



MOTHERS AT MASS celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney for the mothers of servicemen and women, Nov. 25, in St. Joseph's Church. Photo above shows mothers accompanied by daughters, sisters and other relatives of the men in the service. The Bishop explained the role of mothers in the war effort. Lower photo (from left) Robert Lattin, Mrs. Victor Lattin, his mother, 27 Emmett Ave., and her mother, Mrs. Anna Manfredi, 356 First St., whose two sons, Robert and Benjamin Manfredi are corporals in the Army. Benjamin second from left.

Lay Retreatants Elect James E. Cuff, President

Organizing along parish lines, the Rochester Laymen's Retreat League met with the Rev. John P. Murphy, C.S.S.R., director of laymen's retreats in the diocese and elected officers Friday night at St. Joseph's Hall.

Plans were formulated for year-round retreat promotion in each parish. Promoters were named to interest men in the parishes in making week-end closed retreats at Our Lady of the Lady Retreat House on Seneca Lake, Geneva in the coming year.

James E. Cuff was elected president with Edward B. Shlesinger as executive vice president.

Dividing the city and county, the following were named as Vice Presidents: Southeast Division, Frank E. Wolfe; Southwest Division, William T. Nolan; Northwest Division A, Frank Davis; Northwest Division B, William J. Hauser; Northeast Division A, Angelo L. DiNeri; Northwest Division B, William J. Kuehner and Leo B. Harvey of Lima, Secretary, Charles M. Dispensa.

Retreats conducted during the present year were reviewed by the more than fifty retreatants present. Progress being made at the diocesan retreat house was outlined by Father Murphy who reported that Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus is in the midst of a campaign to raise funds for pews in the Retreat House Chapel.

Father Murphy impressed on the minds of the retreatants the importance of bringing home to men in their parishes the value of a week-end retreat which they had experienced and to interest more men in making this type of spiritual week-end.

Plans were discussed to adopt a method whereby prospective retreatants will be able to put a small amount of money away weekly or monthly to assure their having the amount necessary at retreat time to cover expenses of the retreat and not be obliged to contribute the entire amount at one time.

Patriotic Program Marks Thanksgiving At Mercy

With the theme of Patriotism filling the air Wednesday, Nov. 25, Mercy High held its annual Thanksgiving ceremonies. The Glee Club rendered such selections as "America My Own," "Thanks Be to God" and "Ave Maria."

The "Marines Hymn" and "Stars and Stripes" were among the few played by the orchestra. Nancy Sanders a senior gave her interpretation of "Thanksgiving then and now." Senior Helen Ryan enacted a poem entitled, "Thanksgiving." The program ended by the entire student body accompanied by the orchestra singing our National Anthem.

Some mothers and sisters throughout the world. The extraordinary job must be kept current, even while the holiday week of mailings is in hand. Also, he pointed out, the postal establishment is struggling with many thousands of inexperienced personnel, assigned to take the place of men called to the armed services. The new employees naturally cannot handle the holiday mail job with the smoothness and speed of the postal veterans whom they replace.

Priests To Begin First Aid Classes

First Aid Classes for priests and laymen will be conducted starting on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 8:30 p.m. and continuing from 8 to 10 p.m.

For further information regarding the classes call the Rev. John J. Condon, 2000 N. Pearl St.

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Mail Before December 1

The bulk of Christmas mail must be in the post offices by December 1 this year if deliveries on time are to be assured, according to Smith W. Purdum, Second Assistant Postmaster General. Mr. Purdum is responsible to Postmaster General Frank C. Walker for smooth and efficient air and railway mail service.

Unprecedented wartime demands on the postal and transportation systems, plus a prospective record volume of Christmas mailings, were cited by Mr. Purdum as necessitating earlier mailings than ever before. "It is physically impossible for the railroads and airlines, burdened with vitally important war materials, to handle Christmas mailings as rapidly as in normal times," Mr. Purdum said. "If the bulk of parcels and greeting cards are held back until the usual time—the period of about December 15 to 23—they simply cannot be distributed in time, and thousands of gifts will reach their destinations after Christmas."

In 1941, about 21,000 mail cars were required between December 12 and 24 to deliver Christmas mail—enough cars to make a train 720 miles long. This year, the extra cars needed to move holiday mail are largely being used by the armed services, and a severe shortage is in prospect.

The postal service usually borrows about 2,500 trucks from the Army and other Government agencies, and rents about 10,000 from private owners, to handle the Christmas mails. This year, it will be extremely difficult to obtain enough of these vehicles to meet even a substantial part of the need. The Army needs its own trucks and private owners are reluctant to let someone else use their tires.

Railroads are cooperating by converting some hundreds of steel box cars and similar equipment for mail transportation, and Joseph B. Eastman, Director of Defense Transportation, has ordered that unnecessary travel be curtailed to the limit during the holiday season. But these measures cannot assure deliveries of gifts on time unless the public cooperates by mailing early and thus spreading the transportation load over a longer period than usual.

Mr. Purdum called attention to the task of the Post Office Department in moving millions of pieces every day to and from sal-

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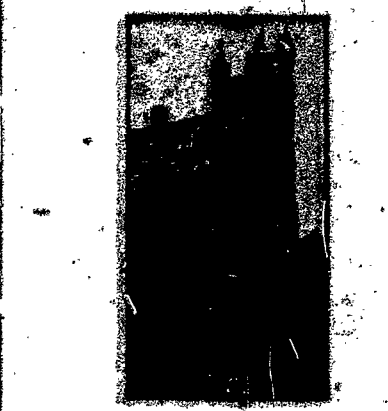
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