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Items of Interest from WHAM

Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., will conclude his series of talks when he discusses "The Sacred Duty of Speaking True" during the Catholic Hour to be broadcast by an NBC network through WBEN, Buffalo, at 6 o'clock Sunday, December 28th. A program of Christmas music will be presented by the Mediaevalists, a mixed octet.

The joyous Christmas season will receive a mighty salute at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 28th, when nine choral societies and the Rochester Civic Orchestra combine in presenting a concert from WHAM.

It is estimated that over 500 musicians will unite under Guy Fraser Harrison's direction in the performance of such yuletide hymns as "Adeste Fideles" and "Silent Night." The organizations to be heard include the Chadwick Chorus, the Catholic Women's Chorus, St. Paul's Choir, the Reformation Choir, and a male chorus of 200 voices, comprising the Knights of Columbus, the Elks Male Chorus, Damascus Temple and the male section of the Rochester Festival Chorus.

Edward Grieg, at his best in the smaller forms of musical composition, will be interpreted by Arthur Foreman, oboe soloist, and the Rochester Civic Orchestra during the Stromberg-Carlson Program to be broadcast from WHAM at 10 o'clock Monday night, December 29th. The solo selection is the Norwegian's "Evening in the Mountains."

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We meet both joy and pain,
And yet we have more sunny days
Than we have days of rain.

And as we're looking for the dawn
Of Nineteen-thirty-one,
What e'er betide let us daily pray,
"Dear Lord, Thy will be done."

We know not what the year will bring,
How much of joy or pain;
But if we, smiling, meet each blow,
Life will not be in vain.

Our God to us is kind, indeed,
He gives to us each year;
So let us thank Him on each day
While we are living here.

Then when our final earthly year
At last has come and gone,
We shall awaken from death's sleep
Upon a fairer dawn.

So, let us keep this thought in mind
All through the coming year,
If so, 'twill surely be for us
A twelve-month full of cheer.

With each year life much shorter grows,
One year is not so long;
So let us meet with smiling face
Its sorrow and its song.

And as the old year soon must end—
Ah! Yes, its end is near—
I wish to each and all of you
A happy, bright, New Year.

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Lady of Lourdes Quartette Sang Midnight Mass

A solemn high mass was sung in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Corono Street and Rhinecliff Drive, at midnight on Christmas, with the pastor, the Rev. Frank W. Mason, as celebrant.



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celebrant. There was a capacity congregation in attendance, and an especially beautiful program of music was rendered by the church choir, under the direction of choirmaster, Robert M. Bestor, with Miss Edna Hansen at the organ.

Our Lady of Lourdes Quartette sang Stehler's "Salve Regina" at the midnight mass, "Silent Night," a soprano solo, was sung by Mrs. T. Gentry Veal. The congregation was delighted with the music, and the organist and choirmaster were highly complimented for the excellence of the program rendered.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Charles Ward of The Sagamore is spending the Winter in California.

Miss Elizabeth Murray of Strathallen Park entertained informally at luncheon recently at the Century Club.

Fred L. Houck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Houck of Culver Road, returned Saturday from Ohio State University, to spend the holidays with his parents.

Charles Clement Hetzler of New York City is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Hetzler of Lake Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Tudor V. Hughes and their daughter, Charlotte, of Ridge Road East, sailed Saturday on the S. S. Lafayette for a cruise of the West Indies.

Charles E. Callahan, Jr., returned from New York University Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Callahan of Seneca Parkway.

Mrs. Edward G. Hartel of Lake View Park gave a luncheon and bridge Saturday in honor of Mrs. Frank E. Deavenport, who left for Florida early in the week.

Charles Futherer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Futherer of Seneca Parkway, returned Friday from McGill University, Montreal, for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Mona Sheehan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sheehan of Gorsline Street is home from St. Mary-of-the-Wood's College, Indiana, for the holiday season.

Miss Joan Hodges is home from Rosemary Hall, Connecticut, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman P. Hodges of Elmwood Avenue.

Miss Mary Elizabeth O'Connell of Winona Boulevard has returned from New Rochelle College to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. O'Connell.

Miss Eileen Rosenbach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rosenbach of Main Street West, has returned from the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

The Misses Ruth and Gertrude Curran arrived home Saturday from St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Md., to spend the Christmas holidays with their sister, Mrs. Howard L. Van Order of Parkville Avenue.

Miss Margaret M. Hanna of Mercyhurst College at Erie, Pa., returned Saturday to pass the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Hanna of Wellington Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Adlan G. Devine of Elmwood Avenue entertained at dinner Monday evening preceding the dance to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winslow Smith for their daughter, Miss Barbara Smith, at the Genesee Valley Club.

George M. Hook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Hook of Saranac Street, who graduated from St. Bonaventure College last Spring, returned Friday from an extended trip through the Southwest. He spent six months traveling through Mexico, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and California. After the first of the year he will take a position with an insurance company in Philadelphia.

Party Planned By Knight Klub For Saturday Eve

The newly organized Knight Klub of the Rochester Knights of Columbus will hold a Christmas week dance in the ball room of the Columbus Civic Center on Saturday evening this week, December 27th. Miss Gladys Bliss will be hostess. Arrangements are being made by the following: Entertainment, James Ryan, Jr.; refreshments, Norman O'Brien; door, James Garcia; publicity, Edward W. MacGrath; floor, Frank Schneider.

Grand Knight John A. Doyle and Mrs. Doyle will head the reception committee with other officers and their wives, including deputy grand knight, Norbert Streb; chancellor, James E. Cuff; warden, Leo F. Rombaut; advocate, Frederick J. Misk; financial secretary, Raymond J. Curran; recorder, Thomas H. O'Connell; treasurer, George W. Reiner; judge of law, William Kinn; outside guard, Angelo Di Stasi; inside guard, James F. Jones, Cyril J. Statt and Andrew J. Schell.

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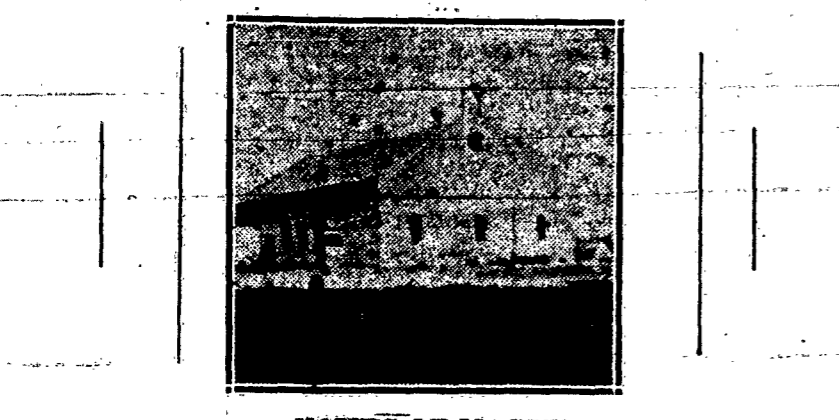
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500 Children To Have Party 3 P. M. Sunday

Catholic Women's Club Will Have Christmas Tree in Church of Annunciation—Daniel Donahue Santa Claus.

Centered around a huge Christmas tree presided over by Daniel Donahue, playing the part of Santa Claus, 500 little children will celebrate their annual Christmas party at the Church of the Annunciation in Norton Street Sunday at 3 o'clock, as guests of the Catholic Women's Club, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Edward J. Rooney.

Before beginning the festivities of the tree in the Church Hall, the children will be presented for greetings of their pastor, Rev. George J. Weinmann, to be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. In addition to stockings filled with Christmas goodies and toys, each child will receive a religious Christmas Card, and those old enough to read will be presented with a prayer book, and the children of kindergarten age will be given a medal to be worn in honor of Mary, the Mother of the Child, Jesus.

Invitation is extended to Club members and their friends to come to the party at three o'clock.

While the festivities of the trees are going on, the Club Chorus will be taking part in the Community Christmas Concert of the Civic Orchestra with seven other choral groups, in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple. In the absence of Mr. Theodore T. Fitch, the director of the Chorus, in Europe, Mr. Guy Fraser Harrison, the conductor of the Civic Orchestra, will direct the chorus in the two numbers to be sung by it. Mr. Harrison also directed the Chorus in its last rehearsal in preparation for the concert. The Chorus is composed of forty voices, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Joseph H. Ellis.

Members of the Business Women's Group, by the contributions of the Group and their friends, were enabled to contribute forty-five Christmas baskets last week through the Christmas Bureau, delivering them personally.

Father Duffy Re-elected Head Of Summer School

New York, Dec. 26.—The Rev. Francis P. Duffy of New York, was re-elected president of the Catholic Summer School of America at a meeting just held here. The other officers elected were the Rt. Rev. Joseph H. Conroy, Bishop of Ogdensburg, honorary president; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Splaine, Roxbury, Mass., first vice-president; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William P. McNally, Philadelphia, second vice-president; Charles A. Webber, Brooklyn, secretary; the Rev. John D. Donlan, Brooklyn, treasurer; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Lavelle, New York, chairman board of studies; George J. Gillespie, New York, chairman executive committee.

The following new trustees were elected: The Rev. Aloysius Hogan, S.J., New York, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Bonner, Philadelphia, and Miss Mary Delaney, New York.

Forty Priests Attend Funeral Of John Eckl

Father of Pastor of St. Andrew's Church Is Buried Saturday—An Active and Respected Citizen.

The funeral of John Eckl, father of the Rev. George W. Eckl, rector of St. Andrew's Church, was held Saturday morning in Holy Family Church. Mr. Eckl died on Wednesday at his home, 38 1/2 Austin Street.

Forty priests were present at his funeral, and many relatives and friends.

The solemn requiem Mass was celebrated by his son, the Rev. George W. Eckl, assisted by the Rev. Joseph Gefell and the Rev. Peter Erras.

The Rev. C. B. Englert was master of ceremonies.

The final blessing at the church was administered by the Rev. Alexander McCabe and the Rev. Arthur Florack.

The following priests were present: Rev. John Bayer, Rev. Joseph Balzer, Rev. Henry Diehl, Rev. John F. Boppel, Rev. Gerald Brennan, Rev. Andrew Byrne, Rev. George V. Burns, Rev. Thomas Brady, Rev. Dr. W. E. Cowan, Rev. Joseph S. Cameron, Rev. Thomas F. Connors, Rev. John Duffy, Rev. Joseph DiFelsi, Rev. Walter A. Foery, Rev. Robert Fox.

Rev. J. Emil Gefell, Rev. Joseph Gefell, Rev. Eugene Golding, Rev. Arthur A. Hughes, Rev. John Hogan, Rev. Peter Jankowsky, Rev. Francis X. Kunz, Rev. George Kolb, Rev. Francis Luddy, Rev. Edward Lyons, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Andrew H. Meehan, Rev. Edward McKay, Rev. Emmett McGee, Rev. Joseph McDonald, Rev. John O'Belne, Rev. Charles Reynolds, Rev. Charles F. Shay, Rev. George Schmitt, Rev. George Smith, Rev. F. William Stauder, Rev. Michael Scheid, Rev. George Weinmann, Rev. Francis Waterstraat.

The blessing at the grave was given by the Rev. Joseph Gefell.

The bearers were Jacob and John Wall, George Lingl, Max Demmert, Charles Claus and James Stark.

Mr. Eckl was for 50 years a resident of Rochester and had served as trustee of Holy Family Church 33 years. He was first president of the Catholic Federation of Rochester, was for 33 years president of the Holy Name Society of Holy Family Church and president of the Knights of St. John for 15 years.

When that organization celebrated its 25th anniversary Mr. Eckl was induced to serve one more year. He recently celebrated the 55th anniversary of his wedding. He was employed by James Cunningham 54 years.

Mr. Eckl was a splendid citizen, a devout and sincere Catholic, a dependable and trustworthy man, and he was held in the highest respect by all who knew him. He will be kept in affectionate memory by many people.

Occasional depression no one can avoid, but ill temper, everybody, avoid.—Feuchterleben.

We have one flag and one destiny and wherever that destiny shall lead us we will have hearts strong enough to meet its responsibilities.

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