

Lourdes Parish Society Elects; Parties Slated

Officers of the Altar and Rosary Society, Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Elmira, were elected for the coming year at a recent meeting held in the church hall following a supper.

Those elected were: Mrs. William H. Donovan, president; Mrs. Leonard Goiday, vice president; Mrs. Youston Sekella, secretary, and Mrs. Thomas Kelly, treasurer.

A check in the amount of \$100 was presented to Father Schwab for church use.

Mrs. Francis Woods, retiring president expressed her thanks to all who aided during her term of office and urged support of the newly elected staff.

The priests of Our Lady of Lourdes church will be hosts to the children of the parish at a Christmas party on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A program of movies, games and entertainment has been arranged to be followed by refreshments.

Again this year, through the courtesy of the COURIER-JOURNAL, our jolly and rosy good friend Santa Claus will be on hand to greet all the little ones.

Members of the Sodality of Our Lady will enjoy their Christmas party on Sunday evening commencing at 8:15. A program of dancing, entertainment and refreshments will be available. A Christmas pageant will be presented by the Eucharistic and Our Lady's committees of the Society.

Admittance to the affair will be by a gift for exchange purposes.

Mother of a Priest

My soul rejoices on this great day
A day of memories—some sad,
some gay
In fancy I see a child of three
Busy as only a boy can be.
Tousled hair, eyes smiling at me
Asking questions constantly.

Again, I see a lad grown tall
Telling me he heard the "call"
Full well I knew that he must go
Because his God has willed it so.
In the stillness of his soul the plea
Softly whispered "Come Follow Me."

Before me today a man, strong
and kind
Disciplined in body and in mind
Prepared to follow God's own Plan
To labor for the souls of Man.
My heart is glad, so say the least
God made me the Mother of a Priest.

And when for me Time is no more
And I meet my God on that distant shore
I humbly pray that He will say
In His own sweet inimitable way
"Many sins are forgiven for those
both loved Me
May thy soul rest in peace thru eternity—
Mother of a Priest."
—Rose M. Reed.

Bishop Urges Requests To Aid Education

Antigua, N. S. — (NC) — In order that today's "unborn" citizens on the cause of Christ may be met with Christian ideas, Bishop James Morrison of Antigua has suggested that every Catholic in making a will should remember diocesan educational institutions.

The suggestion was made in a report marking the first anniversary of a public appeal which resulted in donations and pledges of a million dollars being received by St. Francis Xavier University here.

Two Midnight Masses Set In St. Anthony's, Elmira

There will be two Midnight Masses celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, this year — one celebrated in the Church, the second to begin at 12:06 will be celebrated in the Church Hall. While this will be an innovation in Elmira, Catholic Churches in many cities are following this custom in order to accommodate the great crowds desiring to assist at Midnight Mass.

The traditional procession to the Crib will again precede the Midnight Mass in the Church with altar boys and little children as angels escorting the priests. After traditional hymns at the Crib, Mass will be celebrated.

The Senior and Junior Choirs have been trained by Sister M. Joanna with Mrs. Peter Palange and Mrs. Marie Forte as accompanists.

The outdoor Christmas Crib which attracted so much attention when erected for the first time at St. Anthony's, will again be placed before the Church and appropriate Christmas Hymns and Carols will be played Christmas Eve beginning at 11 p. m. and throughout Christmas Day.

Regular Tuesday Novena Services will be held at 6:45 and 7:30 p. m. on Christmas Day.

Fr. Stowell to Preach At St. Patrick's

The Rev. Barnabas William Stowell, O.S.B., will be the preacher at the Christmas Masses in St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, according to an announcement by the Very Rev. William J. Brian, V.F. pastor.

Father Stowell is a native of Elmira and former parishioner of St. Patrick's.

His many friends and relatives will be happy to have him in Elmira during the holiday season. He is now stationed at the Benedictine Monastery at Latrobe, Penna.

Flu Closes Seneca Falls School Early

Seneca Falls — Pupils of St. Patrick's School were dismissed for the Christmas holidays on Monday morning of this week because of the extensive absenteeism caused by the epidemic of colds and influenza in Seneca Falls.

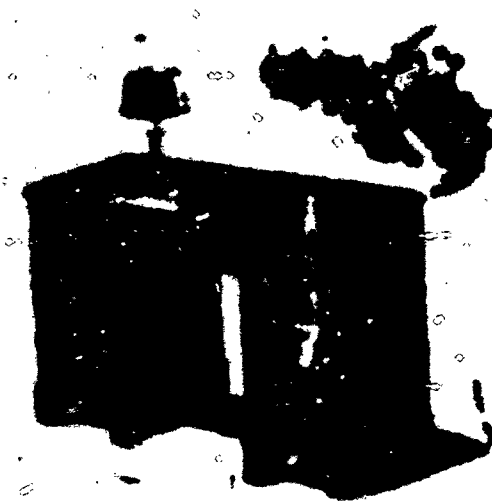
Japanese Diplomats Held in Italy Enter Church

Rome — (NC) — Three Japanese diplomats, who are interned at Salsomaggiore in northern Italy, together with many other members of the diplomatic corps

of former Axis countries, have been received into the Church. It has become known here.

The Holy See, in cooperation with the Allied authorities, has been providing spiritual care for the interned officials during recent months.

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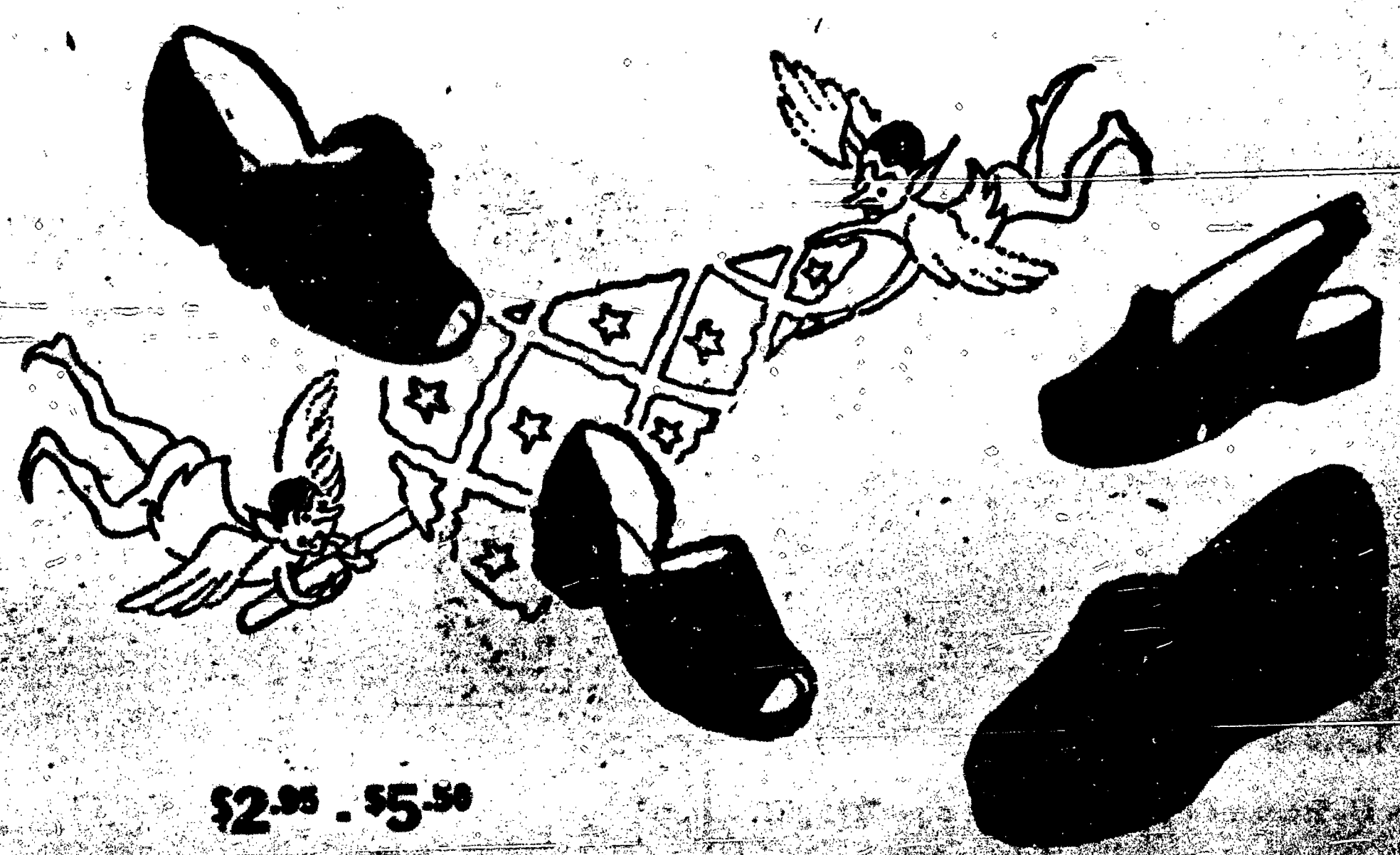
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