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Some of the committees have been inactive during the holiday season and it is hoped that they will resume their activities immediately as there is much work to be done by all committees.

Even though it is a bit late to talk about Christmas projects, all Ladies of Charity are to be highly commended for the extent of their Christmas activities. The Christmas parties are a part of the programs of some of the committees but most of the committees did a number of Christmas projects in addition to their regular programs.

Among the activities were the parties at the County Farm, the Tuberculosis Sanitarium and St. Joseph's Hospital. Gifts of mittens were presented to families that were selected by the Catholic Charities office and a number of Christmas dinners were provided for needy families.

Cheered Veterans

Particularly to be noted is the new project which was started by the recreation committee. They provided and packed gifts for 100 veteran patients at the Bath Hospital and, in addition, each member of the committee prepared a large package which contained a number of small gifts. These were sent to the Rev. Ralph Neagle, hospital chaplain, and he was asked to present them to patients who would not have families to give them gifts.

All committees made a donation to the Dominican Monastery. The amount was most gratifying and has been gratefully acknowledged by the Dominican Sisters. Each Lady of Charity was remembered by the Sisters with a medal, prayer leaflets and calendars which were made at the Monastery.

Elmirans are reminded that they can make the novena to Our Lady of the Eucharistic Rosary by attending the services on nine consecutive Thursdays or nine consecutive Mondays. The services on Thursday are held at 7:30 in the evening and the Sunday services are at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Ladies of Charity and any others interested may meet and talk with the Sisters at any time they wish to call at the Monastery. The visiting hours are between 9:30 and 10:30 a. m. and 3:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon.

Prospective Affiliates who are interested in either an active or honorary membership are asked to contact **Miss Frances Flaherty** as soon as possible. The annual affiliation of new members will be held during March.

Among the social activities enjoyed by the committees was a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Helen McGrath Murphy. Mrs. Murphy entertained the members of the Infant of Prague Committee at dinner on Monday evening, Dec. 30. The house was beautifully decorated in keeping with the holiday season and a very enjoyable time was reported by everyone. Following the dinner the guests enjoyed an evening of bridge.

St. Rose of Lima Committee will hold its first meeting of the year on Monday, Jan. 13. The committee will make plans for a rummage sale to be held some time this month.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Committee will meet in the Ladies of Charity rooms on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p. m.

Rites for 2 Men Held in Corning

Corning — Cornelius H. McCarthy, 71, died at his home, 74 W. Fourth St., Wednesday, Jan. 1. He was born in Corning, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah McCarthy and lived his entire life here. He retired from active business several years ago. He was a member of St. Mary's Church.

Survivors include three brothers, John of Toledo, Michael F. of Elmira, and Charles M. of Corning; two sisters, Miss Catherine, with whom he made his home, and Mrs. William H. Driscoll of Corning.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 8:30 a. m. from the home and at 9 o'clock in St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

James F. Patterson of 261 Chestnut St. died unexpectedly at his home, Friday, Jan. 3. He was born in Arnot, Pa., the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson. He would have been 65 years old on Jan. 28. He and the former Miss M. Katherine Callahan were united in marriage in November, 1911, in St. Mary's Church. He was a member of St. Mary's Church, the Holy Name Society and Corning Lodge of Elks.

Besides his wife he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Paul Falsey of Corning; three grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Nellie Kinnard of New York City; one brother, Frank Patterson of New York City, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from the home Tuesday at 8:30 a. m. and at 9 o'clock in St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Pope Conveys Holiday Wishes To Diplomats

Vatican City — (NCF — Conveying to them his Christmas and New Year's wishes, the Holy Father received in private audience the Ministers from Venezuela and Costa Rica, the charge d'Affaires ad interim from Argentina, and Franklin C. Gowen, of the staff of Myron Taylor, President Truman's personal representative at the Vatican.

In other audiences the Pontiff received Archbishop Alexander Vachon of Ottawa, Msgr. Emilio Jose Salim, vice-rector of the Catholic University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Dr. Francis E. McMahon, University of Chicago professor now writing a series of articles from Spain for the New York Post.

New World Troubles Portend in 1947

By J. F. GILBERT

Washington — The year 1947 will be one of the really critical periods of history.

There are those who predict that the coming 12 months will present problems in new and fantastic array. But whatever new problems may arise most observers feel that we shall have enough on our hands when the world, and the so-called Big Four powers in particular, has finally to face the very many things left undone in 1946 and, in fact, since the cessation of fighting in Europe and Asia.

Some persons familiar with southeastern Europe predict a "boiling over" in that part of the world. They believe that repression there has been too great and too harsh; that Yugoslavia is 15 per cent against Tito, and that when Russia's support is withdrawn or weakened the country will shake off its dictator. This is not necessarily a preponderant view, however, as many believe Tito already has had enough time to consolidate his regime, and that, if he hasn't, the Russians are going to keep on pressure until he is unshakeable.

The word coming out of Italy is bad. A definite and vicious campaign of anti-clericalism is under way. It seeks to drive the Pope from Rome. When one recalls that Italy was united in the nineteenth century at the expense of the Papacy, it is easy to imagine that the Vatican may bear the brunt of attack again while rival secular ideologies fight for tremendous political stakes.

Many think France will be highly restive in the coming year. The rise of the Communist party to political leadership in that country has left some onlookers stunned. M. Martial Massiani, Paris correspondent of N.C.W.C. News Service, has given a clear picture of how it happened. The Reds in France seized every opportunity, and quickly, while the remainder of the country was still emerging bewildered from the war. The Reds have always had funds for propaganda and where they got them can be guessed — that are not available to their opponents. The Reds have brazenly claimed credit that belonged elsewhere, and have not hesitated to use their opponents — even Catholics — when they saw some advantage to be gained.

The future of France will depend in large measure upon events in that country during the coming year. The next twelve months may give the communists time to exploit their gains and consolidate their grip upon the country. It may, on the other hand, give a bewildered people the time they need to open their eyes.

It is easy to imagine the enormous repercussions upon international life that would result from almost any dramatic action in the Balkans, Italy or Western Europe. If the dictatorship forces win out in these fields, the world will, indeed, be in for a period of distrust and armed watchfulness. If the forces of real democracy can gain the upper hand, it will constitute a serious blow and a real firebreak—to communism and all other forms of totalitarianism.

But aside from these large areas of concern, the world has enough to worry about in its "unfinished business." The peace treaties have yet to be effected. True, it is being assumed that the treaties with axis satellite countries (Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Italy) will be signed in February. However, this is not yet certain. At the same time, the peace treaty with Germany is hardly "in the mill." It is expected to be taken up at the projected meeting of the Foreign Ministers in Moscow next spring, after some preliminary work has been done on lower diplomatic levels. But this, too, remains to be seen.

The future of Germany is, of course, the key question in European affairs. Unless there is peace, actual peace, in Germany there is little hope for real peace anywhere in Europe. Moreover, there must be economic stability in Germany if there is going to be economic stability in Europe.

One is horrified at the suggestion that the year 1947 may pass without peace being formally effected. And yet, it is not a simple, or sure, matter. That so much has been left undone to date seriously handicaps whatever forthright efforts may be made in the near future. To begin with, with whom is peace to be made in Germany? There is no central, responsible government. Who can sign a peace treaty on behalf of Germany? The division of Germany in the first place, and the failure so far to correct that long recognized mistake, have risen up to plague the victors.

It seems futile at this time even to talk about the future economic stability of Germany. And yet, it must be brought about. One thing that can be said now is that the failure to return German prisoners of war must effectively forestall all efforts in this direction. United States authorities have estimated that Soviet Russia alone is still holding three million German prisoners of war. It is easy to measure the effect of their absence upon Germany's manpower sorely needed for rebuilding. It can be guessed what effect it would have upon Germany's economy if so many unemployed men should be returned at some future date, just when an economic revival was beginning.

The coming year can be a bright and fruitful one. If it is to be, nations must be guided by principles and not by expediency. To prepare site for future buildings, the nations must clear away the underbrush that their inactivity and vacillation have allowed to grow up in the last 18 months.

Corning Weddings

O'Brian — Berry

Corning — The marriage of Miss Elizabeth T. O'Brian, daughter of James O'Brian, 88 W. First St., and the late Mrs. O'Brian, and Robert J. Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Berry, 142 E. Second St., took place Monday, Dec. 30, in St. Mary's Church. The Rev. John A. Smith, pastor, performed the ceremony.

Miss Eileen M. O'Brian, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and William P. Berry Jr. was best man for his brother. Ushers were John Riley and Joseph F. Berry.

A reception for 100 guests followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's father. Later Mr. and Mrs. Berry left for New York City. They are now living at 88 W. First St.

The bride, a graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School and Corning Free Academy, has been employed in the Stouben County Laboratory. Mr. Berry, a veteran of four years' service with the Marines, attended Rochester and Corning schools. He is in the employ of the New York Central Railroad.

Blake — Bassney

Miss Betty L. Blake, daughter of Mrs. D. V. Felker and the late Kenneth Blake of Lawrenceville, Pa., and Robert M. Bassney, grandson of Mrs. Henry Bassney, 160 State St., and the late Mr. Bassney, were united in marriage Saturday, Dec. 28, in St. Mary's Church by the Rev. Laurence Bassney of Syracuse, uncle of the bridegroom.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Miss Josephine Reese of Corning. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Roy Pace, Mrs. Franklin Blake and Mrs. Levi A. Merrills, all of Corning. James Rogers of Corning was best man for Mr. Bassney and ushers were Arthur Erskine, Levi A. Merrills and Thomas McNamara.

A wedding breakfast was served at the Crystal Grill following the ceremony to approximately 30 guests after which the couple left for a brief trip. They are now living at 188 E. Second St.

The bride, who attended Ohio schools and the Corning Free Academy, has been employed at the J. J. Newberry Store. Mr. Bassney attended St. Mary's Parochial School and Corning Free Academy. He served for three years in the Navy and saw action overseas in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He is in the employ of the Boston Dry cleaning Co.

Langendorfer — Cronin

Miss Rita T. Langendorfer, daughter of Mrs. Teresa Langendorfer of Bath and the late John Langendorfer, became the bride of John M. Cronin, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Cronin of 252 W First St., this city, in a ceremony performed Saturday, Dec 28, in St. Mary's Church, Bath. The Rev. Gervase C. McMillen, O.F.M., of Brookline, Mass., cousin of the bridegroom, performed the ceremony.

Miss Mary Langendorfer, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Patrick J Cronin Jr., brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Martin F. Shepard, brother-in law of the bridegroom, and Raymond C. Dell, cousin of the bridegroom both of Corning, ushered.

A reception for 200 guests followed the ceremony at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Home in Bath. Later the couple left for New York City. They will live in Olean where the bridegroom is a student at St Bonaventure's College.

The bride, who attended Haverling High School and Elmira Business Institute, has been employed as a secretary with the W. W Babcock Company in Bath. Mr. Cronin, a graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School and Corning Free Academy, is a veteran of 45 months' service with the Army. For 30 months he was in the Pacific area, including New Guinea, Philippines and Japan.

St. Patrick's Men Set Holy Name Dinner

The annual Dinner sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, will be held on Monday, Jan. 20 at the Mark Twain Hotel. Charles O'Hara is general chairman and the cochairmen of the ticket committee are John Reidy and George Reitle, Jr.

The Rev. Augustine Aylward C.S.S.R., rector of Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House at Geneva, will be the guest speaker. Father Aylward is a noted orator and has spoken on previous occasions in Elmira and the surrounding area.

A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the Holy Name Society to be present and they are urged to bring prospective members.

LOURDES GROUP TO GREET NEW OFFICER STAFF

The regular meeting of the Altar and Rosary Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Elmira, will be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, at 8 o'clock commencing with Rosary, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and special prayers for deceased members of the Society.

Following services in the church, the newly elected officers will conduct their first business meeting with Mrs. Homer Shearer presiding.

A social hour to include cards, games and refreshments with distribution of awards will conclude the evening's program.

Mrs. Herbert French will be chairman of the social program assisted by Mrs. Francis Woods, Mrs. Lewis Landon and Mrs. Fred Scheppman.

An outline of the program for future meetings will be given to the membership at this meeting.

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United States Government Securities	6,879,470.00	Reserves	80,141.38
Other Bonds and Investments	83,132.00	Undivided Profits	175,777.60
First Mortgages on Real Estate	1,981,578.55	Surplus Fund	875,000.00
Taxes Advanced for Mortgagors	24.76		
Accrued Collectible Interest	20,695.74		
Banking Premises	24,000.00		
Furniture & Fixtures	1.00		
Other Real Estate Owned	28.00		
Land Contracts	93,878.79		
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