

### Advance Seen For Duns Scotus Cause

There is hope that John Duns Scotus, the medieval Franciscan theologian whose "Doctrine of Mary" the cause of his devotion to the Blessed Virgin, may soon be proclaimed a "Blessed" according to an announcement of the Rev. George Rath, O.F.M., Provincial of the Franciscan monastery of Fulda. Duns Scotus remains now rest in the Friars Minor church here.

### 400 Reformatory Inmates Gain Holy Year Privileges

About 400 inmates of Elmira Reformatory received the Holy Year Indulgence by strictly observing regulations laid down by the Holy Father that those confined in Penal Institutions might have this special privilege.

For five consecutive weeks, each one made a special visit to the Chapel, recited a decade of the rosary and the prescribed prayers for the intention of the Holy Father. They also received

The Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist during this period.

Elmira Reformatory is perhaps the only Penal Institution that has had so many take advantage of this special privilege offered to them by the Holy Father.

### HOSPITAL NEWSPAPER



Looking over the first issue of St. James Mercy Hospital's paper, "Mercy Echoes of St. James" are the Rev. Lawrence Gannon of the hospital's executive board, Dr. Kenneth T. Rowe of the editorial staff and Miss Margaret Devlin of the Nursing staff. The Hornell hospital plans to issue the paper bi-monthly. Sister M. Elizabeth Anne of St. James Nursing staff is editor. (Barrett and Stuart Photo.)

### Supernaturalize Your Christmas This Year

That was just what the Reverend Moderator was saying "Supernaturalize your Christmas this year." My face was a little red—almost as though he read my thoughts!

Father was making the closing remarks at the December meeting of the Executive Council of the Ladies of Charity. Yes, I quite agreed with him. It was a beautiful thought. "Do every little thing this Christmas, with a prayer—even to your last Christmas card."

"But, Father"—I found the words trembling on my lips and then realized that it was neither the time nor place to voice the current Litany of Sorrows of the Catholic Charities. Sure—it would be just fine to supernaturalize our Christmas in fact at the moment, it wouldn't be half as much of a major feat as financing it.

A Cut of Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars—that was the grim verdict we had just received from the Community Chest. Christmas certainly was worrying me—but so also were all the other days of the Chest's fiscal year. Even before the Campaign started, we had pared our budget to the bone—taking a cut of \$1822.00 from our original request. That had seemed like a major operation but this casualty—well I can't see how it can be done.

SERVICES, staff and relief in kind and cash will have to be slashed, loans to distraught parents to finance an emergency foster home placement during a mother's illness, a ton of coal when extra medicine made a huge dent in the fuel item in a limited budget. "Supernaturalize"—well, just so it doesn't take any cash.

"My apologies, Father I'll be with you in a minute—I just want to register an extra prayer—You see we won't be able to do much about His Birthday or about a lot of other services if our friends don't come through." Yes, we need at least Thirty-One Hundred and Twenty-Three Dollars for the next ten months. And—then, I was ready to agree with Father: Forgotten for the moment, were the red-inked accounts, the deficit at the beginning of each month. What a wonderful Birthday, we can give Him in this year of 1950, if we supernaturalize each gift, each card, each greeting. If our wish

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Mrs. Lawrence Ryan is general chairman assisted by Mrs. Peter V. Flanagan. Also on committee are Mrs. Ralph Weis, Mrs. Frank Melville, Mrs. Fred G. Kolb, and Mrs. Louis Kruger.  
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### Elmira Catholic Highlights

By ANN MOFFATT  
Elmira Catholic High School started off its basketball season with a bang on Sunday Dec. 10 winning a game against St. John's Atoneum Seminary by a score of 35 to 28. Dick Halpin,

center, amassed a total of 11 points. Their second game is against Towanda and the third is scheduled to be against Padua on December 21. It will be a home game. A bus will take the loyal rooters from Elmira Catholic High, 25 of them to Towanda to cheer for their team.

A Cheerleaders Club seems to be in the offering and all around school the girls are practicing their various cheers. Rah, rah!

**THE SENIOR PLAY** was presented this week and the Seniors are beginning to realize what sleep is again. The play went off with hardly a hitch and the curtain rang down on our first taste of applause from the other side of the footlights. An after the play party was held on Thursday night at Ann O'Leary's house. As is usual with Ann's parties, it was a big success. The Seniors weary and bleary-eyed, are recuperating before the Christmas festivities.

The Sophomores and the Freshmen are presenting plays in their English classes for the English Club, under the direction of Sister Mary Stephen.

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### Area Hospitals Get Added Funds

(Continued from Page 1) death rates and other vital statistics are comparable with other hospitals in the region.

A special study of appendectomies and future studies in pelvic survey in women will show if these surgical procedures, "which have been used too casually in many hospitals," can be reduced in number, according to the latest Commonwealth Fund report.

Of the million dollars available for capital improvement, \$300,000 has already been committed, according to Royle. The money, supplemented by federal grants and community contributions, is being used for complete replacement of existing facilities, construction of new wings and expanded service areas in eight rural member hospitals.

Other money has been used to expand the nursing school of the University of Rochester and to prepare an exhaustive report on the health behavior of a small Western New York community, Royle says.  
Royle freely admits that the Council's work has benefited the smaller hospitals more than their bigger medical brothers.

### Dansville Knights List Minstrel Show

Dansville — Fourth Annual Knights of Columbus Minstrel Show will be presented at Dansville Central High School auditorium, Monday through Wednesday, Jan. 29 to 31 according to Braxton Middleton, director. All net proceeds will go to local charities and other similar local projects.

Middleton said that many persons who were in last year's cast will again appear in the 1951 edition. New talent has been discovered, also, following some scouting.  
Committee for the show are now being formed and first rehearsals will be held in January. Middleton announced a small amount of tickets will be reserved for each night.

To Train Nurses Philadelphia — (NC) — To answer India's great need for nursing personnel, Nurses Training School has been opened by the Medical Mission Sisters of this city at their Holy Family Hospital in Mandar, India.

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