



**NIMBLE FINGERS** of Theresa Angelo, Ann Coughlin, Ann Hochl, Frances Comerski and Mary Sue Mangan create Civil War costumes for Notre Dame High School Senior Play "Love Is Eternal" in Elmira, Saturday.

### Saturday Club Hears Talk On Blessed Candles

Hornell — "Blessed candles are symbolic of Christ's coming into the world to dispel the darkness of idolatry," the Rev. Leo A. Mans said at a First Saturday luncheon in the Moose Club.

Father Mans was guest speaker at the luncheon sponsored by the Steuben Deanery, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. There were approximately 60 women present.

On Candlemas Day, Feb. 2, is celebrated one of the oldest feasts of the Church, since it dates from the seventh century. Father Mans told the group.

THE FEAST of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is observed on Candlemas Day, recalls that Mary, in obedience to the Mosaic Law, went to the Temple forty days after the birth of her divine Son to receive a blessing and to make an offering of two turtle doves in thanksgiving. Father Mans continued.

Mary presented her divine Son to His Eternal Father in the Temple on that first Feast of the Purification. The prophet Simeon was moved to cry out in thanksgiving for having seen the divine Infant whom he termed: "A light to the revelation of the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel."

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence W. Gannon, V. F., spiritual director of the Steuben Deanery, expressed a "deep feeling of personal loss" in the transfer of Father Mans from St. Ann parish. Father Mans was appointed assistant pastor of St. Ambrose Church at Rochester.



VALENTINE DANCE to be held Feb. 15 at Columbus Center, Elmira, sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Mary Church, Horseheads is being planned above (from left): Joseph D. Almon, publicity; Stanley J. Minarski, decorations; the Rev. Francis J. Kelly, pastor and society moderator; Joseph J. Burzynski, refreshments, and Bernard J. Risse, co-chairman.

### Lenten Novena Opens Tuesday

Annual Lenten Novena in honor of Our Blessed Mother and St. Anthony will open in St. Anthony Church, Elmira, on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Closing will take place the Tuesday of Holy Week.

Services are held each Tuesday morning at 11:15 and again in the evening at 7:30. They include special Novena prayers, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the relics of St. Anthony.

### Dance To Benefit Church In Horseheads, Slated

Holy Name men of St. Mary Church, Horseheads will hold a Valentine Dance, open to the public on Friday, Feb. 15 in Columbus Center, Elmira. Proceeds will go into the church's building fund.

Ray Peterson and his orchestra will furnish music for dancing from 9 to 1. Tickets, can be obtained from any of the members or at the door.

BERNARD J. RISSE and Paul J. Burke are co-chairmen of the committee planning the dance. They are being assisted by M. Joseph Danaher and Bernard R. Weigle, tickets; Carl Hubert and Stanley J. Minarski, decorations; Joseph J. Burczynski and John Priskowski Jr., refreshments, and Joseph D. Almon and Larry Murphy, publicity.

Final details for the dance were to be made at a meeting of the society Thursday night in the church annex on John St.

### Book Tea Listed By Coming CDA

Coming — Plans for the annual Book Tea to be held in the rooms of Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America, were made at the monthly dinner meeting.

The Rev. William M. Roche, assistant diocesan superintendent of schools, Rochester, formerly of Corning, will be guest speaker. Mrs. Mary Gernon was appointed chairman of the affair to begin at 3 p.m.

### Civil War Play Scheduled By Notre Dame High Seniors

Civil War days will be relived on Notre Dame High School auditorium stage, Saturday, Feb. 9 in the senior presentation of "Love Is Eternal."

Supported by a cast of 30, Carol Ferguson will portray the winsome Mary Todd Lincoln. Nick Freije is cast as honest, outspoken Abe. Chip Butler, a fifth-grader from St. Patrick's, completes the Lincoln family as Tad.

The three-act play by Ruth Sargent includes scenes that occur in Lexington, Springfield and the White House. The eligible Mary Todd, sympathetic with Lincoln's moods, becomes the mature "First Lady" who suffers with her husband the stress and strain of Civil War days. Renditions of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "There's a Halm in Gilead" help create the atmosphere.

BACKSTAGE the production staff has oiled the wheels of progress. The wardrobe committee has "stitched in time" under the direction of Sister Mary Patrick. Ticket chairman Tom Wheeler and publicity chairman Peggy Miller and Marilyn Knuth have dotted Elmira with posters and secured time on TV and radio.

Stage manager Ed Cogswell and prompter Helen Boudas have served faithfully as understudies. Period furnishings have been gathered to add to the authenticity of the 19th century set. "Sell the House" (not once but twice) is the aim of the Seniors. The matinee begins at 3:00 p.m. and the evening performance at 8:15. The entire production is under the direction of Sister Mary Edwina.

### Day of Recollection Set At St. Anthony

Holy Name Society of St. Anthony parish, Elmira will sponsor a Day of Recollection on Sunday, Feb. 10. The group will receive Holy Communion at the 7:45 a.m. Mass and a Communion breakfast will follow in the Annex.

John D. Frawley, Elmira's City Auditor will be the guest speaker. The Rev. Father Roland J. M. of Padua High School, Watkins Glen will conduct the services in the church from 2 until 4:30 p.m.

### World's Youngest Bishop Is African

Katanga City — (NC) — The youngest Catholic bishop in the world is the son of an Eastern African chief. He is 30-year-old Auxiliary Bishop Maurice Otunga of Katumu, Kenya.

Bishop Otunga is the son of the late Chief Babukusu. Named to succeed his father, he renounced the tribal office in order to become a priest. Bishop Otunga was formerly secretary to the papal Delegate to East Africa. He was named bishop on Nov. 17.

### Registration Urged For Diocesan Camp

Camp Stella Maris announced today that the boys' encampment C (July 14-17) is completely filled. A limited number of boys will be accepted on the waiting list. There are still some vacancies in the other boys' and girls' encampments.

Due to heavy registration, camp officials advise parents to register immediately.

### Members Sought For HNS In Watkins Glen Parish

Watkins Glen — The Holy Name Society of St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen, is now in the final week of its annual membership drive. An intensive effort is being made by the Membership Committee under the leadership of Daniel Salvatore, chairman, to enroll all the men of the parish who do not belong to the Society.

The Rev. Benedict Ehmann, pastor, said "Every Catholic man should be a Holy Name man. This is the only enrollment of our parish men — the only affiliation we ask of them. It provides a means of pulling together for parish activity and for promoting the Kingdom of God here."

SPECIAL emphasis is being made upon the young men of the Parish, those 16 years of age or older. Anyone desiring membership in the Society or anyone

### Wanda Circle Lists Birthday Party

Wanda Circle Ladies of St. Casimir Church, Elmira, will have a Birthday and Valentine Party on Thursday, Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Hall.

Arrangements are in charge of the following: Co-chairmen, Mrs. Kate Apowich, Mrs. Alice Fredericks, assisted by: Mesdames Eva Tagg, Tekla Bulas, Anna Cowlitch, Josephine Gawronski, Gertrude David, Josephine Clark, Anna Gorski, Kate Drzewiecki, Ida Przygoda.

Inexpensive Valentine gifts are to be exchanged. The Ladies are making plans for a Pre-Lenten card party to be held on Tuesday, March 5. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Circle.



### 'Queen' To Take Pilgrims To Europe

THE "QUEEN ELIZABETH", largest passenger ship afloat, will take Courier Journal pilgrims to Europe for a 49 day summer tour of eight countries. Rochester travel agencies have announced five definite reservations have already been made for the trip. They urge inquirers to "book early" in order to secure best accommodations on the famed ship scheduled to sail June 12 from New York. A descriptive booklet is available free at Wylder's, DePrez, and Kalbfleisch travel bureau, Rochester, or from the Courier Journal office, 35 Solo St.

### DCCW Meets in Geneva

Geneva — The president of the eight-deanery Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women and diocesan chairman reported on activities of various affiliations at the quarterly meeting on Sunday in the Geneva Knights of Columbus Home.

Mrs. Theodore Strohmeyer, president, reported on the national convention held in Chicago.

The Rev. E. Leo McManus, moderator spoke on various workshops conducted, including those on opposition to obscene pictures and literature.

In the absence of Mrs. J. Howard Gonta, president of Geneva Deanery, who is ill, Miss Edith Chocchia, president, presided. Moderators attending were the Rev. Robert Smith, the Rev. Otto Vogt and the Rev. James M. Connel.

### Mrs. Gonta Heads DCCW; Family Retreats Planned

Corning — Mrs. Michael Gonta was elected president of the Corning District Council, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at the annual meeting held last Thursday evening in St. Patrick's school hall.

Named to serve with the new president were Mrs. Frank Hagarty, vice-president; Mrs. Paul Lovette, secretary; and Mrs. Charles Parker, treasurer.

MRS. PHILIP Grannan, as retiring president, gave a report on the 1956 activities, and Miss May Hart, chairman of the Foreign Relief reported that she had received many items of infant's clothing to be sent needy children in Europe.

Rev. James Slattery, moderator, addressed the group on family retreats slated for the near future. He thanked the women for their cooperation during the past year.

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### Lenten Discussion Club Booklet Named For 1957

"The Holy Spirit and His Work" by the Rev. Leo J. Tresse of Detroit, Mich. will be the Lenten Discussion Club Booklet for 1957, the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky, director of the Fraternity of Christian Doctrine announced today.

Lenten Discussion Clubs in the Diocese of Rochester carry on their programs from Ash Wednesday, March 6 to Easter Sunday, April 21. This year it is suggested by Father Schnacky that the clubs continue on after Lent. Some of the Chapter headings in this year's booklet are titled: "The Unknown Person, What is Grace? The Grace that Comes and Goes; Wellspring of Life; What is Merit? What is Virtue? Hope and Love and Wonders within us."

MEMBERSHIP Certificates will be issued at the end of Lent to all who have participated in the Lenten Discussion Club program. Cost of the booklet is fifty cents retail and the booklets will be delivered by Trant's, Father Schnacky said.

They may be ordered by sending a postcard to the Fraternity of Christian Doctrine, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester 4, N. Y.

### Library Tea Lists Musical, Review

Court St. Rita of Elmira Catholic Daughters of America and St. Christopher's Library will have a tea in the CDA rooms at the corner of State and East Church Streets, on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. Miss Margaret Reibel and Mrs. Catherine Evelyn are co-chairmen.

A musical program will be presented and Father Bartholomew O'Brien will give a book review. The public is invited.

### Student Nurses Retreat To End

Annual retreat for students of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing opened last Wednesday evening and will close with a Communion breakfast tomorrow morning.

Rev. George E. Flattery, S.J., Jeault Mission Band, Xavier High School of New York City is conducting the retreat.

Father Flattery suggested that each student make her preparation in union with Our Lady — through a Rosary Novena made in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. He placed his confidence for the success of the Retreat in the student prayerful preparation.

These are days of special grace in Holy Retreat, the priest said. Daily Mass, Holy Communion, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Spiritual reading and Meditation are the order of the day. Father Flattery is available for individual consultation with the students.

### St. Casimir Unit Slates Supper

Annual Pre-Lenten supper of the Rosary Society will be conducted by the members in St. Casimir School Hall, Elmira on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Services will be held in the church at 4:30 p.m. after school members will go to the school for supper.

Mrs. Leona Lepkowski is chairman assisted by Mesdames Veronica Sadonick, Louise Lepkowski, Bertha Miller, Tillie Wozniak, Helen Cloke, Wanda Wozniak, Martha Przygoda, Anna Palusiewicz, Sophie Stachowski, Caroline Drolek, Anna Zielinski and young women of the Sodality.

The Rev. Leonard P. Kulawski is moderator. The Society is working to install a stained glass window in the church.

**Reds At Mass**  
Vienna — (RNS) — High-ranking Hungarian government ministers, all Communists, attended a Roman Catholic Mass for the repose of the soul of the late President Theodore Koerner of Austria, the Budapest Radio reported.

**Miss McManus Head In 2 Dramas**  
Corning — Miss Madeline McManus of this city, sister of the Rev. Robert F. McManus of St. Bernard Seminary, Rochester, gave a program of dramatics last week at Notre Dame High School in Elmira and also at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart at Purchase.

### St. Michael School Room Hit By Fire, \$3,000 Damage

Fire swept a second floor classroom at St. Michael School, 845 Clifford Ave., Rochester Sunday, Feb. 3 causing damage estimated at \$3,000. Everything in the room was destroyed including numerous textbooks and desks.

School was closed Monday to enable the building to clear itself of smoke, according to the Rev. Arthur F. Florack, pastor.

An open house was held at the school from 2 to 5 p.m. the day of the fire for parents of the pupils. The school was vacant after that. The school building is about 18 years old.

The wrecked classroom housed about 40 children. Their classes will be held temporarily in another room in the building according to Father Florack.

In March, 1955, St. Michael Church was heavily damaged by fire. Damage at that time was about \$50,000.