

# ST. ALPHONSUS, Auburn

## GALA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the immaculate heart of Mary and Rosary Society of St. Alphonsus Church have completed all plans for a gala Christmas party on the evening of Monday, Dec. 21, at the Parish House in East Congress St. Each member is asked to bring a small gift and Santa Claus will be present to distribute them.

The Glee Club, which has been formed recently, will sing and an entertainment with Mrs. Charles A. Michol, as pianist, will also be presented.

Mrs. L. C. Balzer is chairman and Mrs. Mildred Woods is co-chairman. They are assisted by Mrs. A. J. Toulant, Mrs. George Heister, Mrs. John Gibb, Mrs. John Offenberg, Mrs. Theodore Metlock, Mrs. John Hubbert, Mrs. Carl Anton, Mrs. William Keilly, Mrs. James Byrne and Mrs. Katherine Mahoney.

**SOCIETY'S COMMUNION**  
The Rosary Society are re-united.

## Christmas Party Enjoyed By Guild

The Flower Guild of Mercy Hospital held a dessert bridge party at Mercy Hospital on Monday evening. Christmas gifts were exchanged. Miss Helen Mitchell was chairman and she was assisted by Miss Jane Moran. Miss Margaret Lenahan and Mrs. Joseph Heister.

Officers of the Mercy Hospital Flower Guild are President, Mrs. Frederick J. Welch, vice-president Mrs. Joseph Caddy, secretary Miss Margaret Keegan, treasurer Miss Marie Coughlin, financial secretary, Miss Loretta Donahue.

ed that next Sunday is their day for receiving Corporate Communion. They will attend the 8:00 o'clock Mass.

## SERVICE CLUB MEETS

A meeting of the Service Club was held on Tuesday evening at the Rectory. There are over 200 boys in the armed forces and it is very difficult to keep posted on their whereabouts. Anyone knowing of a change of address is asked to kindly place it in the vestibule of the Church.

# ST. FRANCIS, Auburn

## NEW SCOUT TROOP

Auburn St. Francis d'Assisi Parish has a new troop of Boy Scouts. This Troop is to be known as Troop 28 of the Cayuga County Boy Scout Council. Mr. Frank DePaul will be the Scout Master and the members of the Council will be Rev. Bernard C. Sewcomb, assistant pastor at St. Francis Church, Patry Trinea, Joseph Spens, Vincent Quinn, Vincent Camardo and Paul Masotto.

**PIE, NACCA LEAVES**  
Rev. John Nacca, assistant pastor, has been appointed an assistant at St. Francis Xavier, Rochester. Father Nacca came to Auburn immediately after his ordination in June 1941. He was graduated from Holy Rosary School,

**WIVES REACH SAFETY**  
Maryknoll, N. Y. After a perilous journey by river boat, bus, bicycle and foot, a group of refugee priests and Sisters from northern China has arrived safely at the Maryknoll Mission in Kwelin, Free China, the Maryknoll headquarters here have learned.

# Another Auburn Girl Becomes Army Nurse

Miss Gertrude E. Sangiacomo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sangiacomo of 139 Seymour Street has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army Nurse Corps and she left Auburn on Dec. 15 for Fort Ontario. Miss Sangiacomo is a graduate of Holy Family High School and the Auburn City Hospital Nurses Training School. She studied at Columbia University during the summer months and has been a member of the nurses staff at Auburn City Hospital.

# ST. MARY'S, Auburn

## NUN GOES TO HAWAII

**By MARYROSE BARON**  
Auburn - Sister Miriam David is one of the 90 members of the Maryknoll Sisters Community who has been assigned to duty in the Hawaiian Islands.

Sister Miriam David is the former Miss Esther Donovan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Donovan of 15 1/2 Parker St. She is a graduate of St. Mary's School and was an active member of the Sodality of Mary.

Her sister, Miss Agnes Donovan is also a member of the Maryknoll Sisters and her name in religion is Sister Miriam Anthony. At present she is enrolled in the College Division and is at the organization's headquarters at Maryknoll on the Hudson. She joined the order about three years ago after having been graduated from East High School.

The Maryknoll Sisters have an enrollment of 635 members. The Maryknoll Sisters in the Hawaiian Islands and elsewhere are being lauded for their aid in the war and as assistance to the men in the armed forces in the battle zones. Mr. and Mrs. Donovan also have a son, Leonard serving with the United States Navy.

## LYCEUM PLAYERS MEET

The Lyceum Players held their December Meeting on Thursday evening. The meeting was in the form of a Covered Dish Supper and following the supper a Christmas Party was held and gifts exchanged. Games were played with Gus Pine and Fred Armstrong directing and dancing brought the evening's program to a close.

The affair was in honor of four past presidents of the club who are soon leaving to join the forces. The presidents honored were Adrian Dunn, Fred Armstrong, Holmes Sullivan and Augustus Pine.

A short business meeting was held with Miss Helen Stapleton, president presiding. The members decided to present a one-act play "Fireman Save That Child" at the January meeting. This playlet is a comedy written by Holmes Sullivan and first staged a few years ago. James Ellsbee was chosen to be the director. Rev. Joseph McNamara is moderator of the Lyceum Players.

Gerald F. Fitzgerald and George A. Donovan, former active members of the club are also with the Armed Forces, being inducted during November. Mr. Fitzgerald is now stationed at Biloxi, Mississippi, at Keeler Field where he is attending school. Emmett Buggy, a former member, recently spent his furlough visiting his family. Paul McElarr and David Shaw are

with the Army and Francis Sergeant is with the Marines. William C. Driscoll is stationed at Fort Niagara intercepting recruits.

## FRIDAY NIGHT PARTY

The Weekly Friday Night Party at St. Mary's Church will be held next Friday, Dec. 18, in Lyceum Hall at 8:45 instead of the usual hour of 8:30. The hour has been changed to enable the people working in the stores and shopping to complete their purchases and arrive at the party on time. The following week the Friday Night Party will fall on Christmas so the party will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 8:45 in Lyceum Hall.

## SOCIETY'S COMMUNION

Next Sunday will be the Communion Day of the Rosary and Scapular Society and all the women of the congregation. The Rosary Society will hold their annual Christmas Party on Monday evening, Dec. 21, at 8:00 o'clock in Lyceum Hall. The members are asked to bring gifts for children this year instead of the usual presents. The Rosary Christmas Party for the children will be held on the afternoon of Monday, Dec. 21. Santa Claus will be present to distribute the gifts.

## RELIGION CLASSES

The instruction for the children attending the Public School will be given on Friday afternoon at 3:45 in the school. This will be the last instruction until after the holidays.

## SPIRITUAL CRIB

From early childhood we have and special prayers to honor the Babe of Bethlehem. For many years the Societies of Mary throughout the world have followed this custom begun in childhood and presented a Spiritual Christmas Crib to the Infant Jesus on His Birthday. The Queens Work, the official organ of the Sodality, describes the Crib and we print the form that those interested may follow it. The spiritual Christmas Crib is as follows:

1. A bedstead of gold the Stations of the Cross four times.
2. Ten slats 10 Rosaries.
3. The spring abstinence from candy.
4. The mattress five Acts of Contrition.
5. Two linen sheets 200 aspirations.
6. A small white blanket, four visits to the Blessed Sacrament.
7. Another white blanket perfect silence for one hour.
8. A blue comforter five acts of kindness.
9. A white spread 20 Our Fathers.
10. A pillow 20 Glories.
11. A pillow slip-five acts of Faith. And if you have time you may give the Infant's Mother a gift by hearing nine Masses in her honor.

## Christmas Night

**By GLORIA ANNE LAHOOD**  
Junior, Holy Family High School, Auburn

One bright night in a far off land Two thousand years ago  
A host of angels came out of the sky.  
To sing to the shepherds below.

They brought them tidings of great joy

Good will and peace to men  
They told them that their kind was born  
in a manger at Bethlehem.

They followed a star to that holy place  
Wherein they were to find  
Their King Our Lord, the Saviour  
And Redeemer of mankind.

On that same night from far Orient,  
Three wise men holy and old  
Came to offer their newborn king  
Their frankincense, myrrh and gold.

And so with Mary, His Mother and ours,  
Together with shepherd and king,  
Let's worship again, that holy babe  
Of Whom the angels sing.

## Holy Father Ends Morning Walks

LONDON - Now that the summer recess is over the Holy Father has given up his morning walk in the Vatican Gardens of an hour or an hour and a half the only concession he allowed himself and which was itself sacrificed on Wednesdays for the popular audiences. The Pope now has only the afternoon walk.

## WEDDINGS

**Wood - Walsh**  
KING FERRY - Miss Elzora E. Walsh and Vernon C. Wood were married in the rectory of Our Lady of the Lake Church at King Ferry on last Saturday morning.

They were attended by Miss Mary Schmitt, a friend of the bride, and Harley E. Beebe, cousin of the bridegroom. A wedding breakfast was served at the Pioneer in Auburn.

Mrs. Wood is the daughter of Francis Walsh of New Britain, Conn. She was graduated from King Ferry Central School in 1940. Mr. Wood was graduated from Emily Howland School in 1931 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Wood of Venice Center. The couple will reside in Venice Center after a wedding trip.

## Grab Holland Church Bells For Nazi War Industry

NEW YORK - The confiscation of all church bells in Holland to be melted down for the German war industry has been ordered by Arthur Sevas Inquart, Nazi leader, according to information received from The Hague via Zurich Switzerland by the Netherlands Information Service here.

The dispatch quoted Anton Mussert, Dutch Nazi leader, as saying, "This is a perfectly natural measure. A thousand years ago, in times of war church treasures were used for the protection of the country."

## PRE-SERVICE CLUB

Washington. - A Pre-Service Club has been organized at Georgetown University by campus leaders to acquaint student-members with practical instruction in Army and Navy procedure before their in-

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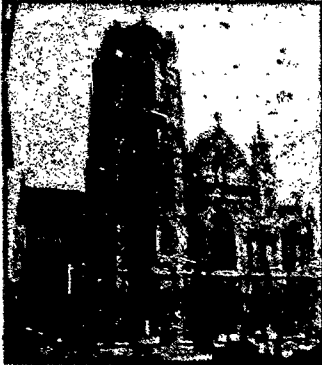
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