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**St. Mary's (Elmira)**  
**PARISH PICNIC LISTED**  
Members of the parish are invited to attend the parish picnic to be held at Grand Park on Thursday, August 12. The event is sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society, with Mrs. Leon C. Hoag, president, in charge.

**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**Elmira**  
**Vacation School Exhibit**  
The religious vacation school held for the grammar school children of the parish during the month of July will close with a picnic on Saturday morning. Ball games, races and other contests and refreshments will be enjoyed. A public exhibit of the work accomplished by the children during the school period will be shown on Friday morning. Prizes will be presented for the best work in project groups.

He that loveth correction, loveth knowledge; but he that hateth reproof is foolish. Proverbs, 13, v. 1.

**ST. PATRICK'S (Elmira)**  
**rites close NOVENA**  
Solemn closing of the novena to St. Ann, conducted from July 18 to July 26 took place on Sunday evening, with prayers, sermon, the Papal Blessing, and Solemn Benediction. Conducted by the Rev. Hubert Sweeney, C. P., the ceremonies have drawn capacity crowds. Babies and children of preschool age were blessed and dedicated to the Mother of God at 7:30 Sunday afternoon. They were enrolled in the medal of St. Ann.  
On Monday, feast-day of the saint, Masses were followed by the novena prayers and veneration of the relic of St. Ann.  
**SODALITY SUNDAY**  
The Sodality of Our Lady will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 7:30 A. M. Mass on Sunday.

**ST. ANTHONY'S (Elmira)**  
**Bazaar opens FRIDAY**  
The annual bazaar held in St. Anthony's Parish will open on Friday, July 30, and carry on through July 31 and August 1. The children's bazaar will be from 2 to 5 p. m. on Saturday.  
**CELEBRATE FEASTDAY**  
The feast of the Madonna Della Libera (Mother of Mercy), will be celebrated in St. Anthony's Church

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**Southwest Pacific**  
Writing from an Army base in the Southwest Pacific, the Rev. William D. Dooley, Army chaplain, told of a visit and the hospitality extended by the priests and nuns of a Marist mission located 200 miles from his camp where "it was odd and a pleasure to hear the Irish brogue away out here—this is another proof of how much Ireland has contributed to the spread of our Faith."

clared soldiers and natives at his base had built the "most chapel in the entire area."  
Father Mullan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Mullan, of Mason City, Ia., wrote:  
"It is a wooden frame construction, 55 feet long, 30 feet wide and eight feet high, from the floor to the cross beams. Running along each side at the floor is a screened ventilator one foot high and extending above the roof is a proportionately scaled open cupola on which is surmounted a large white cross."  
The sanctuary is 12 feet in width, 10 feet in depth with a valuted ceiling. Directly above the altar is a large double-tubed fluorescent light. The altar is 5 feet wide, 30 inches deep and 40 inches high, with a removable tabernacle. The sacristy is 10 feet long, 6 feet wide and on the opposite side is a room of the same dimensions with a built-in confessional. The doors and the ten screened windows are Gothic in design.  
"The pews with attached kneelers are 8 feet wide and the chapel has a seating capacity of 180. You can't imagine the difference that chapel makes after you have been used to tents and even the great outdoors. The men and officers appreciate the difference it makes to have a real church in the area. Natives and soldiers assisted in the building which took only a few short months to complete."

Father Dooley continued:  
"Through the Chaplains' Aid, New York, I am the overjoyed recipient of a beautiful Benediction set, complete. This equipment includes cope, veil, thurible, monstrance, censor, belt, candlestick and even a supply of incense and charcoal. This will replace the monstrance made by the boys from the corn-beef can and the censor belt and candlestick made from empty shell cases."  
"The Army lately responded to my long standing requisition for a portable organ. We are now well equipped to carry out one of the most beautiful, to the men and to all of us, no doubt, and most beloved ceremonies of the Church."  
"We had Benediction three times Sunday morning, following each of the Masses, which are said a good many miles distant from one another. The men were so grateful that they spontaneously asked if they might not write their thanks to the Chaplains' Aid. That organization should have some interesting letters from the boys. They told me that they chose one man in each battery to write for all in that unit."  
"The first Benediction, Sunday morning a week ago, which initiated our new equipment, deserves, I believe, a word of description. Services were held in the open on a rise of ground thickly carpeted in green; the sun was just rising over the nearby hills; the air was bright and clear. Massive trees surround the area."  
"The new vestments and vessels were beautiful, set in this background of rich foliage. Some 130 men attended; they sang hymns during Mass and the hymns for Benediction accompanied by Lieut. Milano on the organ. The effect was one I shall not soon forget; the men were deeply impressed. In writing my thanks to the Chaplains' Aid, which has done such a credible piece of work for us chaplains, I mentioned that had it been possible for them who were responsible for this gift, to have seen the faces of these boys during the service this morning, their reward would have been complete."

**LARGE FAMILIES HONORED ON ST. JEAN BAPTISTE DAY**

**QUEBEC** — The St. Jean Baptiste Society of this city paid special tribute here on the feast of St. Jean Baptiste to the parents of large families.  
While not including all the large families, 54 were selected for honor. The families were made up as follows: One of 19 children, one of 18, two of 17, six of 16, 10 of 15 children, 19 of 14, 10 of 13, two of 12 and three of 11 children. Mr. and Mrs. Adjutor Drolet, of St. Francois d'Assise parish, held the place of honor with 19 children.  
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