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'Bamboo Prison' Film Hit By Ithaca Rosary Group

Ithaca — The Rosary and Altar Society of Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, held their Christmas Party in the Parish Hall Monday evening following recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in Church.

Mrs. Alice Sullivan presided and the women unanimously agreed and signed a petition which will be sent to Columbia Pictures in Hollywood protesting a film entitled "Bamboo Prison" which is scheduled for release soon.

This picture distorts events in the life of Father Emil Kapatin, a Catholic Chaplain of the Korean War who heroically gave his life and has been three times honored by our government. In the picture the Chaplain turns out to be a fake, a traitor and a Communist spy.

This distortion is a reflection on Chaplains of all faiths and an insult to American Catholics, those who consider the Chaplains of the Army an integral part of their life in service. It is hoped that if enough righteous people protest to Columbia Pictures the picture will never be released.

Mrs. Mollie Joyce was mistress of ceremonies for the program at the meeting which included the Rose Halls who sang several selections under the direction of Edward Scott. A group of seven children instructed by Rose Ann Rott also presented song and dance numbers.

REV. OTTO VOOT, moderator, spoke on the origin of the Christmas candle and the wreath and the Christmas tree.

The hall and table decorations were arranged by Mrs. Elna Bartock who was chairman of the committee with Mrs. Theresa Ginnett and Miss Margaret Franz. They were assisted by Mrs. Gertrude Mitchell, Mrs. Anthony Spano, Mrs. William Stanton, Mrs. Paul Loveless, Mrs. Clarence Shirner and Miss Aude Smith.

Open House Held At New Convent

Waverly — More than 200 were present at the open house and silver tea held Sunday afternoon at the new St. James Convent in Waverly.

Rev. G. Stuart Hogan, pastor, Sisters Martha, Marie Mathew and Agnes-Rosair and Mrs. Tobias Capote, general chairman in charge of arrangements and grand regent of Court Joan of Arc CD, received the visitors who were taken on an inspection tour of the recently remodeled convent.

Assisting Mrs. Capote with the arrangements were Miss Marie Barry, Miss Winifred Conroy, Mrs. Thomas Carey, Mrs. David Flynn, Mrs. Norman Gundersman, Mrs. Louis Bevilacqua, Mrs. Earl Payne, Miss Anna Frances Payne, Miss Veronica Hogan, Mrs. Julia Hogan, Mrs. Martin Barrett, Miss Angelina Gabriel, Mrs. Leon Betowski, Mrs. Joseph Paul, Mrs. John Mahoney, Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mrs. William Donnelly, Miss Leona Maloney, Miss Caroline Sledge and Mrs. Mary Lucy.

Pointing at the tea were Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Bevilacqua, Mrs. Gundersman, Mrs. Betowski and Miss Conroy.

Fordham Club Lists Horseheads Dinner

The Fordham Club of Southern New York will hold a social meeting Saturday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. with a dinner at the Hickory House in Horseheads on the Watkins Glen Road.

Members will have their wives and guests accompany them. Special guests will be students from the area who are enrolled at Fordham.

Anyone desiring transportation is urged to call Paul L. Kane, Corning 2-3421 or George L. MacDermey, Elmira 4-6775.

Religious Themes

Chicago (AP) — Religious themes are becoming a growing feature of store window displays at Christmas time each year, according to Ted Lees, executive director of the National Association of Display and president of the Chicago Display Club.

Former Owego HNS Leaders Honored



GOLD PASTEREDAYE BUTTONS were presented by the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor to each of the former leaders of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick Church, Owego at a ceremony also including reception of new members. In photo (from left) V. Robert Simpson, present head; Emory J. Mullin, society's first presiding officer; Father O'Brien, J. Erwin Baker and Frank S. McGovern, John E. McManney, St. Immaculate preceding president was not present for picture. (Photo by Tubbs).

Past Presidents Feted, New Members Received

Owego — Reception of ten new members and presentation of past presidents' pins to four former presiding officers, were the highlights of a meeting of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick Church, Sunday evening.

The services began with the recitation of the Rosary, a short sermon and closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The pins were presented by the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor to Emory J. Mullin, the first president of the group, who served 1947-48; J. Erwin Baker, president from 1948-49; and Frank S. McGovern, 1950-51 and 52; John E. McManney, who presided from 1952 to 1954, was not present at this meeting, and he will receive his pins at a later date.

The new members accepted by the society included John Cavataio, George R. Bulake, James R. Rattis, Raymond E. Geddes, Roger L. Laimbay, Robert D. Bellinger, Gordon E. Bellinger, Clarence J. Delaney, Robert H. Lafferty and Dennis McGrath.

Altar Boys Guests

Owego — Altar Boys of St. Patrick's were guests at the first Christmas party of the parish on Thursday, Dec. 9. The affair was held in the parish hall.

Games were played, and gifts exchanged by those attending and these were followed by the showing of several reels of movies. Refreshments, from a gaily decorated table, with Christmas appointments, were served by a group of mothers of the Altar Boys.

The annual Christmas party for all the children of the school will be held Tuesday evening,

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Children's Party in Hammondsport

Hammondsport — The annual Christmas party for the children of St. Gabriel's Church of Hammondsport will be held Saturday, Dec. 18 at 3:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Festivities will include caroling, a series of cartoon films, the appearance of Santa Claus, refreshments and a talk on the Nativity by the Rev. John Brill, pastor.

Party arrangements have been made by Mrs. Frederick Ekel, Mrs. Michael Kearns, and Mrs. Donald Miller.

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