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BOYS' COMMUNION

By MARY A. YENGO

ITHACA Next Sunday is Communion Sunday for the boys of the Parish.

Next Friday is the first Friday of the month and Masses are at 7:30, 8:30 o'clock with Holy Communion at 6 o'clock.

Members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society watched before the Blessed Sacrament last Saturday night.

Novena in honor of our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be held next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The next benefit party of a series to be held will take place on Thursday, Dec. 11 in Parish Hall. Monthly meeting of the P. T. A. of the Imm. Con. School was held last Wednesday afternoon in the school with Dr. Helen Bull as guest speaker.

Novena exercises in preparation of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be concluded next Sunday evening at 7:45 P. M. All those making the novena should receive Holy Communion on Monday, Dec. 8th. Masses every morning during the duration of the Novena are at 7:30, 8:30 o'clock. Rev. Robert Macdonald, a Redemptorist father of Buffalo, N. Y. has been conducting the Novena devotions, a short sermon and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

WHEN DAYS DRAW IN

By LAURA GRAY

Nine-year-old Benny stood by the gate and watched stars come out. He shivered and wished it would not get dark so soon for now the boys never came out after supper to play baseball on the vacant lot.

He Benny came over to the corner where the electric light was. A boy with a man's voice had come over the grass so quietly. Benny had heard him.

"O.K. Sid. Wait until I ask." Benny asked in delight that so big a boy had invited him.

What was reading by the only good light in the living room. Benny did not go further than Edith, in the kitchen was hurrying over the dishes with a much lighter face than she had a date and said.

"Mother, why putting the boys to bed? No, please, come the night went by very nice. No one of interest stands out of street corners at night."

There was so complete Benny would not, though he had to Sid. Benny came in repeated.

Wistfully Benny watched him depart, surely it seemed to him the opportunity of a lifetime had passed.

Another boy, Benny's own age, came down the street, arms full of parcels from the store. "Hello, Benny! Come over to our place, we're having lot of fun, and I may ask anyone I like to come for an hour."

"Afraid Mother won't let me, Billy."

"Go and ask while I get these things home."

That time mother said "Yes." Billy's house was smaller and humbler than Benny's but the living room was warm and bright. An extension wire brought a light to a table where a younger boy was happily cutting out animal pictures. Billy's mother found some more sheets of pictures suitable to cut out. She gave one airplane to Ben and the three boys set to work.

Billy's sister was popping corn over a glowing fire. His father like Benny's was reading. A little later when the cut-outs were about finished he laid aside the paper and took down a book from a high shelf. The youngsters clustered around his chair on stools on the rug. Benny held one of his planes and sat with the rest.

The father read slowly pausing now and then to smile at his listeners.

All too soon the telephone bell rang to remind Benny to come home. He helped to pick up litter and drop it into the wastebasket and to put things away on waiting shelves, then ran home happy. This was even better than baseball on the lot.

A little forethought and a very few cents can make home a place that will irresistably draw the children, long evenings are the parents' opportunity for making friends with their youngsters.

An interesting book from the children's library costs nothing. If father brings and reads it the book gains in importance, and he becomes a real companion. The hour around the lamp can be such a happy family time that it will be cherished throughout life and stand as a pattern for later years.

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