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By E. O. BIRD

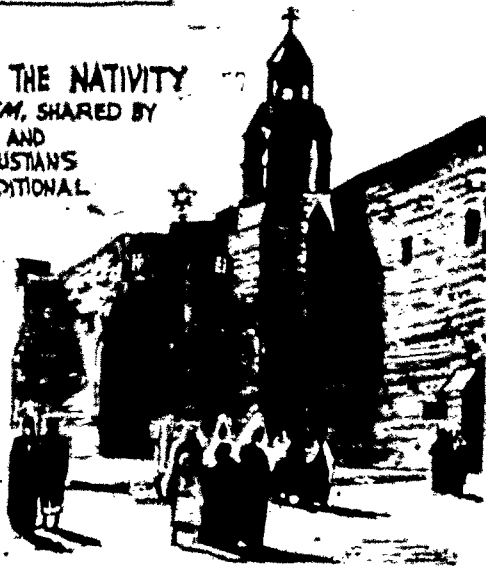
HANUKKAH, THE 8-DAY "FEAST OF LIGHTS" WAS INSTITUTED IN 165 B.C. BY JUDAS MACCABEUS AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE CONGREGATION OF ISRAEL.



JESUS' MANGER WAS PROBABLY OF STONE!
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THE BASILICA OF THE NATIVITY IN BETHLEHEM, SHARED BY LATIN, GREEK AND ARMENIAN CHRISTIANS IS ON THE TRADITIONAL SITE OF THE STABLE IN WHICH JESUS WAS BORN.

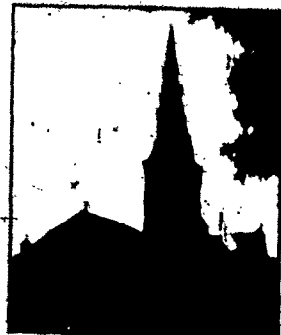
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—R. O. BROWN—
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COMMUNION SUNDAY

By DOLORES HANRAHAN
A general Holy Communion has been announced for Friday, Dec. 19 in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for the intention of world peace. The Rev. Francis Growney of Buffalo, who is conducting a Christmas Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help strongly urged all parishioners to join in receiving the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Novena services are held each Thursday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock and in the evening at 7:45 o'clock. At the Novena services last Thursday evening, Father Growney particularly requested those who have been absent from the Sacraments for a long period to join with other parishioners in the general Holy Communion on Dec. 19.

Anthony J. Smith

Funeral services were held Monday Dec. 15, at 9:45 o'clock at St. Ann's Church for Anthony J. Smith who died Dec. 11 at St.

James Mercy Hospital. He was 61 years of age.
Mr. Smith, a former resident of Dansville, had made his home for the past 23 years in Hornell, where he was employed as a real estate broker.
Survivors are his wife and three children, Vincent, Bernard and Margaret, one sister, Miss Elizabeth Smith of Dansville, and a brother, Simon Smith of Penn Yan.

Christmas Music

Special music has been arranged for Midnight Mass by St. Ann's Choir, under direction of Mrs. Karl Reitnauer, organist. The adult choir will sing the Mass of the Immaculate Conception by B. A. Flynn.
A Chancel Choir, consisting of all the altar boys of St. Ann's Church, has been organized this year to sing at Midnight Mass. The choir will sing "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," as a processional, and "Adeste Fideles" as a recessional.
Martha Sexsmith, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Sexsmith of Hornell, will sing a solo, "Silent Night" before Mass. (The complete program will be found on Diocesan News Page.)

St. Mary's (Corning)

SODALITY FETES 100

CORNING The Sodality of Our Lady of Good Counsel of St. Mary's Church entertained at tea Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's Hall about 100 attended. Mrs. James Grimaldi and Mrs. T. J. Hill presided.

A program included several vocal selections by the Seven Sharps: the Misses Marian Keenan, Dorothy Abotto and Rose Mahlum. Mrs. A. Kelsey Carleton gave two readings. Miss Gertrude Marx and Miss Margaret Schneider were co-chairmen.

Enjoying God

But to enjoy God and see him face to face we have need of a special equipment. Our natural equipment is entirely insufficient and inadequate. It is just as insufficient and inadequate as would be our lungs on the planet Mars. Suppose we had a way of going to that distant planet. It would do us no good to go there, since our lungs could not breathe the thin air of Mars. What we should first have to get is a new pair of lungs.
Similarly we need a special set of powers to live the life of Heaven. And that special set of powers is given us with the supernatural life of Divine grace.

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St. Vincent (Corning)

POULTRY SHOW

The poultry show is on this Friday evening, Dec. 19. Interest has been high and all indications point to a large turnout. This is something new in the parish and has aroused much enthusiasm among members of the parish.

The subscription campaign for the CATHOLIC COURIER has been extended until the first of the year. It has been difficult to make any calls because of the holiday season and it is expected that much more can be accomplished after the first of the year.

One Answer

I have but one belief, one love,
One answer for the wonders I behold,
The stars and moon that shine above,
The Autumn year—bright-fringed with red and gold;
The silver silence of the Winter's gloom,
The magic breath of Spring, the greening sod;
May: when the fragrant flowers blow and bloom—
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—Anthony J. Pettito

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