Slaying Victim Mourned By St. Patrick's School

By DICK BAUMBACH

Elmira — Timothy Schmidt, an eighth grade student at St. Patrick's Junior High School here, won't be experiencing the fun of joining activities with his classmates, won't be worrying about his upcoming examinations and won't be graduating with his class in June. Timothy Schmidt was found slain Wednesday afternoon.

The 14-year-old student's body was found in a shallow grave some 75 to 100 yards from the Chemung River. The eighth grader had been missing from his home since 4:30 p.m. last Monday.

School officials were notified Tuesday morning that the boy still had not returned home.

The horrible truth surfaced Wednesday when police, who were searching for the youngster, uncovered the grave. Less than 12 hours after the boy was found, police charged another Elmira youth with Timothy's murder.

David Goodwin, 17, has been charged in the death.

He is being held without bail in the Chemung County Jail while waiting grand jury action.

1st Communion Classes Set For Parents

Corning — Parents of children attending the religious instruction classes at St. Mary's Church here have been invited to a special meeting Monday to discuss First Communion programs.

The meeting will begin at 8:15 p.m. in the church. It is hoped that at least one parent of a First Communicant will be able to attend the session, which should last no longer than 45 minutes.

The session has been called in order to go over with parents the plan for First Communion instructions and to explain what is required of a child to receive the Holy Eucharist.

First Lecture In Series Held

West Elmira — The preliminary lecture on religion was held Saturday at Our Lady of Lourdes here to assist individuals planning to attend the 12 lectures and workshops on the subject scheduled for 1972-73.

Father Thomas Berry, a Passionist and a Professor of the History of Religions at Fordham University, spoke on Symbolism at the preliminary lecture. Father Berry also is the founder, and director of the Riverside Center for Religious Research.

Business In the Diocese



Edwin Dolan from St. Monica's Parish will serve Opera Theater of Rochester as technical director for the season, which opens on the Sastman Stage. Nov. 3 with Lee Holby's opera. Summer and Smoke, taken from a Tennessee William's play.





TIMOTHY SCHMIDT

For Timothy his life ended, according to the county medical examiner, some time before 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The dead youth was described by his principal as an average student who had a "very nice personality." Sister Claire Franthe eight Patrick's.

ces, the principal, said, "His classmates liked him and he was friendly with the teachers."

In respect to Timothy, a special Mass was celebrated Thursday. The entire student body and faculty turned out for the sevice in St. Patrick's Church.

Saturday many of his classmates and teachers were at St. Patrick's as the Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated for Timothy.

He was buried later that day at St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery in Elmira.

For the rest of the students at St. Patrick's Timothy might be gone from their sight, but he will always remain a member of their class. Timothy's twin brother, Tommy, is also a member of the eighth grade class at St. Patrick's.



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