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Notre Dame students Esther Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Edward Curtin, Sodality prefect, and Richard Buzako pack basket for an Elmira family's Christmas.

Notre Dame Highlights

By MARIE STEWART
Notre Dame High School will celebrate its annual Golden Mass on next Tuesday, December 22. Each Christmas the students are responsible for providing poor families in the Elmira area with food and gifts which are displayed at the Christmas Mass. The gifts are later delivered to the families by the officers of the school Sodality.

The history of the Golden Mass is long and colorful. Originally it received the name "Golden" from the Incarnation which is referred to as the "Golden Mystery" of our faith. The theme of the Mass, usually said on the ember Wednesday in Advent, is one of thanksgiving for the harvest and a day of praise and thankfulness for the benefits of the past season.

As in previous years, the students, prior to the Mass, will make monetary donations for the purchase of the perishables to be placed in the baskets. The Sodality officers, Edward Curtin, prefect, Cathy Ripley, vice-prefect, Anne Marie Lagonegro, secretary, and David Felner, treasurer will lead an offertory procession during which the money will be placed on the altar with the rest of the gifts.

Senior Anne Kromer, under the guidance of Sister Jane

Crusaders Downed By Corning West

By TONY CRESCENZI
Notre Dame's basketball team met defeat in their season debut December 8. Corning West was responsible for accomplishing the ruin of the Crusader inaugural in ND gym.

The final score of 78-57 gives a false indication of the game, which was closely fought for three periods. West's superior field goal shooting proved to be the difference. The Vikings hit on 45% of their shots while the Crusaders connected on only 29%.

Corning's Steve Burr was the game's top scorer with 21 points. Two of Burr's teammates Ruff Gestwicki and Don Congdon had 18 and 16 respectively. ND produced four men in double figures. Jim Merriam, a senior, netted 16 for top honors, followed by Mike Malone and Sy Zilinski with twelve each. Junior Jack Kent had ten.

Top rebounders in the game were Malone, Merriam and Corning's Gestwicki. The Crusaders traveled to Padua December 15. Padua displayed a fine offense in its 89-72 rout of Watkins Glen.

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Mrs. Thomas Funeral Held

Horseheads — Mrs. Mary O'Brian Thomas, 94, 4099 Rockwell Ave., died Nov. 30, 1964, in St. Joseph's Hospital Elmira.

Funeral services were held from Barrett's Funeral Home and St. Mary's Church, Horseheads, on Dec. 3.

A native of Corning, Mrs. Thomas attended St. Mary's School in 1915. She moved to Elmira and later to Horseheads where she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Catherine R. Dailey.

Mrs. Thomas was a member of St. Mary's Church and the Rosary and Altar Society in Horseheads.

Surviving are her daughters, Mrs. Dailey and Mrs. Lillian Aber of Horseheads; a brother, Arthur A. O'Brian of Corning; three sisters, Mrs. Orris J. Bendick and Mrs. Bert Harvey of Corning, and Mrs. Cecilia Cole of Blossburg, Pa., six grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Corning.

This week, at a special assembly, William Cady, Rosalie Fiori, Michael Murphy and Henry Lockwood will vie for the honor of representing Notre Dame. The special assembly is a requirement of the contest, the purpose of which is to "carry an understanding and appreciation of our American institutions and our privileges and duties as citizens to the high school students of the United States."

The speeches must be completed in the allotted eight to ten minutes and are to "stress the rights and privileges as well as duties and responsibilities of citizenship." No public address system may be used. Criteria for the judging includes presentation, poise, literary effectiveness, composition and accuracy.

On December 10, another "Book-Sandwiched-In" program was presented to the students by Doctor Samuel Shaw, professor of English at Elmira College.

Doctor Shaw spoke to the students about the present day college English courses. The attending seniors were encouraged to participate in a question and answer period, after doctor Shaw's short talk.

"Books-Sandwiched-In" is a well attended innovation here at Notre Dame. It runs for most of three periods on the third Thursday of each month. Previous programs have included a book review, and a "first introduction" to jazz. Attendance is non-compulsory and the programs, which are held in the library, are open to any student who has a lunch or study period between 11:45 and 1:00. The audience is allowed to bring and eat lunches during the program, thus explaining the name of our "literary lunches."

25 Years Ago

(From files of Catholic Courier, Dec. 21, 1939)

Rev. John W. Meyer, C.S.B., Aquinas Institute librarian and English department head, now at University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas was ordained in St. Basil Church, Toronto. Father Meyer is a former public school teacher and a convert from Lutheranism in 1938.

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