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TONIGHT at 8:15

THE STAGE CREW for the annual Southside High School Senior Class play, "Lilies of the Field," puts the finishing touches on some of the scenery. The production has its premiere tonight at 8:15 and will be repeated Saturday evening.

HARRY DUNLAP helps Wilma Cole with her makeup for "Lilies of the Field."

College Band To Feature First League Program

The Mansfield State Teachers College Symphonic Band of 70 pieces will be a feature of the Arctic League radio program over Station WENY from 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. Sunday.

The Mansfield organization will come to Elmira at its own expense to donate its services to the Arctic League. The band, conducted by George Salade Howard, is one of the outstanding in the country.

The Elmira College Glee Club of 90 voices under the direction of Gwynn S. Bement, the radio staff orchestra of 14 pieces under the direction of Harry Springer, the Western Ramblers and the Rohans will be the other instrumental and vocal groups on the program.

Mrs. Joseph Keefe, Edward L. Monroe and Jerry Smith will be the vocal soloists. Miss Loretta Ryan and Mr. Springer will furnish organ and piano accompaniments.

Franklin K. Iszard, president of the Arctic League, will give a short address outlining the work of the organization. Frank Tripp will be master of ceremonies.

The broadcast Sunday will be the first of three programs under the auspices of the Arctic League in its campaign to raise funds for the purchase of Christmas gifts for needy children of the community.

The second and third programs will be presented on the succeeding Sunday afternoons.

The program will originate in the ballroom of the Mark Twain Hotel. It will be the first time that the program has been presented over Station WENY. In previous years the broadcast has been given over Station WESG.

The committee in charge of the broadcast is composed of John T. Calkins, chairman; Dale L. Taylor, Joseph Spiegel, Harry M. Haskell, Dr. Walter C. Ervin, William M. Lande, Hal Wagner, Roland D. Hunter, Mr. Tripp and Mr. Springer.

The radio audience will be invited to request that their favorite numbers be played or sung by the artists. Pledges accompanying the requests will be acknowledged during the program.

Final Happy Landing

FLIGHT "30." This Martin dive bomber, pride of the Philadelphia Navy Yard eight years ago, made its final landing at Elmira Airport Thursday. Gift of the Navy to the Elmira aviation ground school, it will be used for instruction in military aircraft design. In lower photo, Floyd J. Sweet, ground school director, is signing the release papers brought by Navy Pilots Gierisch and Desjardins when they delivered the plane.

U. S. to Train Plane Pilots In 6 Cities

Elmira was ignored when the Civil Aeronautics Authority selected six upstate cities today for flight training of non-college citizens.

Dansville, Endicott-Binghamton, Glens Falls, Rochester, Syracuse and Utica were among communities designated.

The Authority announced that ground courses would be established in 70 cities throughout the country. In each city 10 youths between the ages of 18 and 25 years will be selected for flight training.

Lack of airport facilities is believed to be responsible for failure to give recognition to Elmira.

The courses will be the same as those provided for colleges under the Civilian Pilot Training Act for which Congress has appropriated four million dollars. The act required that at least five per cent of those trained be non-college students.

Ground courses will be started at once. When they are completed, 10 students in each of the communities will be selected on a competitive basis in examinations to take flight training between Apr. 1 and Sept. 1.

Selection of the students, institutions for the ground courses and instructors were left in local hands, except that all qualifications must meet requirements of the CAA. The local sponsors are Chambers of Commerce, educational institutions and outstanding aviation or civic organizations.

Women will be admitted without restriction to the ground courses but only one will be permitted in each flying class of 10.

Funeral Directors Outline Program

Plans for a series of educational meetings were made by the executive committee of the Finger Lakes District, New York State Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, at a meeting in Ithaca Thursday night. Arrangements for a meeting in January with a ladies' night program were also discussed.

Present were Stephen L. Wilson of Elmira, Myron Miller of Candor, Earl Wright of Cortland, Lester Geer of Waverly, Ray Horton of Odessa.

Preparations Continued For Mercantile Building

Preparations for the construction of a mercantile building on the Langdon property at Church and N. Main Sts., were continued today by Field Architect Carl Anis of the Garrick Construction Company in the expectation that the arrangements for the purchase of the site wil lbe completed soon.

Mr. Anis reported that he had been advised by the Buffalo syndicate which will sponsor the erection of the building that title to the property will be taken in a few days.

Subcontracts for various phases of the work have been prepared and will be signed as soon as authorization is received to proceed.

Mr. Anis had planned to start work Thursday but learned that the Buffalo syndicate had not completed its negotiations for purchase of the site.

Death Claims Store Owner

W. Lewis Wanamaker of 738 W. First St., who conducted a paint and wallpaper store on Water St. for 10 years, died Thursday night after an extended illness.

Prior to the time he entered business, Mr. Wanamaker was service manager of the American-LaFrance-Foamite Corporation for 10 years. He was born in Erin and spent the greater part of his life in Elmira. He was graduated from the Elmira Free Academy in 1900 and Cortland Normal School in 1912. He at one time was principal of schools in Wellsburg, New Haven, Conn. and Long Branch, N. J.

Mr. Wanamaker was a member of Lodge 350 F&AM; Washington Chapter, RAM; Suffield, Conn.; Victory Lodge, IOOF, Wellsburg; St. Omer's Commandery.

College Professor To Review Book

Prof. Sophie Davis of Elmira College will review "Seasoned Timber," novel of school life in Vermont by Dorothy Canfield, Monday at 7:45 p. m. at the YWCA.

The event is the third in a series of book reviews sponsored by the YW to which the public is invited without charge. Miss Helen Mallory, book review committee chairman, will preside and introduce the speaker.

Arctic League Fund Reaches Mark of $837

Gifts to the Arctic League Christmas Fund totalled $80 Thursday for a grand total of $837.17 to date.

New contributors toward the $10,000 goal are:

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McGrath, Catherine Crowe, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Deutschman, D. J. Connelly, Margaret L. Mangan, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Rockwell, Miss Claribel Rockwell, Hobert H. Rockwell, Joseph F. Kienzle, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Genger, in memory of James Mangan.

Frances Slattery, Willing Workers of Grace Church, Jeannette Horick, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Baldwin, M. Ethel Nichols, Alice Scott, Will Scott, Richard P. Seem, L. E. Pitcher, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Krowl, John J. Gallavan and G. D. Kennedy.

Home Bureau Head To Be Hostess

Members of the Chemung County Home Bureau Executive Committee will be luncheon guests of Mrs. Charlotte K. Runey, Horseheads, county agent, Monday when the present committee will hold its final session.

The meeting is scheduled for 11 a. m. Reports of the State Federation conference in Syracuse will be given by Mrs. Benjamin Turner and Mrs. Giles Hollenbeck.

JUNIOR BUREAU MEETS

The Junior Home Bureau will meet Tuesday at 8 p. m. in the Home Service Rooms of the New York State Electric and Gas Corp. for the final lesson in crafts.

County Health Laboratory Plan Is Delayed to Await More Data

WPA Gives Approval on Big Sewer Project Here

The WPA has approved a blanket program covering construction of new city sewer lines at a total estimated cost of $383,049, Carlisle Pontius, district WPA director, announced today.

The WPA share will be $243,616, and the city's, $139,433.

As was true in the case of the million-dollar street repair project approved by the WPA last week, the work may be spread over two or three years. The city will submit specific projects from time to time, and will not be forced to spend its entire share of $139,433 in a single year in order to protect the allocation.

However, the city will not have to wait until spring to begin the sewer program. Sewer construction is winter as well as summer work, and projects can begin as soon as the city submits them and the WPA approves. Some of the work financed by the blanket program may begin within a few weeks, thus permitting WPA employment to continue at a comparatively high level during the winter.

Much of the sewer work contemplated in the blanket WPA program was originally slated to be done as a supplementary WPA sewer project. This was abandoned when PWA funds became exhausted.

The citywide sewer program approved today has no connection with the Lower Maple Ave.-Milton St. project, approval of which was also announced by the WPA today. This was part of last year's blanket sewer program and work will begin next Monday.

Star-Gazette Workers to Share Profits

All full-time employes of The Elmira Star-Gazette, who have completed at least one year's service by Dec. 31 will participate in the 1939 profits, it was announced today by J. T. Calkins, general manager of the company.

Basis for profit sharing will be the same as that of Gannett Company, Inc. Ten per cent of the profits for 1939 will be distributed among employes on a pro rata share of their earnings for the five years ending with the last of this month. Checks will be distributed to employes on or before Feb. 15, 1940, or as soon as the year's profits are known.

Action of Gannett Company Inc., for its employes and recommendation that the associated companies take similar action, is in accord with Frank Gannett's long-time advocacy of employe participation in earnings.

TODAY

In Elmira
Dec. 8, 1939

Christmas Carols—

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

"What child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?...."

Carols often sprang from the most natural source for merry-making—the folksongs and dances. The melody for this one is that of an old English ballad, known as "Greensleves," first printed in 1580. The words were written in the 1880s by William C. Dix.

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13 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

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8:15—Southside High School Senior Class presents annual play in school auditorium.

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Tomorrow—

6:30 p. m.—Elks banquet at Market St. home, with Coach Carl Snavely of Cornell University speaker.

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Hospital Notes

Treated: Stephen McMillan, 14, of 910 Bridgman St., at St. Joeph's Thursday afternoon for right eyelid cut received while playing basketball at the Diven School.

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Licenses to Wed

Robert Morash, Newfield, and Mary Crawford, 622 Winsor Ave. Future address, Ithaca.

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The Weather—

Eastern New York: Partly cloudy and colder tonight; Saturday fair.

Western New York: Cloudy tonight; slightly colder in southeast portion. Saturday fair, with slowly rising temperature.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy and colder tonight; Saturday fair.

ELMIRA TEMPERATURES

Extreme temperatures in Elmira and vicinity for the 24 hours ended at 9:30 a. m. Friday were:

MAXIMUM, 56; MINIMUM, 30.

1939			DECEMBER			1939
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24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Information On Economy Claims Asked By Hospitals

Prospects of immediate action on establishment of a county health laboratory appeared dim today after a joint meeting of representatives of the directors of the Arnot-Ogden and St. Joseph's Hospitals, and the Chemung County Medical Society.

The joint session was held Thursday night in the offices of Atty. John E. Sullivan, chairman of the St. Joseph's board.

After a lengthy discussion, the hospital directors requested the physicians for specific information concerning claimed economies under the county laboratory plan. They also asked the physicians to estimate how much it would cost to buy equipment which would enable the hospital laboratories to do the public health laboratory work for the city and county.

The hospital laboratories now do clinical work for individual patients, while the public health laboratory work is done by Dr. Anna M. Stuart, city and county bacteriologist, who will relinquish her public post early next year.

The county medical society had recommended that the two hospital laboratories be used as a county laboratory, to be controlled and maintained by a Board of Managers appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The county laboratory would do both clinical and public health work.

Staff salaries and operation costs would be borne by the county with the aid of the state, and fees from individual patients would revert to the county.

The hospitals, it is understood, would not be willing to relinquish control of their laboratories to the county and state, unless the physicians can prove to the satisfaction of the hospital directors that the county laboratory plan is superior to and more economical than the present system.

If the county laboratory plan is not adopted, the hospitals may reach agreements with the city and county under which their laboratories would contract for the public health work now done by Dr. Stuart. Under this system the hospitals would retain control of the laboratories.

The physicians indicated they would be able to give the hospitals' directors the required information within a few days. However, it is extremely doubtful if a county laboratory plan could be worked out before the Board of Supervisors adopts its budget. The county budget will probably be adopted next week.

The supervisors have yet to receive any proposal from the medical society, and will doubtless include in the budget the usual appropriation for county health work. This runs between $45,000 and $50,000, and finances the county sanitorium, county preventorium, county health nurses, and other county health expenses.

If it was later decided to create a county health laboratory, the supervisors could make an additional appropriation if necessary, it is understood.

Representing the Arnot-Ogden at the meeting were Dr. Arthur W. Booth, chief of staff and Trustees Alexander Diven, chairman, Isaac Baldwin, Frederick H. Swan and Halsey Sayles.

Representing St. Joseph's were Dr. William T. Boland, chief of staff, Trustees J. John Hassett Sr., Atty. Cornelius O'Dea and Chairman Sullivan.

Dr. George R. Murphy, as president-elect of the medical society, also was present.

Snow, Snow, Beautiful Snow—

FOOTBALLS OR SNOWBALLS? Gloomy prospects for further pigskin pushing prevailed at Arnot Playground this morning when the winter's first snowfall swept the gridiron during an impromptu Catholic High soph-frosh game. The stymied players are Billy Ryll, Dick Hoffman and Jim McGann.

WPA Approves City Sewer Line Project

WPA approval of a city project to build 3,900 feet of new sanitary and storm sewer line on Lower Maple Ave. and Milton St. was announced today.

The total cost will be $26,811, with the city paying $7,541, and the WPA $19,270. The project will provide three months employment for an average of 120 men. Work will begin next Monday.

The new line will be 15-inch concrete pipe. It will begin at the city line on Lower Maple Ave. and run north to Milton St. and east on Milton St. to connect with the main trunk line leading into the sewage treatment plant.

Grant Co. to Pay Bonus to Employes

Employes of the Elmira store of W. T. Grant Company will share in a bonus to be distributed by the concern to part-time and full-time workers who have six months or more of service. The distribution will be made the week before Christmas.

About 14,000 employes in 497 stores operated by the company will receive a bonus. The distribution this year will be considerably larger than in 1938, according to John E. Foster, personnel director.

Private Job Placements Exceed Seven-Year High in November, State Employment Office Says

Indicative of an up-trend in business conditions of this locality is the large number of placements in private industry reported by the Elmira office of the New York State Employment Service for November, according to Webster W. Eaton, office manager.

Of a total of 481 placed during November, 156 were permanent positions, 325 temporary, that is, for less than one month. Thirty placements were in public works jobs; 451 with industrial, commercial and other private employers. Private placements were highest for any November in the past seven years. Figures previous to 1933 are not available, Mr. Eaton said.

Total placements for November exceed the total for October by 20. Private placements for November top private placements for October by 7. Mr. Eaton views this trend of employment upward from October to November, a condition contrary to normal, as an encouraging sign.

However, Mr. Eaton pointed out, there remain actively registered for employment a total of 2,149 applicants for Elmira and vicinity; 179 for Corning and vicinity, and 90 for Waverly and vicinity. The applicants are registered in all categories.

Types of positions filled during November are as follows: 42 placements were made in industrial concerns; 68 in commercial; 49 in service jobs and restaurants, hotels, institutions, etc.; 208 in private homes, 69 farmhands and laborers were placed and 45 young people without work experience found regular and temporary positions through the service of this local office.

Private placements made by the Elmira office for six years previous to 1939 are listed as follows by means of comparison:

1938	316
1937	362
1936	422
1935	198
1934	358
1933	262

Mr. Eaton points out that in 1935 the office was handling the original placements on WPA projects and during that month 421 were placed in such jobs.

Gas Station Is Damaged By Flames

A gas station at 600 William St., across from the Elmira Free Academy, was badly damaged at 11:44 a. m. today when flames caused by a heating unit for the water boiler swept the interior.

Operator of the station is Vernon McGrain, 457 Standish St. The property is owned by Mrs. Bert Roy of Wellsburg.

Two engines and two trucks responded to a telephone alarm and extinguished the fire with one line of hose. Exterior of the building was unharmed.

Girls to Aid In Christmas Seal Sale

Young girls, garbed in white capes bearing a red double-barred cross, will be stationed in banks and the postoffice Saturday morning to provide Christmas Seals for any who need them.

For several years, girls have volunteered for the annual Christmas Seal drive for funds to fight tuberculosis. Displaying the seals at these convenient locations enables whose who have not received Christmas Seals through the mail to share in the health campaign.

In charge of the booth sales this year is Mrs. A. Marshall Lowman.

LOYAL CHAPTER MEET

Loyal Chapter meeting will be held Saturday at 8 p. m. at the temple. Dues will be received and officers elected.

War in Europe or No—Christmas Gift Prices Still at Level of 1938

Elmirans are paying no more for Christmas gits this year than last although higher prices might have been expected because of the European war.

Comparison in jewelry, furniture and department stores, shows that the items on which prices have been raised, are very few. In fact of the hundreds of items in the department stores, not more than a dozen have been affected by conditions abroad.

Even the "war babies" of retail lines, such as woolens and linens, are at the 1938 level so far as the consumer is concerned.

Maintenance of prices is due largely to the fact that fall and winter stocks were purchased before war broke out in September. Merchants, however, are positive that replacements will bring an upward trend.

Elmira is no different from the rest of the country in this respect. Retailers everywhere have been successful in holding prices down. In some instances they have absorbed five to 10 per cent increases from wholesalers to prevent any change in the price to the consumer.

Raw wool prices have increased sharply but that has had no effect yet on finished goods. This is largely due to the purchase of present stocks before the rise but consumers can expect higher prices next spring and fall when new stocks of merchandise go on the counters.

Toys for this Christmas were purchased last summer. The toy fair was held in March and orders were placed by May or June at the latest. Steel toys coming out of the factories now are higher in price but most retailers already are supplied. The United States has been the world's toy center for years and few toys have been purchased from Germany and Japan since the development of the American industry.

Czechoslovakia formerly furnished American stores with much of their linen but changed conditions in that country have had no effect upon retail prices. The supply was either plentiful or a new source was found, it is said.

Silk prices started upward long before the war started in Europe and there has been some increase in hosiery and lingerie. However, in most cases manufacturers had absorbed this.

In furniture stores prices are generally the same as in 1938 with some items up slightly and others down in like proportion. Rugs in stock are being sold without any mark-up although the wholesale price is higher and when rugs are purchased by special order, there is an increase of about five per cent. Living room suites are unchanged despite increased cost of wool coverings.

Jewelers report no great price change although the diamond market is uncertain. Diamond cutters in Belgium and Holland have left their trade to shoulder arms and new purchases reffect the consequent scarcity. Small diamonds are particularly difficult to obtain because Great Britain, which controls the market, has placed a curb on distribution so that Germany cannot get them for industrial purposes. Usually, the poorest quality of diamonds is used for drills and other tools, but England fears Germany will pay a higher price for the better grade in order to fill its industrial needs.

Sterling silver prices are unchanged and silver plate prices reflect the effort of manufacturers to absorb the increase in the price of the basic metal.