

ST. ANTHONY'S (Elmira)

LETTER FROM FR. HANNA

"I had the unique privilege of saying afternoon Mass this first of the feast of the Immaculate Conception" wrote the Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, former pastor of St. Anthony's Church, in his first letter back to Elmira since his appointment as Navy Chaplain. The occasion was a stop off in Washington to visit his brother, Chaplain Austin B. Hanna, with the rank of captain in the War College there. Father Hanna's Mass was said at 12:30 P. M. Captain Hanna also said Mass at 9:30 the same day. "It seemed funny getting up, having breakfast and then later celebrating Mass," said Father Hanna. The letter was addressed to the Rev. Lawrence Hanson, assistant pastor at St. Anthony's, and was dated Dec. 11.

Sacred Heart Ladies

The annual Christmas party of the Sacred Heart Ladies of the parish was combined with election of officers on Dec. 27 at 7:30 P. M. in St. Anthony's Church hall. No gifts were exchanged as was the custom in previous years, because of the circumstances of the times. Arrangements were made by co-chairmen Mrs. Henry Sanders and Mrs. Edward Rose. They were assisted by Mrs. Nicholas Spallone, Mrs. Joseph Maffo, Mrs. Amarico D'Aleisio, Mrs. Joseph Contento, Mrs. Josephine Rocchi, Mrs. Paul Getole, Mrs. Jenny Antonoro, and Mrs. Nicholas Antuzzi.

Daughters of Mary

The Daughters of Mary held their annual Christmas party on

Monday, Dec. 14, immediately following the Novena. Games, dancing and gifts were enjoyed with a poem accompanying each gift. Gifts were also presented to the Rev. Albert Simonetti and the Rev. Lawrence Hanson.

Gifts to Servicemen

"A Salute to the Men in Service," booklets compiled by the Rev. Daniel A. Lord for service men of America, were sent by the Sodality of Our Lady to St. Anthony's men in service.

Holy Name Elections were held on Wednesday, Dec. 23.

Girl Scouts Party

Christmas party for the Girl Scout troop 29 of St. Anthony's Parish, was held on Thursday, Dec. 17 from 2:30 to 5 P. M. Thirty-two girls attended, and enjoyed games, gifts, and refreshments. Fifty miniature holly wreaths for the children in St. Joseph's Hospital were made by the girls, under the leadership of Anna and Theresa Colletta, Mary Theresa Caporiccio, and Theresa Giamichele. They were delivered to the hospital Wednesday, Dec. 23. Gifts were presented to Scout Leader Mrs. Nicholas Colletta and Assistant Leader Mrs. Edward Rose.

Boys' Parties

Boy Scouts, Altar Boys, and Cub Scouts of the Parish were invited to a Christmas party held on Monday, Dec. 20, at 7 P. M.

Enjoy Christmas Fete At Catholic High

By RATHLEEN MULLIKEN
A Christmas Assembly program was held at Catholic High School on Dec. 18. A pageant of the Nativity was given with Theresa Richardson as the Blessed Virgin and Bolton Torwilliger as St. Joseph; a recitation by Jean Nolan, a dance, Theresa Mulliken, humorist, John Kerwin and William Connelly; play "Community Christmas," by the members of the senior class. Master of ceremonies was Patsy Bonsignore. The assembly ended with talks by the Rev. William A. Burns and the Rev. Edward Tolster.

'Second Sowing' Choice Of Catholic Book Club

NEW YORK. "Second Sowing" by Mother Margaret Williams, R.S. C.J., is the December selection of the Catholic Book Club. It is the story of the career of Mother Mary Aloysia Hardey, pioneer American Religious of the Sacred Heart. Illustrated by Anne Frachy, the book is published by Sheed & Ward, New York City.

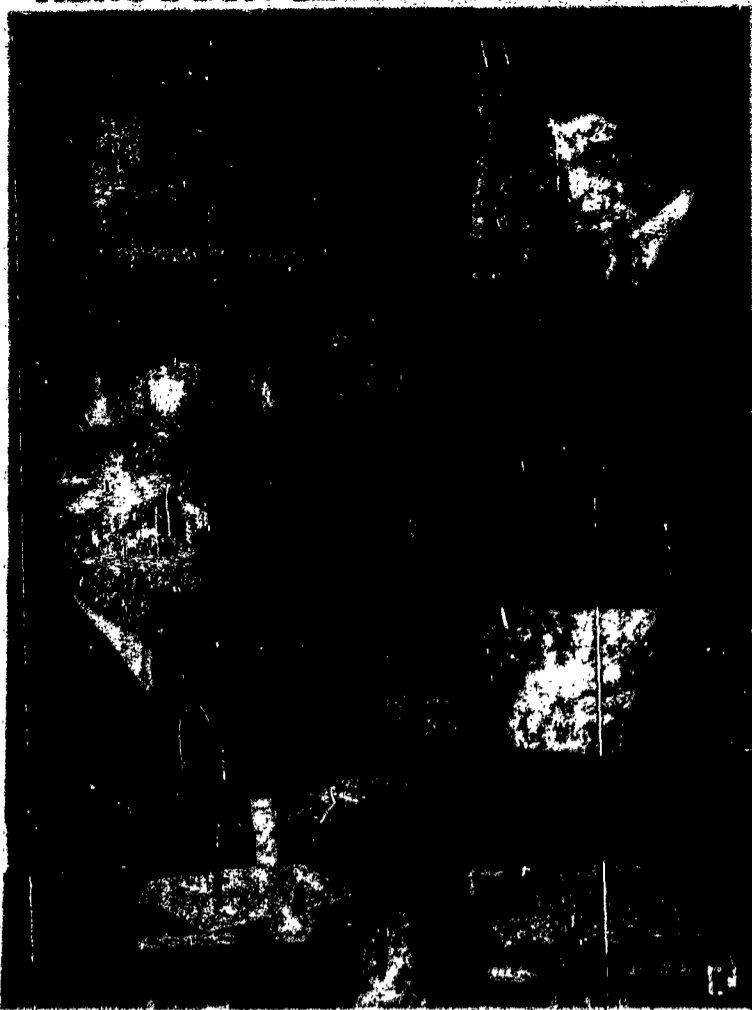
Fathers of boys in the service will want to make the closed weekend retreat at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva.

Wins Art Fame



Richmond Barthe, Catholic Negro sculptor, who has been awarded sixth prize by the Metropolitan Art Museum of New York for his statuette, "The Boxer," which won an award of \$500. One thousand exhibits from all parts of the country were entered. (N.C.W.C.)

HERO'S SON GETS FATHER'S MEDAL



At the White House, a proud young man receives from the hands of President Roosevelt, the citation and the Congressional Medal of Honor, awarded posthumously to his hero father, Lieut. (j.g.) Daniel J. Callaghan, Jr., U. S. N., gets the medal awarded to Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan, killed in action on the bridge of his flagship in the South Pacific. Harris & Ewing photo. (N.C.W.C.)

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MIDNIGHT MASS

The program for Midnight Mass is as follows:
Before the Mass Silent Night (Gruber)
Kyrie-Mass of the Immaculate Conception B. Flynn
Gloria Mass of the Immaculate Conception B. Flynn
Credo Gregorian
Offertory "Laudentur Coeli" Tozer
Supplementary Offertory "Adeste Fideles" Traditional
Sanctus Mass of the Immaculate Conception B. Flynn
Benedictus Mass of the Immaculate Conception B. Flynn
Agnus Dei Mass of the Immaculate Conception B. Flynn
Recession "Angels We Have Heard on High" Traditional
Members of the children's choir are: Boys, Samuel Castellino, Peter Fitzgerald, Richard Levandosky, Robert Levandosky, Gregory Meany, Patrick O'Leary, Joseph Powers, John Ryan; Girls, Betty Conkley, Teresa Conkley, Eleanor Cox, Mary Lou Cox, Catherine Cronin, Eileen Gordon, Teresa Gordon, Delores Gublo, Nan Hourihan, Ann Hurley, Ellen Hurley, Marion Hurley, Mildred Levandosky, Rita Malone, Joan McDonald, Mary Samski, Mary Dorothy Serosky, Mary Ann Smith. Masses on Christmas shall consist of Pauline Sinti, Teresa Verbancic, Mass of the Midnight Mass, and Masses at 6, 8, 9:15 and 11 A. M. Benediction after the 11 Mass.

Three Sons Serve

Pvt Thomas F. O'Brien, son of J. John O'Brien, 1116 Oak St., has been assigned to Atlantic City Basic Training Center, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. Pfc. Joseph W. O'Brien is stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla., and Richard O'Brien, who has enlisted in the U. S. Marines expects to enter the service in January. All the O'Briens are expected home for Christmas.

Mission Work

During the week clothing, toys, and candy were packed by the children and Mrs. John Haller and Mrs. J. Joseph O'Brien and shipped to St. Stephen's Wyoming, St. Francis, S.D., and St. Joseph's Chamberlain, S. D. Indian Missions as Christmas cheer from the members of St. Cecilia's Church.

Altar Boys' Hike

The Altar Boys with the Rev. Richard Stanton, enjoyed a hike to St. John's Shack on the Latta Brook Road and spent the time in various games, concluding with a wienner roast. Chef Stanton reports—the boys all had healthful appetites.

Children's Party

Children of St. Cecilia's enjoyed a Christmas party given by their pastor in the Church Hall Friday afternoon. Games and dancing were enjoyed by the children, and a Christmas Sketch was given by the children of the fifth and sixth grades. The following took part in the play:

"A NIGHT AT THE INN"

Scene I—A Road Leading to Bethlehem
First shepherd—Frederick Kabantz
Second shepherd—Robert Fitzgerald
Young shepherd—Patrick O'Leary
Young woman—Eileen Gordon
Old woman—Catherine Cronin
A merchant—Paul Stermer
A Roman soldier—Norman Hovey
A guard—Francis Mack
Scene II—In the Inn
Innkeeper—Charles Dalton
His wife—Mildred Levandoski
Blessed Mother—Joan McDonald
St. Joseph—Benjamin Flynn
Angels—Betty Lou Conkley, Dorothy Serosky, Nan Hourihan, Dolores Gublo.
Wise Men—John Deegan, William Polky, Robert Jackson
Beggars—James Kane, Francis Cronin.

Chaplains Notified Of NCCS Yule Cards

WASHINGTON. In a "notice to Catholic chaplains," the current circular letter from the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold, Army Chief of Chaplains, says that "Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Cards are being distributed by the National Catholic Community Service to all its clubs within the continental limits of the United States."

"GET OUT THE ORE"

Helena, Mont. - The Most Rev. Joseph M. Gilmore, Bishop of Helena, in a letter to the clergy and laity of Butte and Anaconda, the great copper-producing centers, declared that "a sense of patriotic duty will urge all able-bodied men now engaged in non-essential work to make their direct contribution to the war effort by getting out the ore."

Calendars for 1943

The calendars for 1943 will be ready next Sunday morning in the vestry. Better appoint some member of the family to get one. It is the easiest way to check up on all of the fast days next year.

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