

## Rummage Sale, Membership Pushed by Charity Unit

By MARGARET KENNEDY  
ST. JOHN OF LIMA Committee is planning to hold a rummage sale in the basement of St. John's Church at Lake and East Second streets, Elmira. The sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6. St. John's Committee is holding the sale to raise funds to take care of their Christmas projects. Mary Davis and Clara Russell are in charge of the sale. If there is anyone who has any furniture to donate, Mrs. Russell will have it picked up if called at Catholic Charities office, 2-3633.

LADIES OF CHARITY are urged to keep up the membership drive. We may be competing but many of our Committee are seriously understaffed and the ever-increasing amount of work puts a burden on many of the present members. Frances Matery is membership chairman and has reserved Friday evenings to take care of applications. If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a LADY OF CHARITY, won't you call Frances at 2-2884.

A general project for some of the Committee is in the planning stage and will be brought up at the meetings this month. This project consists with the original idea of St. Vincent in organizing the Society. Members who volunteer to work on it will be called on to take care of a home for a day or for a few

## Elmira Catholic Highlights

By ANN REIDY

**Senior Play:** The dress rehearsal for the Senior play, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," took place last Wednesday. The play will be presented on Nov. 24 and Nov. 25 at the Dunn Memorial Auditorium. All are welcome and a full evening of fun is in store for those who attend. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased from any high school student.

**French Club Organized:** "Le Cercle Francais," a club composed of French III students, will hold its second monthly meeting Friday. Officers for the coming year are: President Ann Hurley; vice-president, Eleanor Cox; secretary, Theresa Dawes; treasurer, Ann Reidy. The club, a great help in speaking colloquial French, also provides pleasant relaxation from class work.

**Socially News:** The monthly general of Our Lady of Mercy Sodality was held last Tuesday in the Assembly Room. After the reports were held, a short address, "Devotion to the Miraculous Medal," was presented by Teresa Dawes, Betty Mc Gill and Mary Helen Sullivan.

Following this was a short but fine play about "Need for Catholic Leadership." Those participating were Ralph Reed, James Murphy, Barbara Gilroy and Jean Milliken. A prize was given for the best answer to the question "It is a privilege to be a Catholic because..."

Marie Callahan gave a brief account of the trip to Rochester by ten of the Sodality for the Sodality Union Meeting. Refreshments were served.

## Alhambra Unit Sets Thanksgiving Party

Headed by Grand Commander Nelson E. Owen, Jr., newly elected officers of the Alhambra, Order of the Caravans will take charge of the Caravans Thanksgiving party and meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 23, in Flower City Post, American Legion, 211 Dewey Ave.

Meeting will begin at 9 p. m. The entertainment program in charge of Master of the Oasis Donald E. Woerner will be followed by luncheon and refreshments.

Plans for the annual Christmas Party will be announced and a chairman named according to Master of the Oasis Woerner.

## Junior Clergy

Officers of the diocese now preparing their annual Junior Clergy Theses are reminded that these papers must be submitted to the Junior Clergy Board, December 1, 1947. The Reverend Fathers are requested to send their manuscripts to the Rev. John C. O'Donnell, secretary, 14 Church Street, Danville, New York.

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## 6,985 Catholic Pupils In Release-Time Study

Nearly 7,000 Catholic children in Rochester's public schools are attending once-a-week classes in religion, according to figures on release-time religious instruction compiled this week by the Rochester Board of Education.

The total of 6,985 Catholic pupils under weekly religious instruction in their parishes represent 70 per cent of the 10,078 Rochester public school students in grammar and high school who take the optional religious classes.

Upon request of their parents, the children are released from their schools one hour early each week to study in their churches, parish schools or synagogues. Nearly 20,000 pupils in the public schools have failed to take advantage of the release-time religious instruction program.

Rochester public school officials reported that 3,946 high school students participating in the classes include: Catholic, 3,110; Jewish, 189; Protestant, 643.

THE 6,154 elementary pupils using free time for religion include: Catholic, 3,875; Jewish, 9; Protestant, 2,250.

Supplementing these figures, the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky, diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine who supervises the release-time program in more than 40 city parishes, declared that Catholic participation in the religious program in 1947 is larger than last year.

The heaviest burden of teaching the public school students, he reported, is being carried by the priests of St. Francis Xavier parish who have 320 grammar school pupils and 230 high schoolers under instruction, and the priests of St. Francis of Assisi parish who teach 474 grammar schoolers and 267 high school students.

Full time religious training

## Sodality Harvest Supper Set Dec. 2

Annual Harvest Supper sponsored by Sodality of Our Lady, will be held St. John's Church, Elmira Tuesday evening, Dec. 2, instead of November 24, as previously announced. The reason for the change of the date is the Thanksgiving Parade which is scheduled for Nov. 24 which might interfere with the attendance at the supper.

The regular monthly meeting of the Sodality will be held on Monday evening, Nov. 24, and further plans regarding the supper will be announced then.

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