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**Ithaca Rite Admits 17 Into CDA Court**

Ithaca — Gaining national recognition as it fulfilled the request for 45 new members for each court in 1948 in commemoration of the 45th anniversary of the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Santa Maria No. 240, initiated 17 new members, Dec. 12.

Mrs. Laura Laucht, grand regent was presiding officer, with Mrs. Agnes Congdon as monitor conducting the initiation and Mrs. Helen Shriener, lecturer, presenting the Share the Faith Seminary.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Hannon of Cortland, district deputy, welcomed the new members and spoke on the duties and responsibilities of Catholic Daughters as well as of Catholic women and mothers.

The Rev. John S. Maloney spoke on the topic, "To Be a Good Catholic is also to be a Good American."

The Court choir entertained with several selections and solos by Mrs. Geraldine Furry, Mrs. Carmela Fahey was accompanist. Mrs. Mary Saunders as chairman served refreshments assisted by Mrs. Helen Leary and Mrs. Helen Keele.

**Holiday Party Held By Rosary Society**

Auburn — Annual Christmas party for members of the Rosary Society of St. Alphonsus Church was held Monday evening at the Recreation Hall in Water Street. Each member brought a gift for the tree and the Girls Scouts of Troop 12 entertained.

Mrs. Carl Anton was in charge with Mrs. Charles Berry as co-chairman. Other committee members were Mrs. John Offenberg, Mrs. Fred Offenberg, Mrs. Rose Vanderloo, Mrs. Gertrude Wallace, Mrs. Angeline Fuller, Mrs. Mary Gill and Mrs. Edward LaMotte.

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Rev. Robert C. Hartnett, S.J., former director of the Department of Political Science at the University of Detroit is the new editor of "America," national Catholic magazine.

**Catholic HIGH Lights**

**By KATHERINE CARSTATER**

The week before Christmas at Elmira Catholic High was celebrated in a gay and happy true Christmas Spirit. The familiar story was reenacted in a Christmas Pageant presented by the school Sodality. The Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph were ably portrayed by Lois Riley and Connie Lorden who together sang the familiar carol "Sleep Holy Babe". The portrayal of the other characters in the Christmas story made the scene an inspiring one.

Juniors entertained at the same assembly with an amusing skit entitled "Too Much Mistletoe". With William Moser portraying the father who likes the Christmas Spirit and Mary Hogan portraying the role of mother, while Junior with his own ideas was characterized by John Cuzick, while Lois Boyle acted the part of the kid sister.

Others in the play, all juniors' friends were: Ed-Ralph Reed, Alice, Jane, and Edna were portrayed by Mary Ann Lee, Margaret Frisk and Frances Dowling. Jim was portrayed by John Nolan.

The afternoon was climaxed when Santa Claus in the person of Norman Hoesy walked in with his sack and distributed gifts to everyone.

Edward Lodico's home became the scene of a happy festivity in celebration of the success of the Senior Play. After the last performance of the comedy the entire senior class made its way to the Lodico residence, where dance, singing and a regular amateur hour took place.

The Committee meetings of the Sodality, the first such meetings attended by members of the Sodality probation class, were held last week.

The Eucharistic Committee is sponsoring their annual "watch party" which consists of spending one hour before the Blessed Sacrament on New Year's Eve in order to atone for the sins that are usually committed on that night. The "5 Clubs" which consist of devotion by Our Lady's Committee to Our Lady of Fatima are being reorganized this year.

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