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**Owego Pastor Praises
1945 Graduating Class**

By Mary C. Brunson
Owego — Friday evening brought the long awaited night for 18 pupils of St. Patrick's School when from the hands of the Rev. Michael L. Hynes, Pastor, they received the diplomas.

The class which is probably one of the largest in the history of the school received their diplomas before a large congregation of relatives and interested friends.

Father Hynes in his address stated that the class was one of the best during the thirteen years of his pastorate here. He commended them on their loyalty not only to their pastor and teachers but also to the individual members of the class. He stated that they were always willing to assist each other when assistance was needed and he asked that that same loyalty be carried on during their high school years.

He reminded them that they had been taught a true education meant that the soul must be trained as well as the intellect and that the training they had received in the St. Patrick's School had taught them that one lesson. They formed, he stated one of the largest links in the long chain of graduates and that those forming the other links would look to them to add physically, spiritually and intellectually to the chain. He said he knew that they would not fail the others for his association with them during the eight years they spent in the class he had come to learn that they were most cooperative and willing to do all within their power to advance the honor of the school, and parish and he knew they would continue to do so.

The scholarship prize, offered by Father Hynes for the student who showed the greatest scholastic advancement during the year was awarded to Mary Martin. The American Legion Auxiliary prize for American History was awarded to Catherine Osovski and the prize from the same organization for citizenship was awarded to Francis Panetti. The Catholic Daughters of America offered two prizes for the highest and second highest standings in Christian Doctrine. The winners were Ann Donnelly and Stewart Williams respectively.

The three high honor students were Ann Donnelly with an average of 94%, Catherine Osovski, 93%, and Mary Martin 90%. Mrs. Elizabeth Roach

Mrs. Elizabeth Roach, widow of David J. Roach, of this village died on Sunday, June 24 in the Ryan Private Nursing Home in Binghamton where she had been a patient for several months. Her only immediate survivor is her son, Dr. Leo J. Roach of this village. The funeral was held on Tuesday morning in St. Patrick's Church, the Rev. Michael L. Hynes officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Mrs. Roach was a charter member of the Catholic Daughters of America and a member of the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association.

Elmira Deaths

Edward Mesley died Saturday, June 23, 1945, in a local hospital. Survived by sister, Mrs. Ella Hart, Union, N. J. Body is at the Francis T. Mongros funeral home where friends may call Monday between 7 and 9 p. m. Funeral Tuesday, 8:30 a. m. in the funeral home; 9 in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

30,000 in League

Montreal — The Catholic Women's League of Canada, holding its silver jubilee convention here now has 30,000 members with another 10,000 in affiliated societies and 4,531 honorary members of religious communities, it was reported. The League is active in 34 dioceses of Canada.

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