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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are Ember days days of Fast and Abstinence. These days are set aside by the Church during each of the Seasons as days of special prayer, fast and abstinence. The day before Christmas will be a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Novena

The Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will continue every Sunday night at 7:30. The special intention at all the services will be the help and protection for our country during these trying times. Special remembrance will be made for those who are in the service and for those who have sacrificed their lives for our country. It is very fitting that we who are at home should pray to Mary Immaculate, who is the Patroness of our country.

Let us not only give our all for our country, but also let us be more fervent in our prayers and religion. Make a sacrifice and attend the Novena devotions.

Christmas

Father Brien will give the Christmas Party for the children of the Grammar School on Friday afternoon, Dec. 19. Santa Claus will give favors to all of the children.

Christmas holidays will begin on Friday, Dec. 19, at 3 P. M. School will re-open on Monday, Jan. 5.

Confessions will be heard on the day before Christmas, 3:30-6:00 and 7:30-9:00 P. M. The church will be locked after confessions and re-opened at 11:15 P. M.

The Midnight Mass will be preceded by a procession to the Crib, and Christmas Hymns will be sung.

Father Brien will celebrate a Solemn High Mass assisted by Father Pegnam as Deacon and Father Burns as Sub-Deacon.

The Sermon at the Midnight Mass will be preached by Father Bisky. The adult choir and boys' choir will sing at the Mass.

The other Masses on Christmas Day will be at 6:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00 and 11 A. M. (See Music Program on Diocesan News Page.)

Defense Savings

Rev. William J. Brien, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, has been appointed Chairman of the Catholic Churches' Defense Savings Committee.

The Chemung County Committee realizes the seriousness of this campaign and the grave responsibility that lies with all of us.

The churches and schools will be contacted in the near future. Father Brien assures the Committee that the Catholic Churches and Schools will cooperate in this most necessary work.

Junior Holy Name

St. Patrick's Junior Holy Name Society—Cub Division (members of the Eighth Grade) sponsored a successful Christmas Party, Tuesday evening, last week, in the Assembly Hall of the school. Forty-six girls and boys, all members of the Eighth Grade participated in

singing appropriate Christmas carols and enjoyed dancing to the smooth swing rhythms of the "ECH-oes." Many of the parents attended and enjoyed the Community Sing conducted during the intermission.

Two more Christmas parties have been scheduled by the Junior Holy Name Society—High School Division. The next will be held Thursday evening, this week (Dec. 18) and will be attended by members of the Senior and Junior classes of Elmira Catholic High School and Elmira Academy who live in St. Patrick's parish. A special entertainment program has been arranged and refreshments will be served.

Final Christmas party will be held Monday, Dec. 22, and will be attended by Sophomore and Freshman classes of both high schools in the parish. An appropriate program of entertainment has been arranged and attractive prizes will be awarded to winners of special marathon dances.

The parents of the children are urged by the General Committee to attend these parties and enjoy the fun and entertainment provided by the members of the deservedly popular "ECH-oes" (Elmira Catholic High School Orchestra).

Members of the orchestra are: Raymond Devlin, director; Eleonor O'Hanlon, piano; Eleanor Maloney, drums; Robert Lisi, saxophone; Stanley Winlecki, guitar; Richard Grace, clarinet. The Misses O'Hanlon and Maloney provide vocal duets and Messrs. Winlecki and Grace are featured soloists.

New Testaments

Senior Division of the Holy Name Society has made a special effort to provide each family in the parish with a copy of the new revised New Testament. Over 500 copies have been distributed to date. The committee in charge reminds the members of the parish that copies of the approved and reasonably-priced edition may be obtained at the Rectory, 604 Park Place, and suggests that copies be presented to the sick and shut-ins and other friends as appropriate and practical Christmas gifts.

Family Relationships

With the approval of the Reverend Pastor, William J. Brien, three groups of mothers in the parish have been organized for the purpose of discussion and study of the problems of family relationships. Several preliminary meetings were held and widespread interest in this project has been manifested. At present twenty-five mothers and other interested persons are attending the meetings which are held at regular intervals in the homes of the group leaders.

A special study outline has been provided and carefully selected books and pamphlets are reviewed and recommended at each meeting. New groups will be organized after the holidays. Interested persons should consult the present group leaders.

The present group leaders include: Mrs. Charles D. O'Hara, Mrs. Marvin E. Johnson and Mrs. John Flanagan. The study groups are under the direct supervision of the Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's parish.

Sioux Indians Listen To Message Of Peace To Men Of Good Will

(NCWC Christmas Supplement)
 "When I turned from the altar to address the congregation, I could see expectations and joy on every face even before I pronounced the theme of my Christmas sermon: 'Iyotan wankatu ekta Wakantanka wovitan yuha nunwe,'" the Rev. Othmar Buerklier, O.S.B., wrote in *The Indian Sentinel*, publication of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions.

Father Othmar was speaking of Christmas at St. Aloysius Mission, South Dakota. His text was in the Sioux language, and means: "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to men of good will."

Describing his arrival at the Mission on Christmas Eve, Father Othmar says he found everything in readiness for the observance of the great feast. The altar was decorated, the Crib had been set up, chairs filled every available space, and "two sturdy chairs had been placed under the choir loft to make it strong enough for the large group of singers."

"The Indians delight in taking charge of preparations for a festi-

val, and they go about it systematically." Father Othmar points out, "A month before Christmas, perhaps, a meeting of the Saints Mary's and Joseph's Society was held. Details were discussed and committees selected to carry out the arrangements agreed upon. It is all in keeping with the old Indian customs."

Plans Credit Unions In B. W. I. District

GLACE BAY, N. S. — Father Kempf, a leader in the cooperative field in the British West Indies, recently paid a visit here and to other Cape Breton organizations. He was making a tour of various cooperative enterprises to obtain practical knowledge of how they operate with a view of introducing credit unions and retail stores in his B. W. I. district. He has already introduced a poultry producer cooperative which he said has proven quite successful.

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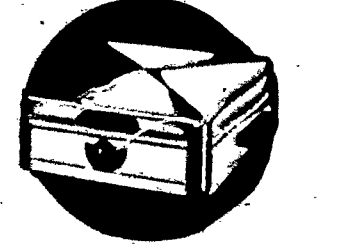
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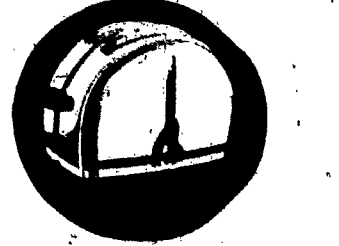
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