

## Record Turnout Awaited By Elmira Saturday Club

A record attendance will inaugurate the First Saturday Luncheon Club in Chemung County on Saturday, Dec. 1, at noon at the Mark Twain Hotel, the committee announced today.

## St. Christopher Library Adds 11 New Books

Mrs. Charles D. Williams, membership chairman, announced today that although the membership drive for St. Christopher Library ended officially Nov. 15, the various parish chairmen are making a follow-up of former members who have overlooked their '51-'52 membership dues.

The Library Board of Directors is confident that members will welcome the arrival of many books at the library and will wish to continue their privilege of borrowing four books for each two weeks.

Among the new fiction recently placed on the shelves are "White Fire" — E. J. Edwards, S.V.D. — a story of the nuns' work in a leprosarium in the Philippines.

"Nine Days of Father Serra" — Isabelle Gibson Ziegler — a romance based on the founding of the California missions.

"The Pleasant Lea" — Anne Crane — a story laid in County Fermanagh, of Northern Ireland.

"Each Man's Son" — Hugh MacLennan — the story of a Cape Breton surgeon who seeks to adopt a young native lad.

"The Precipice" — Hugh MacLennan — the struggles of a Canadian girl against the temptations of New York.

"The Old Gray Homestead and The Career of David Noble" — Frances Parkinson Keyes — lives of New England villagers.

"The Desert of Love, Francis Maurine; Dan England and the Nocturnal Devil, Myles Connolly; Benny's Daughter, Mazo de la Roche."

The St. Christopher Library is located in the Catholic Daughters Rooms, E. Church and State Streets, and is open Wednesdays 10:30 to 6; Saturdays 3 to 5.

**Montreal Rites** — (NC) — To mark the end of the Holy Year, Archbishop Paul Emile Leger of Montreal, will officiate at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve in the Montreal Forum, marking the first time that such a service will have been held in the sports arena.

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## Bus Ads, Store Displays Scheduled To Remind Public Of Nativity Feast

By FAWN SCHEFFEL  
Thousands of persons riding buses during the month of December will be constantly reminded to "Keep Christ in Christmas—Have a Crib under your tree."

Through the endeavors of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, the Rochester Transit Company and the National Transit Ads have donated space to display placards which carry a Nativity scene and the religious reminder.

MRS. ELMER LORITZ, Diocesan chairman of the Committee on Spiritual Development for the DCCW, explains that the Council's purpose is to keep the true meaning of Christmas before the people.

"Not only one person or organization should prepare for Christmas," she said, "everyone should."

In the past the DCCW has erected a Crib in the waiting room of the New York Central Railroad Station. This year in addition, the Council will have a Crib displayed in Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Company Window 16 (second from North St. on Main) and another in the window of the executive offices of Nelson Brothers, East Avenue, Rochester.

In a recent article the Family Digest mentioned the Rochester DCCW Crib in New York Central Station, according to the Rev. John T. Callahan, diocesan moderator.

According to Mrs. Loritz, the Diocesan Council in cooperation with the national campaign to put Christ back in Christmas, has distributed leaflets urging a religious observance of Christmas.

Quoting a pamphlet distributed by the Archdiocese of New York, she said, "We say 'Merry Christmas,' but there is no Mary and no Christ to be seen."

THE DCCW HOPES to encourage the use of Christmas cards with religious themes rather than the commonly used kittens, puppies, snowmen and Santa Claus. Their influence to give Christmas back to Christ even reaches into culinary arts. Following the suggestion of Mrs. John McCue, speaker at the DCCW convention held in Rochester in October, members are making cookies for the holiday season in shapes of religious significance: angels, shepherds, stars and the Blessed Mother.

Citing "the all-out campaign staged in Milwaukee last year," Mrs. Loritz said that the Rochester Council hoped to make people conscious of the meaning of the feast in Milwaukee, theater marquees, billboards and shop windows all displayed the Nativity scene with the legend "Keep Christ in Christmas."

Mrs. Loritz reported that some Girl Scout troops had taken up the campaign by making "Crib" for their own homes. "Such practices are further reaching than we realize," she said.

ANOTHER CUSTOM which the DCCW hopes to bring families to observe in conjunction with Christmas is the Advent Wreath. With the first Sunday of Advent at hand the Council hopes to encourage families throughout the diocese will remember the practice, the Spiritual Development chairman said.

"Advent, although it is a time of rejoicing, is also a time for individuals to make added sacrifices and acts of charity over and above the usual," Mrs. Loritz pointed out. "That is what the Council is attempting to induce people to do, thereby, giving Christmas back to Christ."

This year the project is being financed by the Rochester Diocese under the chairman, Mrs. Loritz, assisted by Mrs. Walter Kolb, diocesan chairman on Spiritual Development, and Favorite Van Epps.

**Father Kelly's Father Dies**  
John T. Kelly, father of the Rev. Leonard Kelly, pastor of St. James the Apostle Church, Trumansburg, and St. Francis Solanus Church, Interlaken, died at his home, 75 Lozier St., Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Funeral will be held at the home at 10 a.m. and at St. Augustine Church, Rochester, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

**Holy Day Due Next Saturday**  
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Dec. 8 will be a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are obliged, same as Sunday, to assist at Mass.

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## Direct DCCW Program On Christmas Meaning



HOLDING A DISPLAY card to be circulated by the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women urging spiritual observance of the Christmas feast is Mrs. Elmer Loritz, chairman of the DCCW Spiritual Development Committee. Giving approval for the program are Rev. Louis J. Hutson, diocesan moderator and the Rev. John T. Callahan, Rochester Council of Catholic Women, moderator of the Christmas feast is Mrs. Elmer Loritz, chairman of the DCCW Spiritual

## 4th Degree KC Staff Installed In Elmira Rite

In ceremonies conducted Wednesday night, officers of Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, were installed for the coming year by Basil J. Vallancourt of Elmira, Master of the Fifth New York District.

New officers are: Thomas A. Cowley, Navigator; Frederick D. Spechio, Admiral; Frank A. Belligott, Captain; William C. O'Donnell, Pilot; David Janda, Scribe; James P. O'Leary, Comptroller; Carl C. Carr and Bernard A. Drake, seintels; Joseph A. DeVincentis, John E. Strong and Louis V. Smith, patrons.

Following the business session, members and their ladies were guests of the assembly at dancing and a program of entertainment. Refreshments were served.

## Memorial Mass Set For KC Assembly

A Memorial Mass for deceased members of Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will be held at St. Mary's church on Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Members are requested to assemble in front of the church and march in a body to seats reserved for the occasion, according to Faithful Navigator Thomas A. Cowley.

## Yule Party Slated By Columbus Ladies

Ladies of Columbus of Elmira will hold their annual Christmas party on Thursday evening, Dec. 6 at 6:30, in Johnson's Restaurant.

The following are in charge of arrangements: Mesdames Frank Belligott, Thomas A. Cowley, Clement J. Knuth, Robert McAlister, Edward Leszyck, Edward A. Claus, James P. O'Leary, Edward J. Frawley, Louis V. Smith and John E. Strong.

Those planning to attend are requested to make reservations at an early date. Transportation will be available from Columbus Center to the restaurant.

**Dominican Named**  
Vatican City — (NC) — The Rev. Michael Browne, O.P., Master of the Sacred Apostolic Palace was named Theologian to the Papal Secretariate of State.

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## Parish To Bid Farewell To Father Thomas Florack

A farewell party in tribute to Rev. Thomas J. Florack, former assistant at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, will be held tonight in the school hall at 7:30 p.m.

Father Florack came here to Elmira in June 1947 immediately following Ordination.

A program of entertainment will be staged by the school children. A testimonial purse and a spiritual bouquet will be presented by Rev. Hubert A. Blaky, pastor.

The committee in charge of arrangements will include members of the Immaculate Heart and Holy Name Societies. Refreshments will be served.

## Student Nurses Hold Retreat In Hornell

Hornell — A successful 2-day retreat was held by the Sodality of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. James Mercy Hospital, here, for student nurses on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 26 and 27.

Conducting the retreat exercises was the Rev. Brendan Burns, S.A., of the Atonement Seminary, Washington, D. C. A Holy Hour from 7 to 8 on Tuesday concluded the Sodality's devotions.

A general day of recollection for graduated nurses was held at the hospital on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Hornell Unit, National Council of Catholic Nurses.

## U. S. Chaplain Killed In Auto Accident

Munch — (NC) — The Rev. (Major) Paul Beaulieu, M.S., who was scheduled to return to the United States for reassignment, was killed when he lost control of his car and it rolled down a steep embankment near Augsburg, Bavaria.

The chaplain, 48, was a native of St. Basil, New Brunswick, Canada. He is survived by his parents at Millinocket, Me. He was graduated from La Salette College at Hartford, Conn., and studied at La Salette Seminary at Attamont, N. Y., as a member of the Order of La Salette.

Father Beaulieu was ordained in 1934 and entered the Army in 1943. Subsequently he served on Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, Leyte and Japan. He then became chaplain at Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., and later was assigned to the European command at Heidelberg. His last post was that of military Catholic chaplain at Garmisch.

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## Elmira Holy Name Union Elects Cressy A. Morrow

Cressy A. Morrow was elected president of the Holy Name Union, Rochester Diocese, Holy Name Union of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, at a meeting held in St. Anthony's School, Elmira, Sunday, November 24.

Other officers elected were: Dr. William J. Frank, William Glen, first vice president; Edwin Balen, second vice president; John J. Richardson, treasurer; and Charles J. Krosner, secretary.

The Rev. Albert L. Simonsetti, pastor of St. Anthony's church, has been named Moderator for the group by the Executive Bishop Kearney.

ONE OF THE major projects of the Holy Name Council will be the construction of a new Holy Name Church in Elmira, N.Y. The project will be completed by the end of 1952.

In addition to delegate from seven parishes in Elmira, the meeting was also attended by representatives from Watkins Glen, Oswego, Newark Valley, Horseheads, Waverly and Elmira Heights.

Members of the nominating committee included Joseph A. DeVincentis, St. Anthony's; Thomas P. Butler, St. Patrick's; Frederick Mulvihy, St. Mary's; John T. Rohde, St. Columba's; David Dickson, St. Cecilia's; Jerome VanBuren, St. Peter and Paul's; Edwin Ryan, Our Lady of Lourdes; Metro Kowlich, St. Nicholas; Knickerbocker, St. Frank; St. Mary's; Watkins Glen; and Edward Moten, St. Patrick's, Oswego.

The session concluded with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Priest To Head State FEPC Unit**  
Syracuse, N.Y. — (NC) — The Rev. James L. Thompson, O.S.A., president of the National Council of Catholic Bishops, has been appointed as Chairman of the Washington State Fair National Council of Catholic Bishops.

**Forty Hours**  
Devotions of Forty Hours will be held in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester: Sunday, Dec. 2 — Sacred Heart, Pro-Cathedral, St. John the Evangelist, St. Patrick, Rochester; St. Mary, Auburn; St. Peter and Paul, Elmira.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 — Sacred Heart, Convent, Elmira.

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