

Special Blessing Given St. Anthony Jubilarians



FIFTY YEARS MARRIED. Mr. and Mrs. Rosalia Cieri, members of St. Anthony Parish, Elmira, receive special blessing reserved for jubileans following Mass, Sunday morning. The Rev. William A. Burns, pastor, imparting the blessing, celebrated the Mass and received the renewal vows. The couple, together with their eight living children and members of their families received Holy Communion and attended a family Communion breakfast. Open house was held in the afternoon at the home on College Ave.

Christmas Party Set By Committee

Infant of Prague committee of Elmira, Ladies of Charity, will hold its Christmas party dinner Monday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mark Twain Hotel.

Mrs. James Caparulo was chosen chairman and will be assisted by Mrs. Anthony Bellizzi. Gifts will be exchanged and all members are asked to attend.

Character
Character follows a man to the far side of the earth, and faces him at the judgment bar.

'Nursing Is Source Of Grace' Nurses Told

Hornell.—The nursing profession as a means of personal sanctification was discussed by the Rev. Leo E. Lynch at a Communion breakfast of the Council of Catholic Nurses in St. James Mercy Hospital cafeteria.

Father Lynch, chaplain of St. James Mercy Hospital, is spiritual director of the Catholic nurses' organization.

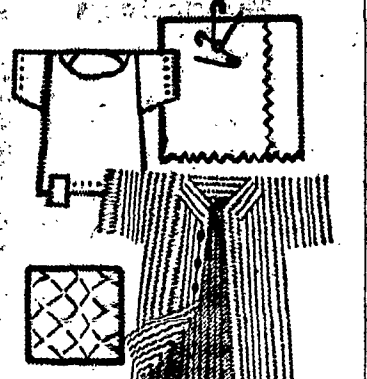
"Nursing is a source of grace since it consists of the corporal works of mercy. The nurse, in reality, has the opportunity to minister to members of the Mystical Body of Christ. Her hours of work make her the companion of the consoling Angel of Gethsemane. She stands beside St. Veronica, who presented her veil to the agonized Christ in His sorrowful journey to Calvary," Father Lynch said.

"The profession of nursing is meant to help bring greater love and glory to God by serving Him in His suffering members. It is meant to be a means of sanctifying the nurse, for it is her means of earning God's grace."

"If the nurse fails to appreciate her deep spiritual responsibility, she falls not only herself, but patient and her profession. But she first falls Almighty God."

Students
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A Terrifying Dream

By MARY E. FITZGERALD
Executive Director—Catholic Family Service

And it was not about mothers-in-law! I haven't forgotten my promise and some day soon, I will write about the Mothers-in-law you and I have known—God's own!

This is all about Jimmy and his dream that he died. Off Jimmy went right through the big gate but it wasn't at all like Heaven was supposed to be! No God, no Blessed Mother, no Saints, just dogs, reindeer, chimneys and "Santa Clauses" in red suits and all the usual trimmings.

There was a house—all over even more than Jimmy had seen on our city streets that day. He remembered that house, because he had heard his parents talking about it. His father had said: "How many Nativity scenes could they buy with all that money?" And his mom, who had just come back from a Community Chest Meeting, added: "Some of those thousands of dollars could be used to advance a few of the Christmas Agencies."

TINSEL AND BELLS! Jimmy dreamed he was chewing himself swallowing it, breathing it, that he was bound with endless ropes of it. It couldn't be Heaven! Where was the Christ Child—and the shepherds—and the angels? Then Jimmy woke up and suddenly he knew! He had just been to a Heaven, such as a Heaven would be if it followed the pattern of the Christmas cards that he had always sent to his friends!

"That settles it," says Jimmy. "Christian Christmas cards for me from now on. And I am going to find out more about St. Nicholas too, for I am answer some of the questions in favor of Santa Claus. His feast is December sixth, and you won't catch me forgetting it again."

Of course, your writer agrees with Jimmy and adds a personal reason, because even if I don't count them any more, this Feast is also my birthday. How much you children would love this Santa if they really knew him.

Even in the Heaven, such as a Heaven would be if it followed the pattern of the Christmas cards that he had always sent to his friends!

MY TELEPHONE is even busier than usual—these days, and believe me—I think twice before I answer some of the questions in favor of Santa Claus. His feast is December sixth, and you won't catch me forgetting it again."

"Do I think they should do away with Santa Claus suits? Would I discourage the sale of Christmas trees? Should we stop buying expensive presents? Well, at least Elmira and the neighboring communities are listening to the Christmas song "Christmas is Truly the Birthday of Christ."

We think perhaps you may find the answer about Santa in the story of St. Nicholas, who will be a reality and not a myth for your children. They won't outgrow him and complicate all your Christmas preparations for the younger children in your household.

There's one general rule for all the symbols of Christmas, some of which we explained to you last week. Just find out their spiritual significance and thus add new beauty and greater interest to the customs you have followed for years.

We will direct your attention to just one of those symbols so that you may still select a beautiful tree to serve as a background and not the center of your Christmas in 1955. And we can do this best by quoting for you the closing lines of the beautiful ceremony, "The Blessing of a Christmas Tree for the Home"—copies of which we will be happy to supply as a part of our editorial.

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Early reports from parishes of the diocese indicate that the recent Thanksgiving Clothing Collection, held here and throughout the nation for the benefit of the needy abroad, may exceed last year's record total of 100 tons, according to the Rev. E. Leo McManus, diocesan director.

SEVENTY-NINE parishes of the diocese have already shipped 153,578 pounds of clothing to the Bronx warehouse of the Catholic Relief Services-N.C.W.C. In the 1954 collection the same parishes had shipped a total of 119,727 pounds.

In the recent collection Sacred Heart Cathedral established a record by securing the largest individual total of 17,645 pounds of donated clothing. Other large donations were those of St. Margaret Mary (8,207 pounds), St. Charles Borromeo (7,224 pounds), Our Lady of Good Counsel (6,550 pounds), and Holy Rosary (6,000 pounds).

A complete report of parish contributions will be published in the Courier-Journal as soon as the individual parishes submit their totals to the diocesan director.

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Charter Presented Scout Troop

ST. CASIMIR'S SCOUT TROOP in Elmira is recipient of Charter presented by Gerald E. Hendy, district commissioner, Kanawatch District in Scouting ceremony. In photo, Commissioner Hendy presents charter to Edward R.

Lepkowski, institutional representative. Others in photo (from left) Rev. Leonard P. Kulawski, troop chaplain; Joseph R. Berneki, troop chairman and Joseph A. Givialis, scoutmaster.

Dr. Dineen Promoted To Commander

Corning.—The promotion of Dr. James Robert Dineen, formerly of Corning and a St. Mary Church parishioner, to the rank of commander in the U. S. Navy makes him, at the age of 34, one of the few naval officers ever to be advanced to lieutenant commander and then to commander with a six months period in peacetime.

Dr. Dineen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Dineen of 65 West Fourth St., Corning, and is a Corning Free Academy graduate with the class of 1939.

The naval officer is now stationed at Camp Lefebvre, N. C., where he was assigned June 1, following a tour of duty at Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. The former Corningite is the father of five sons, Michael, 9; Robert, 8; David, 6; Jeffrey, 2 and Kevin, 1. Mrs. Dineen, a graduate nurse, is the former Miss Dorothy Segar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Segar of Jamestown.

Commander Dineen received his medical degree from the University of Rochester, medical school and served an internship at Sampson Naval Base at the close of World War II. He served briefly as a physician at Annapolis with the Navy and began work in the field of orthopedic surgery at H. B. Philadelphia Naval Hospital.

Confidence in God
Cast yourself with confidence into the arms of God; and be sure of this: If He wants anything of you, He will fit you for your work and give you the strength to do it. — St. Philip Neri.

Former Boy Scouts Hold Reunion In Corning Hall

Corning.—The Rev. Thomas F. Brennan, pastor of St. Mary Church, was guest speaker at the first annual reunion banquet of former Scouts and Scouters of Troop 60 held at the Marconi Lodge a week ago. During the evening, a permanent organization of those in attendance was founded with Frank Fioravanti as charter president.

The hall was filled to capacity by some 140 Troop 60 "old timers," including charter members and the first leaders. The troop was chartered June 30, 1934.

Frank Yorlo was elected first vice president; Samuel Cuda, second vice president; Alfred Miller, third vice president; Joseph Leso, recording secretary; Francis Philip, treasurer and Michael Miller, historian.

Directors elected were Dr. Marion J. Chimera, Dr. Angelo A. Bufomante, Anthony Tammaro, Myron Cristaphio and Michael Salo.

The Rev. Thomas F. Brennan declared that "when you start a boy in scouting you are starting a good citizen on his way." He told the former Scouts that "it's not better men because of having been boy scouts the time of your leaders has been wasted."

A memorial to departed former Scouts and Scouters preceded the closing ceremony. The reunion was so successful that plans were started immediately for the second next year, when larger quarters will be sought and an attendance of 300 to 400 is expected.

One purpose of the reunion, according to Chairman Frank Yorlo and Co-Chairman Picarazzi, was to "rejuvenate your interest in Scouting and the problems that confront its leaders today, and that you will play a more active role in an organization of which we are all proud."

Handford Curtis of Corning, director of region two of the Boy Scouts of America, sent a congratulatory telegram to the reunion, lauding its leaders for developing and carrying through the reunion plans and for the work of the troop in the past.

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