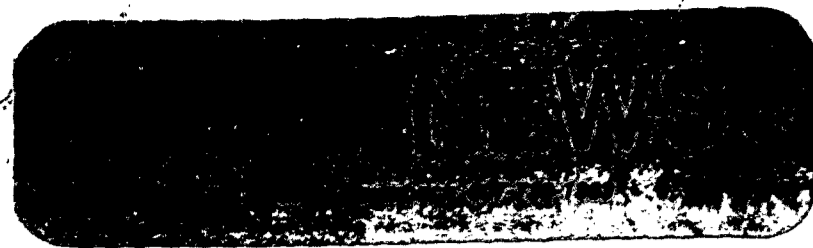




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### Icy Scene

The recent blizzard which blanketed upstate New York with heaviest snowfall of the year left its mark on all the fields and meadows where the plows cannot reach. This view shows a field still covered with the icy remains of the storm, but underneath sap is starting to flow and spring is coming.



## Junior Legion Plans Sunday Youth Program

**Horseheads**—A special youth program, sponsored by the Junior Legion of Mary of St. Mary Our Mother Church, will be held March 5 from 2 to 5:15 p.m. in the parish hall.

The program, titled "Youth Let's Get Together", will present five guest speakers. Father Foster Rogers of Elmira will speak on the Ten Commandments. A workshop will follow.

Other speakers will be a

guest couple who will talk about their teenage marriage. Two sisters will discuss the topic "Why the Religious Life?"

Refreshments will be served. A liturgy created by members of the Junior Legion will close the program.

All young people are invited to attend the session, with special emphasis being placed on junior high school students.

## Apalachin Group Meets Tonight

**Apalachia** — Candle making will be the topic at the regular meeting tonight, March 1, of the Rosary and Altar Society of St. Margaret Mary's Church.

A history of candle making will be presented by Mr. and Mrs. R. Banner and there will be a demonstration of the craft. An admission of \$1 per person, plus a candle will be asked. All women in the area are invited.

## Summer in France Program Set

**Elmira** — High school students interested in participating this summer in a summer study program in France should contact Sister M. Edwina of the Notre Dame High School French Department.

She will be chaperoning a group to France under the auspices of the American Institute for Foreign Study. Further details may be obtained by calling Sister Edwina evenings at 607-732-6295.

## Tournament Set For Cheerleaders

**Elmira** — The annual cheerleading tournament sponsored by the Chemung County CYO will be held March 4 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's parish hall.

Eighteen teams representing area parishes will participate.

Trophies will be awarded in three divisions: fifth and sixth grade, seventh and eighth grade and high school. The trophies will be presented at the annual CYO communion breakfast March 14 at Notre Dame High School.

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## 87 Years Old and 'Roughing It'

"I wanted to go to New Guinea because I like to rough it," explains Sister Frances Bott, a native Rochesterian. The soft-spoken, 87-year-old Holy Spirit Missionary Sister celebrated 50 years of service in New Guinea on Feb. 22.

Sister Frances was a member of Holy Redeemer Parish and attended Holy Redeemer School and Nazareth Academy before she entered the Congregation of the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters in Techny, Ill., at the age of 34. She took her vows on Jan. 7, 1921, and received her missionary appointment to New Guinea a year later. She and her three companion sisters were to become the first American nuns on the mainland of northeastern New Guinea.

Sister Frances has said she has no desire to return to the United States. "The people of New Guinea are my people," she says. "Here I've lived and here I want to die."

Bogla, a village on the top of a steep hill rising from the water 100 miles up the coast from Alexishafen, the main station of the missionaries, was Sister Frances' first assignment. It didn't take her long to learn the native dialect of the region, as well as pidgin English, and German, the language of most of the missionaries.

When World War II struck New Guinea in 1942, Sister Frances and the other missionaries were taken captive by the Japanese. As the Americans closed in, the Japanese fled with their prisoners on the ill-fated warship, "Dorish



Maru.' On Feb. 6, 1944, the ship was heavily strafed by American planes, and 46 missionaries were killed. More died later from wounds. Only five sisters escaped without injury — Sister Frances was one of them.

The Japanese and their prisoners spent the next three months dodging American bombers and mosquitoes in the jungle. They were finally res-

cued by the Americans on April 25 at Koja. The missionaries were taken to Australia to recuperate.

Sister Frances, the youngest of nine children, is the only surviving member of her immediate family. Her living relatives in Rochester include five nephews, two nieces and a sister-in-law. They recently had a Mass in her honor at St. Ann's Home.