

Deny Rumors About Pope
 Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — Rumors that the health of Pope Pius XII has suffered a serious setback are totally unfounded, it was reported here. The Pontiff contracted a cold a week ago which forced him to cancel a number of public audiences, it was stated, but his health is not in serious condition and reports of a "setback" are unfounded.

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SODALITY DINNER SPEAKERS



Members of St. John the Baptist Church Sodality at the banquet held Feb. 25 in Langwell Hotel heard these speakers: (from left) Rev. Theodore J. Winterroth, pastor; Mrs. John J. Ruhmel, Jr., Sodality president; and the Rev. John S. Maloney, former paratroop chaplain and principal speaker.

Catholic Soldiers Stood Out
Ex-Chaplain Tells Sodalists

Members of Our Lady's Sodality, St. John the Baptist Church Elmira, held their ninth annual banquet on Monday evening at the Langwell Hotel. A large attendance eagerly listened as the Rev. John S. Maloney, former Paratroop Chaplain sketched his experiences with the famed 101st Airborne Division from the early days of training to and including the Normandy invasion on D Day. Father Maloney reminded his listeners "that Catholic soldiers in the Army who were practical Catholics in civilian life, did not change and that men coming from homes of good background stood out in Army life and were the first to give aid to any or all who were in need of religious or material comforts."

Mrs. John J. Ruhmel Jr., Sodality president welcomed the So-

dalists and expressed appreciation for the loyal support extended in her tenure of office. The Rev. Theodore J. Winterroth, pastor, extended his congratulations to the members for their interest in the needs of the parish and urged their continued adherence to the Catholic ideals of Sodalists. Miss Grace Miller acted as toastmistress and presented the others at the speakers table. They were: Mrs. Edmund Janowski, vice president; Miss Margaret Frederick, secretary, and Mrs. Edward Behwinkel Jr., treasurer. Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne Bacon, entertained with piano selections and led the group in community singing.

Novena of Grace Opens
Mar. 4 at St. Charles

A Novena of Grace in honor of St. Francis Xavier will open in St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights, on Monday, March 4, and close on Tuesday, March 12. Rev. William M. Cannan, pastor will speak each evening on the life of St. Francis Xavier and the service will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Daily Masses during the Novena will be celebrated at 7:30 A. M., evening services will start at 7:45. Those attending the Novena will be afforded an opportunity of venerating a relic of St. Francis Xavier. The church benefit party scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, will start after the Novena services and the following committee will assist: Charles Snyder, James Hederty, Henry Kadlec, Theodora Doran and Andrew Yusk.

Lenten Novena
At St. Anthony's

The annual Lenten Novena in honor of St. Anthony and the Blessed Mother opened last Tuesday at St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, and will continue for a total of nine Tuesdays, ending April 23. This Novena appropriately ties in with the Holy Season of Lent, a time of sacrifice and prayer. Novena services will be held each Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., consisting of congregational recitation of prayers, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with veneration of the relic of St. Anthony. Masses on Tuesday mornings during the Novena will be celebrated at 7:15 and 8. **Chinese Holy Name Society** Chicago — (NC) — The men of St. Theresa Chinese Catholic mission parish here have organized a Holy Name Society.

Picnic Supper
At St. Mary's

The regular monthly meeting of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's parish, Elmira, scheduled for Monday evening will be preceded by a picnic supper to be held in the school auditorium commencing at 6 o'clock. All new members are especially urged to be in attendance at this affair and the committee requests those planning on being present to provide silver, buttered rolls and one article of food. Mrs. Nunzio Lemoncelli and Mrs. John Vonderlin are co-chairmen and will be assisted by Mesdames Francis Rourke, John Richardson, Edward Frawley, James Smith, John Dwyer, Lynn Hager, Carl Farmer, James Malon and David Davies; the Misses Martha Maloney, Agnes Hourihan, Rebecca Kennedy and Lucy Frawley.

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