

### Service Advisory Elects Officers

Robert A. Bixy, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's, and Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, executive of the Catholic Family Service were re-elected to the advisory committee on the evening of the 5th meeting.

Members of the committee are: Robert A. Bixy, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's; Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, executive of the Catholic Family Service; Rev. John J. O'Connell, pastor of St. Ignace; Rev. John J. O'Connell, pastor of St. Ignace; Rev. John J. O'Connell, pastor of St. Ignace.

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A. Newsome who resigned because of poor health.

APPOINTED to membership on the committee recently were Mrs. Frank Danzel, Doctors Raymond S. Stoddard and William M. Kelly, Atty. Nicholas D'Ambrósio, Messrs. Richard Connelly, O. Lawrence Creighton, James Noonan, William Sheehan and Joseph McNamara.

Continuing appointments include Father Blisy, Rev. Joseph M. McNamara, Misses Mary L. Monks and Doris McQuaid, Miss Prechtl, Mrs. Danaher and Mrs. Cornelius J. Milliken. Also Atty. Daniel J. Donahoe, Mr. Frawley, Uri S. French Sr., Francis Woods and Dr. John Powell.

Next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 19, at eight o'clock at 312 Lake Street.

**Mrs. John Fahey's Rites in Corning**

Corning — Mrs. John Fahey, 245 Decolon Parkway, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 1951 at Corning Hospital following a long illness. She had been a lifelong resident of this city.

Survivors include her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Charles Niles of Corning.

Funeral services were held from the home of her daughter Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. and at 9 o'clock in St. Patrick's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

### Appeal Made Here To Aid Black Sisters Of Africa



An urgent appeal for native funds in a poor mission in Africa was received today at the Society of the Propagation of the Faith office, 50 Chestnut St.

In a letter to the Very Rev. Messrs. John B. Randall, Treasurer of the Faith office, Father P. Coenen appealed for assistance for the Catholic Mission in Nagata, Kenya, B.E. Africa.

Father Coenen stated that the Little Sisters of Mary, the Black Sisters, have lived for 10 years in a "terrible" store room, which was used to store fire-wood, tools, pots and pans, potatoes and anything else.

Father Coenen, on the occasion of Christmas, has prepared a list of needs which will be most welcome. The missionary estimates the cost of the building at \$20,000.

The building is 10 feet high in front and 8 feet at the back. It is covered with an iron roof, on which a tropical sun beats in hot rays and changes the interior into a veritable furnace.

Having three rooms, the sisters must sleep in a room measuring 10 by 12 feet and are "packed like herrings in a can or tin."

The sitting room is properly named according to the missionary because when standing the sisters' heads are only one foot from the heated-up iron roof.

Father Coenen said that the building of a new convent can be made possible only through the combined Christmas gifts of the faithful and will be most welcome. The missionary estimates the cost of the structure at \$20,000.

### Priest Gives Coming Women A 'Blueprint For Living'

Corning—The Rev. Philip E. McGhan, chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, was guest speaker at the December "First Saturday" luncheon held at the Baron Steuben Hotel under the auspices of the Corning Deaneery, National Council of Catholic Women.

Introduced by the Rev. Daniel V. Hogan, moderator of the group, Father McGhan spoke on "A Blueprint For Real Living." The speaker presented a practical and thoughtful outline of action for a Christian, who, by living his faith daily, does the most for his faith and country and enriches his own personal life.

He urged a better knowledge of the Catholic religion and the more frequent reception of the Sacraments of the Church.

Touching on the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity, he particularly stressed Charity, which he defined as simply integrating the truths found in the faith into daily patterns of living.

He deplored the bad example of the nominal Catholics and Christians, who, by their indifference, are betraying their faith and ideals of our country in much the same way as are the enemies from without.

Father McGhan also called attention to the disproportion of the ideal to the real in conditions found in this country today in regard to morality, honesty and charity.

Seated at the speaker's table, in addition to Father McGhan and Father Hogan were Mrs. Edith Griffin, deanery president; Mrs. Raymond Calkins, president of the Ladies of Columbus; Mrs. James Ward, grand regent of Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America; Mrs. Norman Murray, president of the Stella Maris Society of St. Patrick's Church; and Mrs. Stanley Manning, president of the Catholic Women's Club of Painted Post.

Father Hogan urged a deep and Christian observance of Christmas. He explained the significance of the Advent Wreath, three of which served as decorations at the speaker's table, and suggested that it be introduced in the home.

This traditional wreath, made of evergreen, is encircled with purple ribbon signifying the penitential Advent season preceding the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas, and has four candles, one of which is lighted on each of the four Sundays of Advent while the father of the family recites a special prayer.

Mrs. Ward arranged a shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.

The January "First Saturday" luncheon will be in charge of the women of St. Patrick's parish.

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### Elmira Catholic High Lights

By ALICE BANNON

A gloomy atmosphere prevails at Elmira Catholic High School. The basketball team lost both games so far, but we're not going to let this discourage us. We hereby warn future opponents to watch their steps.

The varsity cheerleaders became some forth in new uniforms last week. Their snappy outfits consist of gold skirts, blue sweaters, and blue and gold beanie hats. Varsity cheerleaders include Betty Harde, Pat Chapman, Fran Brown, Dot Wolcott, Helen O'Neil, Mary K. Linnest, Teresa Carozza, and Margie (7'Lean) J.

Other leaders are Margie Rice, Mary Bannon, Jean Logan, Joan McFarland, Ellen Logan, and Gerry Chalmers.

The patron drive for the "Echelon" is over and the goal has not been reached. Although the drive is ended we are still badly in need of support and any little contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Corridor comments: "How does my hair look?" "How many pictures do you have?" "Gosh, hope I looked all right!" "What do they want my picture for?" The reasons for all this was the presence of the photographer who spent two whole days recording our faces and also our classes for future reference.

### Novena To Close At St. Patrick's

Solemn closing of the Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, to night at 7:30 p.m.

The Novena being conducted by Rev. John B. Affleck, O.P. will conclude with Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Papal blessing and veneration of the relic of St. Catherine Labouré.

A Day of Reflection for members of St. Patrick's Holy Name Society will be held in the church on Sunday afternoon. Rev. John B. Affleck, O.P. will conduct the services.

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Corning Mrs. Thomas Sheehan of Waverly district deputy was in charge of initiation ceremonies held by Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America in the club rooms when 15 new members were received into the organization.

Included in the program were songs by Miss Rose Kreisler and a "Share the Faith" seminar led by Mrs. Norman Murray, as assisted by Mrs. Fred Gorman.

Initiates were: Mesdames Joseph Daily, Robert Strange Archie Yorio, Maynard McLaughlin, Leo Schaller, Charles Husted, Robert McClure, John Ward, Joseph Miller, Frances Markert, Rosario Cavallaro and the Misses Rose D'Archange, Grace Miller, Esther Rogers and Mary Jane Nasser.

Mrs. James Ward, grand regent announced that the Christmas tea will be held in the club rooms Dec. 15. Members are asked to bring boxes which will be donated to the Corning Social Service Society for Christmas distribution.

### Ithaca Knights Bowl in Elmira

Elmira Knights of Columbus bowlers will be host to a delegation of their fellow Knights from Ithaca Council in a home and home series of bowling matches on Sunday afternoon in Columbus Center, Elmira.

Francis F. O'Brien, chairman of inter Council activities has arranged the matches and announces that a dinner will be served both groups at 6 o'clock. Euchre will wind up the day's program.

Grand Knight Joseph H. Berigan has named Daniel Burns Jr. and Bernard J. Lochren to head the annual Christmas coed Country Party to be held in the Center of Saturday evening Dec. 15.

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