEX** to selected articles from *The Record* publications is also available, as is one to **CSB-only Student Newspapers**. These are useful for locating citations to **only major articles** on a subject. These are not linked to the full text, and would need to be found using the links below.

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