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PRIEST'S FIRST BLESSING

Celebrating his First Solemn Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, the Rev. William M. Thomas, imparts his blessing near close of the Mass. Shown assisting at the Mass (from left) Monsignor William J. Brien, V.F., Assistant Priest; Rev. John A. Murphy, Subdeacon and Rev. William A. Burns, Deacon.

Father Thomas Of Elmira Celebrates First Mass

In the presence of fellow priests, relatives and friends, the Rev. William M. Thomas celebrated his First Solemn Mass in his parish church, St. Patrick's, Elmira, Sunday morning.

Assisting the young priest who was ordained by His Excellency Bishop Kearney Saturday at Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral were: Assistant priest, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick's; Deacon, the Rev. William A. Burns, principal of Elmira Catholic High School and Subdeacon, the Rev. John A. Murphy.

FATHER THOMAS is the son of the late Henry D. Thomas and Mrs. Mary Thomas, 207 W. Sixth St., Elmira. He has a sister in the Divine Compassion order at White Plains.

A dinner for 80 was held at the Mark Twain Hotel following the Mass. About 700 attended a reception at the family home in the afternoon.

Father Thomas is a native Elmiran and a graduate of St. Patrick's School, Elmira Catholic High School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, Rochester.

Cub Pack Honors Den Mother At Ithaca Meetng

Ithaca — Plans for a baseball team and for participation in the Cub-O-Ree were made at a meeting May 31, of Pack 12, Immaculate Conception Church sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association of the church.

Pack began year in September, 1949 with 15 boys has advanced 11 into Scouts and closed its year with 65 members. The boys took part in the Scout Circus and put on a "County Fair" which raised $25 for the pack picnic to be held for families of Cubs in June.

Mrs. Edward Dormady in appreciation for her nine years as a Denmother was presented with a Silver Rosary by F. Egan, chairman of the pack committee.

In making the presentation Mr. Egan called attention to the fact that Mrs. Dormady "has always been a tireless worker and the success of the Cub Pack is due to her fine spirit and splendid cooperation with all with whom she has worked."

Chaplain of the pack is the Rev. John S. Maloney and Cub Master is John Kelly. Also on Pack committee with Chairman Egan are G. Charron, E. Moore, J. Brophy, F. Pearson, C. Wickam and J. Salamino.

Besides Mrs. Dormady other den mothers are: Mesdames F. Egan, J. Kelly, G. Bossack, W. Sherman, J. Seacord, J. Salamino and C. Yengo.

After closing ceremony refreshments were served by the Den Mothers.

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Honor Rochesterian At St. Edward, Texas

James Barratt of Rochester, a member of Blessed Sacrament parish for several years, was chosen as valedictorian of his graduating class at St. Edward's University, Basilian Fathers institution in Austin, Texas. He graduated at exercises last Friday.

Corning Youth Wins Elks Scholarship

Corning — James E. Ward Jr., 105 Pritchard Ave., has been granted a special Elks Americanization Scholarship according to Mayor Howard F. V. Cole, exalted ruler of the Corning Lodge of Elks.

A graduate of St. Vincent de Paul's School and Northside High School, young Ward will enter his senior year next fall at Fordham University. He was prominent in state and county speaking contests while a high school student.

New Church To Be Dedicated In Trumansburg

Formal dedication of the new St. James the Apostle Church in Trumansburg will take place Sunday, June 11 when His Excellency Bishop Kearney will bless the building opened March 5 and will officiate at Confirmation.

The Bishop will celebrate a dialogue low Mass at 11 a.m. according to the Rev. Leonard B. Kelly, pastor.

The new St. James Church in Trumansburg was completely rebuilt and redecorated from the ashes of a fire which completely demolished its predecessor on Jan. 26, 1949.

A "DEBT-FREE CHURCH" will be dedicated, Father Kelly said as the church's bills have been all paid through generosity of friends of the parish throughout the Diocese of Rochester.

The new church has a capacity of 240, has a large sanctuary beautifully equipped, has new furniture and fixtures of rare liturgical beauty.

Father Kelly invites all who had a part in donating to the rebuilding of the church to visit it any time. Sunday Masses are celebrated each week at 8 and 11 a.m.

Elmira KC Elect Thos. F. Coggins

Thomas F. Coggins will become grand knight of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus for the 1950-1951 term having been elected at the annual meeting.

Other officers chosen for the coming year were: deputy grand knight, Joseph H. Berrigan; chancellor, Frank A. Bellagetti; warden, William Kopke; treasurer, Bernard J. Lochern; recorder, John E. Strong; advocate, Atty. J. D. Frawley; inside guard, Daniel B. Burns Jr.; outside guard, Richard T. Grace; lecturer, Thomas F. O'Brien.

Trustees selected were Samuel Aj. DeRenzo, former grand knight, and Theodore A. Doran.

Book Reviews Ended By Thomas Campbell

Auburn — The last in the series of book reviews was given by Thomas Campbell on Monday evening, June 5, in St. Alphonsus Library Reading Room.

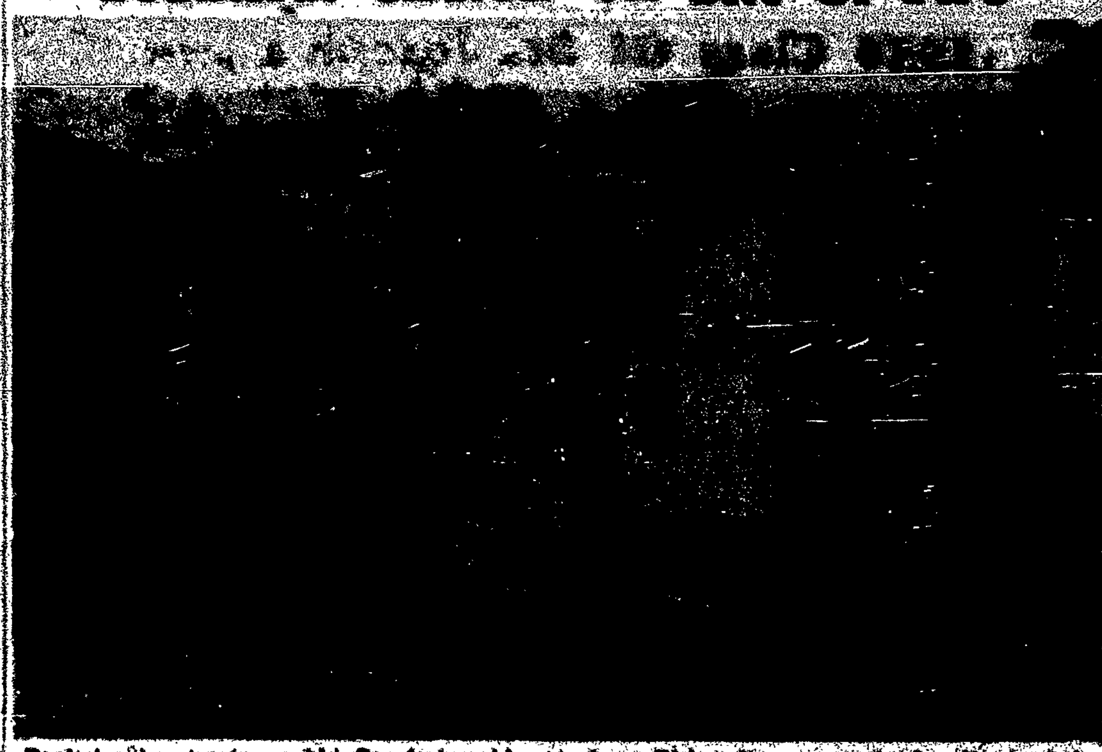
Mrs. Campbell not only reviewed the books, "Three Minutes a Day" and "You Can Change the World" both by the Rev. James Keller, M.M. but explained the Christopher Movement and the work of Father Keller.

These book reviews will be resumed in the fall.

Fr. Sheehan To Talk To Hospice Group

Last in a series of discussions on "The Mystical Body of Christ" will be led by the Rev. John Sheehan, C.S.B., of Aquinas Institute faculty, at the regular meeting of the group which conducts St. Joseph's House of Hospitality at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13.

Beautiful Church On Site Of Fire



Replacing the structure which fire destroyed in 1949, the new St. James the Apostle Church above, shown next to the redecorated rectory, is ready for formal dedication by His Excellency Bishop Kearney on Sunday. Work of the rebuilding was directed by the Rev. Leonard Kelly, pastor. (Tompkins photo).

Sacred Heart Men To Note Feasts At St. Anthony's

The Sacred Heart Men's Society of St. Anthony's church, Elmira will observe the Feasts of the Sacred Heart and St. Anthony with group reception of Holy Communion at the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, according to Adolph A. Cirulli, Society president.

Following the Mass, members will be dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

At the conclusion of the church services a Communion breakfast will be served in the Annex. Guest speaker for the breakfast will be Father William, a Capuchin Priest who is presently conducting the Novena in preparation for the Feast of St. Anthony.

Frank Moffe and Anthony D'Andrea, cochairmen, will be assisted by the following committee: Anthony Masone, Michael Morrell, Michael Fusaro, Alexander Rosi, Joseph DeNunzio, John Bonsignore, Alexander Stefani, Francis T. Mogros, Edward Rose Sr., Pasquale Limoncelli, Rocco D'Abbracci, Nicholas Di Stefano and Peter Palange.

Hindu Praises Catholic Missions

Kodaikanal, India (NC) — P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Chief Minister of Madras, paid tribute to the Catholic missions in India for their work in the educational field in an address to the students of Sacred Heart College here. He said that the missions had done considerable unselfish work and that many Hindu parents sent their children to be educated by them.

CWV Auxiliary Meets

Regular meeting of Holy Rosary Post, Ladies Auxiliary, Catholic War Veterans will take place Tuesday, June 13 at 8 p.m. in the Post Home, 731 Lake Avenue.

Monsignor Lane Honored By 'Gang' On Anniversary

Two hundred "graduates" of Elmira Reformatory, all of whom have made good in life, honored the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane in New York City on his 30th anniversary of ordination and his 29th year as chaplain at the State Reformatory.

"Father Lane's Gang," as the group is called, meets once a month to hear a speaker, usually a priest, on the practical and spiritual problems that confront them.

Also observed was the tenth anniversary of the Don Bosco Bulletin, outstanding prison publication for Catholic inmates which Monsignor Lane founded and directs.

THE REUNION was held at Sutton Hotel in New York with wives and sweethearts present. Entertainment was provided by some of Broadway's top talent.

Monsignor Lane insisted that 65 percent of Elmira's graduates make good in later life and his boys and their wives were on hand to prove it. Only 20 percent of the graduates are returned for violation of parole, he said. The other 15 percent, he admitted ruefully, just disappear.

The veteran prison chaplain warmly praised former Police Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney who with Monsignor Lane and some of the gang were on the speakers' program. Commissioner Mulrooney was lauded for his action when as Commissioner of Correction he permitted the erection and furnishing of a Catholic chapel at Elmira with funds raised privately by Monsignor Lane.

"Now," he said, "it's the one place in the institution where there are no guards, no bars and no supervision. There at least, the men find the first indications of 'outside'. And it helps them that it's a holy indication."

THE MONSIGNOR praised those who have made good for taking into their homes the recent parolees from Elmira, for finding them jobs, for showing them how they can keep up their religion and, more than all, for removing from those in the gang the stigma that might attach to them elsewhere.

The "gang" also helps bring encouragement to the men inside through Christmas parcels and other remembrances especially to men who have no families. Train fare is provided for mothers who otherwise would be unable to visit their sons at the institution.

Other speakers were State Senator Seymour Halpern and the Rev. John B. Affleck, O.P., editor of the Holy Name Journal.

Committee Heads Named For Ladies Of Charity

On the eve of the tenth anniversary of the [illegible] tion of the Ladies of Charity in Elmira, the Rev. [illegible] Naughton, Moderator, announces a partial list of [illegible] appointments.

Under a recent amendment to the Constitution of the organization the Chairman and Co-Chairmen of the various Committees are appointed by the Reverend Moderator with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Thomas Lynch and Mrs. Joseph Rutter will continue as Chairmen of the Friday and Thursday groups of Our Lady of Nazareth Committee. Appointed to remain in office as Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Committee St. Anne de Beaupre are Mrs. Arthur Garvey and Mrs. Wilfred Underwood. Mrs. Timothy Crowe and Mrs. [illegible] will again head the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Committee as Chairman and Co-chairman.

SUCCEEDING THE Misses Agnes and Teresa [illegible] as officers of the Guardian Angels Committee will be Mrs. [illegible] Collins and Mrs. Robert [illegible]. Mrs. John F. Murphy and Mrs. Charles Stevens will replace Mrs. James Flaherty and Mrs. Frank Strusinski on the Committee of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Mrs. Walter Ervin has accepted a reappointment as Chairman of the Mother Seton Committee but Mrs. Frank Halloran will succeed Mrs. J. Harry Foley as Co-Chairman. Mrs. James L. Burke and Mrs. Charles [illegible] who were Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Mother Cabrini Committee will be succeeded by Mrs. Josephine Litzer and Mrs. Albert [illegible].

To direct activities of the St. Louise de Marillac Committee Mrs. James Keane will assume the duties of Mrs. Francis [illegible], former Chairman and Mrs. Daniel J. Reddy will take over the Co-Chairmanship which has been held by Mrs. Keane.

AMONG OTHER appointments are Mrs. Joseph Smith, Chairman and Secretarial Supervisor of the Committee of St. Rose of Lima and Miss Mary Ellen Devine, Co-Chairman and Treasurer of the Committee.

Members of this Citywide organization give more than [illegible] hours of volunteer service each year under the leadership of Catholic Charities. In recognition of the many spiritual and [illegible] layman, which have [illegible] bestowed on the Society, a [illegible] observance of this important anniversary will be scheduled in September.

On June 30 [illegible] Ladies of Charity [illegible] [illegible]

Novena Closing At St. Anthony's

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Masses will be at 6, 7, [illegible] and 10:30. [illegible]

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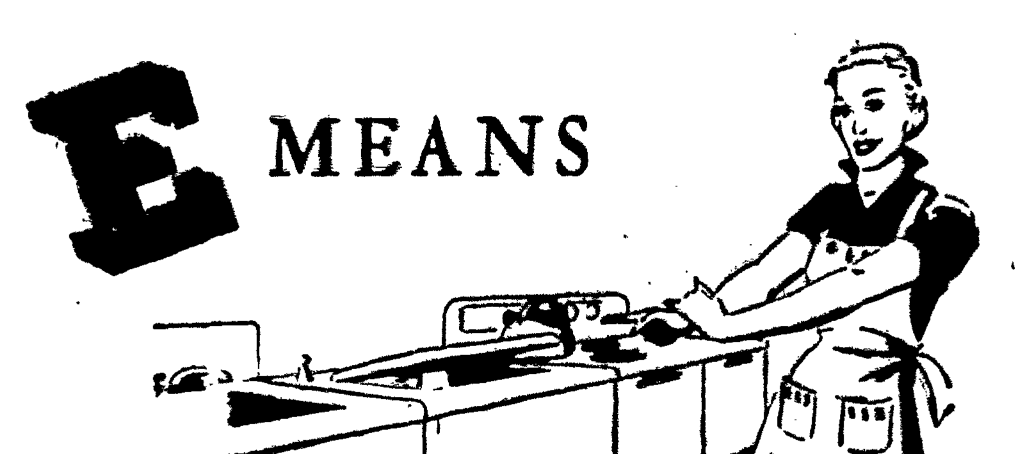

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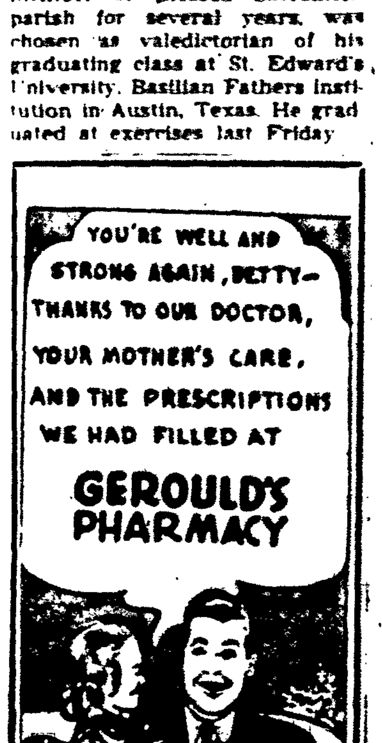

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