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SODALITY MEETING

The Junior branch of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin will hold its December meeting next Monday in preparation for Christmas. The meeting will open the church at 8 o'clock. Then the Sodality will go to the church where they will be assisted by members of the Senior Sodality in preparing Christmas stockings and gifts for some of the boys in St. Mary's Boys' Home. The presents will be brought to the boys shortly before Christmas to be given to them on Christmas day.

WELCOME PASTOR

At the last meeting of the Rosary Society the members were very happy to welcome back their pastor and spiritual director, Father Connors. It was the first time he

had been present at the meetings since his recent illness and he expressed his gladness at being able once more to carry on his former duties.

PAPER DRIVE SUCCESS

Pupils of the school worked very hard to gather papers and magazines in the drive being conducted by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Their efforts were rewarded by the knowledge that they were among the leaders of the schools in the city in this worthy project to aid missionary activity.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays on Friday December 19 at three o'clock. During the day the various rooms will have Christmas parties and gifts will be given and candy distributed to the children. All the youngsters are extended the best wishes for a holy and happy Christmas.

ST. MONICA'S PARISH

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

The school children of St. Monica will have their Christmas assembly on Friday afternoon, Dec. 13 in the parish hall. Group singing of Christmas carols will be included in the program at the conclusion of which school will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays.

Christmas parties are very much in evidence around St. Monica's. At the Rosary Society, the Holy Name Society and the Sodality have had their Christmas entertainment while the Legion of Mary, the Scouts and the school children are completing plans for their programs.

St. Monica's Red Cross Workers

are meeting Tuesday afternoons in the parish hall. Any member of the parish actively interested in this work is invited to attend these Tuesday meetings.

Following the custom begun last year, two Midnight Masses will be celebrated at St. Monica's on Christmas Eve. The Men's Choir, under the direction of Mr. James Curran and accompanied by Hugh Dodge, will sing the Mass in the church and the Sodality Choir will sing in the hall. Sister Anna Louise is director of the Girls' Choir, and Marcela Cauffield is the organist.

The Sodality choir will also render a selection of Christmas hymns in the church from 11:30 to 11:55 P. M. immediately preceding Midnight Mass.

Survey Opens of Both Parents Employed

A survey is in progress to determine the number of children whose parents are both working. A recent survey among public school children indicated that both parents of over seven hundred grade school children are employed.

In cooperation with this survey pastors in Elmira are asked to secure this information under the direction of the Rt. Rev. Mgr. John J. Ber V.F.

The social agencies and public school officials of Elmira feel that whatever problem exists here as a result of both parents working should be met by this community. The survey will supply this information regarding the Catholic school.

State W. P. A. headquarters has called a meeting at Albany on Dec. 9 to consider the establishment of State or Federal day nurseries to care for children where both parents are working.

One of the important elements to be determined is what arrangements have been made by the parents of such children to provide proper supervision while both parents are away from home.

Until this time the local agencies have filed with the State and Federal officials at Albany a protest against the establishment of public day nurseries here by State or Federal authority until it has been established that Elmira is unable to handle the situation.

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By E. O. BERG

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JESUS' MANGER WAS PROBABLY OF STONE!
NATIVE ROSE-GOLD LIMESTONE MANGERS HAVE BEEN EXCAVATED IN PALESTINE

THE BASILICA OF THE NANNIVITY IN BETHLEHEM, SHARED BY LATIN, GREEK AND ARMENIAN CHRISTIANS IS ON THE TRADITIONAL SITE OF THE STABLE IN WHICH JESUS WAS BORN.

IT WAS STARTED BY CONSTANTINE IN THE FOURTH CENTURY.



-E. O. BERG-
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