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Championship Brings Basketball Team to Altar Rail



In thanksgiving for a victorious season on the basketball court, members of Our Lady of Lourdes team, champions in the Elmira City Church Basketball League, at the altar rail in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the Rev. John D. Hurley, their manager, celebrated the Holy Mass and later distributed Holy Communion at

Pastor Praises Court Stars Example, Faith

Commended for their good example and sportsmanship were members of Our Lady of Lourdes championship basketball team by their pastor, the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, when the boys attended the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday and received Holy Communion in a body.

The team won the championship in the City Church Basketball League of Elmira.

"We are quite proud of the boys who won the City Church Basketball League championship this past week," declared Father Schwab. "We rejoice not only in their skill on the court, but also in their faith and devotion as

10 o'clock Sunday. From left, the players are: Captains Jack Schiefan, Bob Murray, Ronnie Mallett, Bill Schiefan, Eddie McGarrill, Chuck Campbell, Dave Sullivan, Bob Delaney, Pete Marks, Edward Frank. Father Hurley took an active interest in the team's efforts to win the championship.

Trumansburg Men Organize

Organization of Men's Clubs for parishioners of St. James Church here and St. Francis Church, Interfaith, 2 o'clock place at a Communion Breakfast held Sunday.

Women of the two parishes will have a Communion Breakfast on Sunday with Mrs. Arthur P. Farnham, a guest speaker, the pastor, Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, announces.

Speaker at the Communion Breakfast, first for the men of the two parishes held in several years was Charles A. Tucker, Chairman of the Diocesan Speakers' Bureau sponsored by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

In his talk on "Two Thousand-Year-Old Atomic Bomb," Tucker stressed corporate life and corporate activity to be participated in by each member of the Mystical Body.

The Mass at which the men received Holy Communion was

LOURDES MEN SET MEETING

Sunday is the regular monthly Communion Sunday for all grammar school children of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Elmira. They will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 9 o'clock Mass.

The April meeting of Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name Society will be held Thursday evening, April 11 and will be presided by Benedictine of the Blessed Sacrament in the church.

Following the business session the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor, will demonstrate the Mass, offering members of the Society an opportunity of observing the ceremonies at a close range.

Matilyn White, 1303 W. Church St., is confined to her home due to illness. Master Charles Connelly, 123 Morningdale Drive, is ill at home. Gayle Cummings, 215 Coleman Ave., is at home due to illness. Patricia Farley, 100 Glen Ave., has returned home from Arnot Ogden Hospital. Mrs. James L. O'Dea, 91 Decker Parkway, is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital. Master John Lynch is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital. James E. Kirby, Lexington Ave., is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Few Catholics At Church Prior To Reformatory

About ten percent of the young men received into Elmira Reformatory during the fiscal year of the Office of the Catholic Chaplain claimed to have attended Church regularly before being admitted, states the annual report of the Rev. Francis J. Lane, Catholic Chaplain, out this week.

Of the new men received, 200 claimed to have been members of the Catholic Church and 21 of these claimed to have attended Church regularly.

Eleven or about 5 percent received all their education in a Catholic School, according to the report. Sixty-seven claimed to have attended both Catholic and Public Schools and 42 of these left the Catholic School before the Sixth Grade.

Eighty-eight or forty-five percent admitted having come from broken homes, that is, homes where either one or both parents are deceased or divorced. Thirteen were born outside the United States, the largest number, seven, coming from Puerto Rico.

Decorated



LUXEMBOURG DECORATES ARMY NURSE

Rochester — An honor from Luxembourg is in the possession of First Lieut. Marie M. Flanagan, first president and one of the founders of Rochester Council, National Council of Catholic Nurses.

Lieutenant Flanagan has had conferred on her by Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg, the degree of Chevalier of the Grand Ducal Order of the Oak Wreath on the testimony of the minister of foreign affairs and government in council of Luxembourg.

The award was authorized for meritorious services while Lieutenant Flanagan was serving as an Army nurse with the 80th United States General Hospital at Barle-Duc, France. Place of the presentation and date have not been announced.

The Catholic nurse is a native of Hornell. She was prominent in arranging the first Communion breakfast of the Elmira Catholic Nurses unit on March 2, 1941 and was elected President of the Rochester unit in March 10, 1941. A president also presided at a second Communion Breakfast at which Bishop Kearney spoke on April 12, 1942 which marked the first year of successful activity of the Catholic Nurses in the diocese.

A graduate of the Geneva Hospital School of Nursing, she served two years in the European theater. On returning to the United States she was assigned to the Harvey Cushing General Hospital at Framingham, Mass. She expects to remain there until release from military service early in the summer.

2 Winners Chosen At Catholic High In Oratory Contest

Mary Joan Casey and Eugene Agan were selected as winners in the Bishop's Oratorical Examination Contest held Friday afternoon, March 29, in Elmira Catholic High School auditorium. They will appear in the semifinals of the contest, sponsored by the Diocesan Catholic Education office and the Courier-Journal, on May 10 in Geneva.

Eugene Agan's topic was "Religion under the Soviets" and Mary Joan Casey's "Christianity versus Communism." All contestants gave creditable discourses on their respective topics before the student body in the Examination. The judges found it difficult to pick the winners.

The other contestants and their topics were: John Henry, "The Great War and Peace"; John Whelan, "The Veterans Come Home"; John Cunningham, "The Mission's Golden Age"; and Patricia Dwyer, "Christianity versus Communism."

In last year's contest Richard Grace was victor in the semifinal and again in the final.

E. C. Scholarship won Word has just been received by the Rev. William A. Burns, principal, that Eugene Agan of this class of 1946 has been awarded the Knights of Columbus scholarship as the result of a competitive examination held last May.

Our Lady's Sodality

Ten delegates representing Elmira Catholic High are planning on attending the Rochester Diocesan Student Sodality Union meeting to be held at the Duan Memorial building, Elmira, New York, on Sunday afternoon, April 7.

Sixty-three letters of application were received in answer to the announcement of Sodality plans for meeting new candidates. At present, each original member is sponsoring several candidates to represent new applicants with the right and optional form of our Sodality, as well as to help every member to become acquainted with everyone else. The registration for the candidates will be held some time toward the close of the school year.

Chaplain Leads Japan Missioners

With greetings "from the Land of Rising Christianity," Chaplain Raymond O'Connell, U. S. Army, Captain with the Grand Army of the Republic, Knights of Columbus, wishing the Council success in the annual St. Patrick's Day banquet.

Father Hessel, former Catholic chaplain, stating that it was the first time he had been in Japan with the missioners in Japan, "the most wonderful people I ever expect to meet this side of heaven."

"At this moment in Japan's history, with education in former government-controlled and the Emperor directed, his spiritual fatherhood, which is the missioners' duty, is being carried out by a religious substitute."

The Missionary priests and sisters, suffering from great loss in the hundred of original Apostles, offering so much to so many looking forward to us as aid in an hour when Christianity may triumph."

The Chaplain stated that he had seen the magnificent work that the English were doing in Manila for Japan.

Washington, D. C. — (UPI) — A new representative official committee of the Catholic University of America is conducting plans for raising \$1,000,000 to complete the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at the St. John's Harbor, national shrine of the United States.

The committee is the Catholic University of America, Inc., which was organized by the

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Sodality Communion Set at St. Patrick's

The Sodality of Our Lady, St. Patrick's parish, Elmira, will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 7:30 Mass on Sunday. This is the regular monthly Communion Sunday for the Sodality and it is hoped that a large number will be present.

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St. Charles Sodality Hears Talk by Pastor

Members of the Blessed Virgin Sodality, St. Charles parish, Elmira Heights, met in the rectory on Tuesday evening and discussed plans for a program of post Lenten activities.

Mrs. Mary Schiefan, president of the group presided and the Rev. William M. Cannan, pastor, gave an inspiring talk on Sodality work.

Paul Shymanski has returned home from Arnot Ogden Hospital. Miss Winifred Gorman is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Corning Knights Hear Talk by Father Wals

Coming — The Rev. Frederick L. Wals, assistant pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's Church, was guest speaker at a recent meeting of Corning Council Knights of Columbus. Father Wals spoke on Present World Events. He was introduced by Lecturer Gerard Gilloon.

Previous to Father Wals' talk a regular business meeting was held at which plans for the scheduled retreat on April 7 were discussed.

ALTAR GROUP PICKS SLATE

At the regular business meeting of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's parish, Elmira, held Monday evening in the social rooms, the following were elected to office for the coming year:

President: Mrs. James Mallon; vice president, Mrs. James Rouse; financial secretary, Mrs. Royall Smith; recording secretary, Miss Edna Romo; treasurer, Miss Marguerite Richardson.

A supper party has been arranged to precede the regular meeting scheduled for Monday, May 6. Mrs. John J. Murphy and Mrs. John Sullivan have been designated as hostesses for this party which will be followed by a business session and the installation of the incoming officers.

The Society is planning on the annual Communion Breakfast to be held on Sunday April 28 at the Mark Twain Hotel. Mrs. John Richardson and Mrs. Thomas A. Malone will be in charge of arrangements.

High Morals of Filipino Girls Lauded by Veteran

New Orleans — (UPI) — James T. Flynn, Merchant Marine purser and a veteran of four wars, asserts the morals of girls in the Philippines are higher than those of girls anywhere else, and adds that he is "tired hearing the false stories concerning their immorality." Purser Flynn attributes their high morality to their training in parochial schools.

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