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Auburn Children Burn Comics in Huge Bonfire

Auburn — Opening a campaign to wipe out so-called comic books that deal with crime and those not suitable for children, pupils of St. Peter and Paul's School, started a huge bonfire with the objectionable books here Tuesday.

New Year's Masses

Schedule of Masses in the Elmira area for New Year's Day: St. Patrick's — 5:30, 7:30, 8:45, 10:11 and 12:15. St. Mary's — 6:30, 9:10, 11 and 12:15. St. Peter and Paul's — 7:30, 9:30, 11 and 12:15. Our Lady of Lourdes — 7:30, 9:30, 11 and 12:15. St. Anthony's — 7:30, 9:30, 11 and 12:15. St. Casimir's — 7:30, 9:30 and 11. St. John the Baptist — 7:30 and 10:30. St. Charles Borromeo — 8:30, 10 and 11. St. Mary's — Horseheads — 8:30 and 10:30.

Speaking Class To Open Monday

Any Catholic layman interested in brushing up on his speaking ability is invited to attend the opening class of a training course in public speaking which opens at 8 p.m. Monday at St. Andrew's Seminary building, Plymouth Ave. North under the sponsorship of St. Andrew's Lay Fraternity.

An invitation to anyone to attend Monday, merely as an observer with no obligation to join the course, was extended this week by Theodore J. Houck, chairman of the Fraternity's committee on public speaking. Edwin J. Dolan of East High School faculty will conduct the course to be given two nights monthly for six months. Dolan formerly was dramatic director at Aquinas Institute and still directs the plays there. He also has served for more than a year as narrator of the Catholic programs presented intermittently on "The Church of the Air" on Sundays over Station WRNY under the sponsorship of the Knights of Columbus Speakers Bureau.

Bishop's Sister Dies
Wheeling, Md. — Sister Mary Joseph, S.M., a sister of Bishop John J. Sant of Wheeling has died here at the age of 64 after an extended illness. The nun taught at Mount de Charit Academy here for 40 years and headed her community for a time.

The very name of "Mississippi" sounds delightful, doesn't it? Just so are the delicious foods that are served in the Coffee Shop of this famous room — all prepared in the Mark Twain manner for your eating pleasure. Make it a date to visit the MISSISSIPPI ROOM today.

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Student Nurses Bring Joy To DP Child

St. Joseph's Hospital student nurses had a full program of Christmas festivities last week in Elmira.

About 30 students went to the County Home at Breeseport and entertained the men and women with carols and yuletide fun on Monday evening. Refreshments were served after the entertainment.

The patients enjoyed carols by about 100 student nurses, in uniform and caps, who went through the corridors of the hospital Tuesday night, carrying lighted candles as they sang the glad tidings of Christmas. The students entertained the Sisters of the hospital and about 20 neighborhood children at a Christmas party held in the Auditorium of the Nurses' Residence on Wednesday. The children enjoyed Santa Claus.

A SPECIAL guest was Jane Oshko, nine years old, of 710 E. Church Street. Jane came to this country recently with her mother. They were among a group of Displaced Persons from Poland, and are making their home with Jane's maternal aunt, Mrs. Helen Stynetski.

Jane is a pupil of St. Peter and Paul's school and her third grade classmates have been helpful in teaching the English words from objects in the classroom. "Although Jane could not talk to us her happy dancing eyes portrayed her gay spirit and won the hearts of all the nurses said."

MARY BURCH, a Junior Student Nurse, acted as interpreter and among the guests when she said that Jane had remarked, "Santa Claus must have many loaves of bread under his belt." Jane entertained the group by singing Christmas carols in Polish.

Santa distributed gifts to the Sisters, students and children. Christmas songs were sung by the group and refreshments were served. The Freshman Class entertained the Sisters, their parents and upper classes at a Christmas Playlet entitled "The Christmas Indian Story," followed by a Christmas Pageant on Thursday.

On Christmas Eve before the Midnight Mass, the Infant was carried in procession and placed in the crib by Miss Ann Divisy, S.M., Perfect, attended by eight student nurses carrying lighted candles and acting as a guard of honor.

Musical Tea Held By Elmira CDA

In anticipation of Christmas Court St. Rita Catholic Daughters of America, Elmira presented a Musical Tea on Dec. 19. A heavy snowstorm outside and the indoor Christmas evergreens emphasized the beautiful manger arrangement of the Nativity.

Welcome was extended by Regent, Mrs. John J. McMahon. Chaplain the Rev. William Burns offered a Christmas prayer.

Ten children presented the following program: Piano duet, America, Michael and Anne McCarthy. Piano solo, The Party, Teresa McMahon.

Vocal solo, Just a Prayer Away, Claire Berther. Recitation, Night Before Christmas, Laurence McMahon. Vocal solo, When Irish Eyes Are Smiling, Mary Noonan, accompanied by Mrs. Catherine G. Collins.

Christmas Carols, Silent Night, Adagio, Frieles. See Amid the Winter Snow, Jingle Bells, White Christmas, sung by Mary Noonan, Anne McCarthy, Claire Berther, Theresa McMahon, Ann Oisowy, Joan Flynn, Ann Cav enough. Accompanists Mrs. Virginia Liddiard, Master Michael McCarthy.

Mrs. Virginia Brooks Liddiard read an original Christmas story in verse, "The Reckless Browne" which appealed to the children. The arrival of Santa Claus brought gifts, fun and frolic around a well-lighted Christmas tree. Police Officer Daniel Francis Collins offered capable assistance.

Mrs. Charles McCarthy, chairman was assisted by refreshments chairman, Mrs. Cecelia Duffy, and Mrs. Teresa Baker.

Hospital Women's Board Sets Meeting

The Women's Board of St. Mary's Hospital will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 5, at the Century Club on East Avenue. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. with Mrs. Rudolph Siebert presiding. Following the meeting Mrs. Leo Simpson and Mrs. Edward Hanover will entertain the Board at luncheon.

"-WANT 5 FRONT TEETH"



"All I want for Christmas are 5 front teeth," the young man tells Santa Claus at Christmas party given at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira by student nurses for 25 children in the area.

Oriental Mass To Mark Burning of Mortgage

With His Excellency, Bishop Kearney presiding, a Solemn Oriental Mass according to the Byzantine Rite will be celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Andrew Hallak, pastor, at St. Nicholas Church, Reisington at Lee Street, Rochester, Sunday, Jan. 8.

The ceremony will mark the burning of the mortgage on the church, last payment of \$700 having wiped out the indebtedness. The Mass will begin at 11 a.m. and in attendance also will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, P.A., Vicar General, and the Very Rev. James C. McAniff, Chancellor of Rochester diocese.

An Oriental dinner in the church hall will follow immediately after the Mass.

MONSIGNOR HALLAK who has the title Archimandrite in the Byzantine rite came to Rochester May 1, 1946 to take charge of the Syrian Melchite parish. The pastor serves under His Excellency, Bishop Kearney although celebrating Mass and conducting divine services strictly according to the Byzantine Rite.

Monsignor Hallak who came here from Mobile, Alabama is a member of the St. Basil Order of Chouair, Lebanon.

The Latin Church and the Greek Catholic Church of which St. Nicholas is a part have the same faith but latter differs from the former in several liturgical points. Monsignor Hallak points out that instead of Latin the Greek or Arabic language is used at Mass in the Mass, in the Divine services and in all religious ceremonies.

In this country, all Melchite churches are under the jurisdiction of the American Bishops and the church properties belong to their respective Roman Catholic dioceses. There is no Melchite Bishop in this country.

Minstrels Planned By Dansville K. C.

Dansville Members of Dansville Council Knights of Columbus are planning their annual Minstrels for dates tentatively set Feb. 21, 22 and 23 in the High School Auditorium.

New York Chancery Moves to New Office

New York (NC) — After having been located for 23 years in the old O.H. Belmont mansion at 477 Madison Avenue, the Chancery Office of the Archdiocese of New York has moved to 431 Madison Avenue, the former Whiteley Reid mansion, recently acquired by the Archdiocese and converted into an office building. The Military Ordinarate is also located at the new address. The quarters formerly occupied by the Chancery will house the expanded offices of New York Catholic Charities.

Elmira Catholic Charities New Offices Open at 312 Lake St.

New offices of Elmira Catholic Charities at 312 Lake St., Elmira were opened Monday, the agency having moved from the Federation building, headquarters of the Charities for the past ten years.

Two years ago the Board of Governors of the Elmira Catholic Charities appointed a committee to locate larger and more suitable offices, in keeping with the extended scope of activities of the organization.

THE OFFICES on Lake St. offer adequate space for the Charities office without any increased expense to the Community Chest. The new location includes rooms which will be rented by the Ladies of Charity, The Ladies of Charity, which is a volunteer organization affiliated with the Catholic Charities, have not had permanent quarters for the past two years.

The new offices will provide meeting rooms for the Committees of the Ladies of Charity and will be a means of centralizing their activities.

Occupying about 1600 square feet the Charities will have the advantage of private interviewing and dictation rooms, a back entrance and unrestricted parking. The building was recently purchased by John Mariani, and the law firm of Personius, Swan and Mariani occupy the first floor.

The entire second floor has been rented by the Catholic Charities, the Ladies of Charity and Camp Villa Maria. An invitation to inspect the new quarters is extended to all those who are interested in the organization. Office hours are from nine to five o'clock except on Saturday, when the office closes at twelve o'clock.

Ladies of Charity Join In Christmastide Giving

Christmas came this year to many old and young children of God — through the Catholic Charities and the Ladies of Charity.

On Monday, Dec. 20, just five days before Christmas the Charities Staff faced the unavoidably postponed task of making Christmas plans for families including children in foster homes.

A generous donation from the General Treasury of the Ladies of Charity and gifts from individuals made it possible for the Charities Staff to remember personally almost 300 men, women and children with wrapped gifts of clothing and candy.

Also included in the Charities list, were about 50 elderly people, who again believed in Santa Claus on this Christmas Day, when they received cards, in which were enclosed bright, new dollar bills.

Christmas dinners were supplied to 30 persons by the Charities and Ladies of Charity Committee gave dinners, clothing and gifts to more than twice that number.

Looking back on Christmas, we remember with pleasure the happy youngsters at St. Joseph's Hospital when Santa Claus visited them a few days before Christmas. Arrangements for the festivities including gifts for

Lourdes Sodality To Greet the New Year

The Sodality of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Elmira, will observe New Year's Eve with a special program in the church hall commencing at 7:30 with an open house. Movies will be shown at 9 and a buffet supper will follow.

The group will attend a religious service commencing at 11:30 p.m. and continuing until midnight.



The Bishop's Appointments

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve — Pro-Cathedral, Holy Hour — 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 a.m.

JANUARY

1 Saturday — Reception for Priests, Bishop's Residence — 5:45 p.m.

2 Sunday — Corpus Christi — Solemn Pontifical Mass, Holy Name Society of Rochester — 11 a.m.

Reception for the people, Bishop's Residence — 5:45 p.m.

9 Sunday — St. Nicholas' Bryan Church, Solemn Mass, Canon Episcopo — 11 a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes — Dedication of new school, 9 p.m.

30 Sunday — Station WHEC, Bishop's address "Church of the Air" Program — 10:30 a.m.

31 St. Margaret Mary — Opening Dinner, Campaign for funds for new church — 6:30 p.m.

Parish Library Given Yule Gift

Auburn — The annual Christmas party for members of the immaculate Heart of Mary and Rosary Society of St. Alphonsus Church was celebrated Monday evening in the Recreational Hall, Water Street, with many attending.

The group voted to donate \$50 to the St. Alphonsus Parish Library.

Girl Scouts from Troop 12 gave selections on the piano and accordion under the direction of Miss Caroline Casper and Miss Catherine Anton, scout leaders. To the tune of Jingle Bells, Mrs. Santa Claus (Mrs. Howard Fuller) made her appearance and distributed gifts to all members. Refreshments were served the Girl Scouts and members of the society.

Rebuilt College Blessed Chungking, China — (NC) — Rising from the ruins of war, the first new unit of St. Paul's College, a Catholic high school for boys, conducted by the Marist Brothers, was dedicated here in this far-western city, famous as China's wartime capital.

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