

Our Lady of Lourdes

Elmira

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

High School students of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, together with their friends, are assured an evening of enjoyment when they attend the social meetings every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 11:30 in the parish hall.

St. Cecelia's (Elmira)

TRANSFER OF FR. WHEATON

The Rev. John Wheaton, former assistant pastor at St. Cecelia's Church here in Elmira, has been transferred from his station at Pensacola, Fla., where he was serving with the U. S. Navy, to San Francisco, Calif.

'City Of No Conversions' Becomes Spiritual Harvest As Missioners Aid Refugees

CHUNGKING, China.—Working among homeless refugees in Wuchow, China, the Maryknoll Fathers have found that their work has resulted in the conversion of scores of the inhabitants.

When the Japanese advanced in Kwangsi, thousands of refugees poured into Wuchow. The city gave an old school building and a large campus for harboring the waves of refugees that poured in.

One day one of the missionaries suggested that the refugees form an evening class after their work was over to study the catechism.

Then came a strange reaction; city people living around the refugee camp asked if they could join the classes. Their request was granted and the second class of half refugees and half local people was started.

Wuchow had long been known among the French Fathers and the Maryknoll Missioners as the "City of No Conversions." Because of the work with the refugees a thriving city parish was built.

A young man often gets the full meaning of "an empty dream" when he takes a pretty girl to dine.

NAVY CHAPLAIN VISITS WOUNDED



At the United States Naval Hospital, in San Diego, Calif., Private First Class Manny J. Torrente, U. S. M. C., of Greenwich Village, N. Y., prepares to receive Holy Communion from Commander Thomas F. Regan, Chaplain U. S. N. Sergeant Stephen P. Kupiec, U. S. M. C., of Ludlow, Va., looks on.

St. John the Baptist (Elmira)

ALTAR SOCIETY SUPPER

By MARGARET C. KENNEDY Altar Society Supper

The Altar Society will hold its annual supper Monday evening, Jan. 18, in the Church Hall at 8 P. M. All those attending are requested to bring their own table service.

Mrs. Charles N. Kasper, president of the society, is chairman. The following ladies are assisting her: Mrs. Joseph Gates, Mrs. John Ketter, Mrs. Alexander Mark and Mrs. Joseph Rohde.

The regular business meeting will follow the supper and election of officers will take place.

Banquet Group Meets

At a meeting of the committee, held Monday evening, Jan. 11, plans were started for the annual banquet to be held by the sodality.

Mrs. Joseph Grabowski and Mrs. Anthony Kinley are co-chairmen.

Other members of the committee are: Madames Lucille Hallett, John Hents, Joseph Harold, James Hoy, Anne Hanachek, Edmund Janowski, Joseph Karl, Joseph Kelly, John Ketter, the Misses Anne Hintz, Anne Kelly and Margaret Kennedy.

Further announcement regarding the banquet will be made as soon as the plans are completed.

Sodality Communion

The members of Our Lady's Sodality will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 8:30 o'clock Mass Sunday morning. Members are asked to meet in the hall downstairs.

ST. ANTHONY'S (Elmira)

FAMILY IN DEFENSE

No loss to defense work was the induction of Gerald Morrell, former worker at the Eclipse plant,

St. Casimir's Parish (Elmira)

ANNUAL MEETING HELD

Election of officers of the St. Casimir's Rosary and Altar Society took place at the annual meeting held Sunday, Jan. 10, 1943. The new slate of officers follows: President, Mrs. Paul Rodzai; Secretary, Mrs. Thomas Veselka; Treasurer, Miss Ella Frederick.

Following the recitation of the rosary, a financial statement was offered. It was decided to invest in four \$25 War Bonds immediately, with other purchases later in the year.

The Rosary and Altar Society has been in existence for 48 years—the oldest society in the parish. One of the charter members, Mrs. Mary Kuzlowick, is still living. The society has been noted for its generosity, during the past three years giving \$50 for renovation of the church (the first society to make a donation in this cause).

BRITISH ENVOY DONATES BOOKS TO SPANISH MONKS

LONDON.—Many volumes of theological and other works, published in England, recently were presented to the famous Benedictine Monastery of Montserrat in Spain by the British Ambassador, Sir Samuel Hoare, who drove there from Barcelona and was welcomed by the Abbot and Monks. After luncheon, Sir Samuel made a speech and later was shown around the historic building and grounds.

FIRST COLOMBIA DEGREES IN INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY

BOGOTA.—For the first time in Colombia, degrees in industrial chemistry have been conferred by a university.

The Boliviana Catholic University at Medellin bestowed this degree on four of its graduates in the presence of a number of industrialists of that manufacturing city.

Death Roll of Week in Southern Tier

Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, 150 W. Clinton St., died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1943. She is survived by her husband, Julius; one son, Thomas; two brothers, Joseph and Emil Moline of Ohio; a sister, Mrs. Thomas Vecello of Elmira. She was a member of St. Patrick's Church.

A solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Francis J. Pegnam on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 9 a. m. at St. Patrick's Church. He was assisted by the Rev. John Murphy. Bearers were Michael Morrell, Henry Capucci, Maurice Fitzgerald, Nicholas Massman, Henry Vecello, J. Wilson, SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

Miss Margaret Keating, 78, 719 S. Main St., died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1943. Surviving are a sister, Catherine, at home, and several nephews and nieces. The Rev. Joseph L. Hogan celebrated the Mass of Requiem Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 9 a. m. at St. Mary's Church. Bearers were Stephen Keating, Ralph Buck, W. R. Wasler, John Mack, SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

Michael F. Hawley, 71, 131 W. Third St., died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1943. He was a retired machinist of the Lehigh Valley Railroad shops at Sayre, Pa. Survivors are a brother, Joseph of Auburn; a sister, Mrs. William Warner of Painted Post. The funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, Jan. 8, at 10:30 a. m. at St. John's Church, Troy, Pa. Burial in St. John's Cemetery, Troy.

Mr. Theodore Pinelli, 24, 812 Stowell St., died Friday, Jan. 8, 1943, at Station Hospital, S. C. unit 1949, Sawtelle, Calif., after a brief illness. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pinelli; four brothers, Samuel and Richard of Elmira, Cpl. John Pinelli in the Southwest Pacific, and Pvt. Joseph Pinelli, Camp Lee, Va. two sisters, Mrs. Anthony Cerio and Conetta; a grandmother, Mrs. Conetta Mason. He was a member of the Holy Name So-

ciety of St. Anthony's Church. The body will be brought to Elmira for burial.

John J. Mariman, 48, 861 Lake St., died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1943. He was proprietor of Coleman's Grocery for many years, having retired four years ago. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Cecelia's Church, of Elmira Council Knights of Columbus, the Elks Club, and the Harry B. Bentley Post, American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Bagley; a daughter, Mary of Elmira; a son, John at Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Arthur C. Smith on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 10 a. m. at St. Cecelia's Church. The Rev. Thomas Toole and the Rev. Richard Stanton assisted. Civic, business, and professional leaders, and delegations from the Elmira Elks Lodge and the Harry B. Bentley Post, American Legion, attended.

Active pall-bearers were Francis E. Cornely, William Ervin, Michael F. Hanifan, Francis J. Mack, James Riffe and John J. Feehan.

Honorary bearers were Mayor Emory Strachan, John W. Heher, Carlton S. Sutter, Daniel J. Hurley, John P. Fogarty, Arthur J. Carroll, William P. Wayne, William H. Phillips, Dr. J. Bernard Toomey, James J. Walsh, Uri S. French, Harold Oliver, Arthur F. Mosher, Dr. William T. Boland, Glenn E. Young, John Haxlett, Lloyd R. Wheeler, J. Albert Coughlin, Dr. John F. Lynch, Lee H. Morse, John H. Keavin, Charles G. Gradwell, John M. Quigley, James E. Quigley, George E. Sosaine, John V. Hryniger, Joseph R. Spiegel, James E. Conever, John F. O'Dea, Howard R. Dalley, Richard J. Connelly.

A military salute was fired at the grave in SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery by the firing squad of Company B of the Military Police.

into the armed forces of his country. Mrs. Mary Morrell this week took over her husband's war work, having requested the transfer to his machine job. She was formerly an operator on another line for some months.

Gerald joins four brothers already serving their country. The others are Paul, Camp Wheeler, Va.; Carl, Chicago Great Lakes Training Station, Anthony, Honolulu, and Jack, first class Naval Aviation machinist. Jack was among those rescued from an aircraft carrier last October. (Story appeared in Dec. 24, 1942 issue of CATHOLIC COURIER.)

5,000 CONVERTS IN CHINA, YEAR'S RECORD DESPITE WAR

NEW YORK.—Nearly 5,000 converts in 1942 despite the war is the record of the Maryknoll Fathers in South China, the Rev. Thomas V. Kiernan, Assistant General of Maryknoll, reveals in a statement reporting the present conditions of the Society in China. The 150 missionaries who remain at their posts in South China carry on even more fruitfully than before, he reported.

"Despite the fantastic inflation," Father Kiernan says, "Maryknoll Missioners continue to train and send out their native priests, Sisters, catechists and school teachers."

INTERNEED CANADIAN SEMINARIANS ORDAINED

SHAWINIGAN, Que.—Eugene Lessard of this place has received word that his younger brother, Camille, who had been interned by the Germans at St. Denis since the occupation of France, was ordained to the priesthood in September. Eight other seminarians, also held in this camp, were ordained, including the Rev. Armand Buisson, of the Sacred Fraternity, likewise a resident of Shawinigan.

The American is zealous in religion, in ideas, in morals.—James Russell Lowell.

\$100 for a rug for the sanctuary, and smaller contributions for the picnic and bag last year.

One member of the society, Mrs. Julia Drzewiecki, 1314 Johnson St., died during the past year.

ELECTIONS POSTPONED

Elections for the Young Ladies' Sodality and St. Thomas Boys' Club were postponed, due to transportation difficulties.

EXAMS BEGUN

Examinations for the school children at St. Casimir's began on Wed., Jan. 13.

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