

Aquinas Games In Basketball

Coach Mort Leary has booked 14 games for the Aquinas Institute basketball team. The opening game was played Saturday night with the Fairport High, on Aquinas Court. The other 13 games are as follows: Dec. 18—Aquinas vs. C. B. A. of Syracuse, Aquinas court. Dec. 23—Aquinas vs. Clyde High, Aquinas court. Dec. 30—Aquinas vs. Fairport High, Fairport court. Jan. 8—Aquinas vs. Canisius High (Buffalo), Canisius court. Jan. 9—Aquinas vs. Brockport High, Brockport court. Jan. 16—Aquinas vs. St. Joseph's (Buffalo), St. Joseph's court. Jan. 16—Aquinas vs. Canandaigua, Aquinas court. Jan. 30—Aquinas vs. Canandaigua Academy, Canandaigua court. Feb. 13—Aquinas vs. U. of R. Freshman, Rye Campus. Feb. 16—Aquinas vs. St. Joseph's (Buffalo), Aquinas court. March 4—Aquinas vs. Canisius High (Buffalo), Aquinas court. March 12—Aquinas vs. Brockport High, Aquinas court.

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Notre Dame Men Play in St. Louis On December 20

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—A full squad of Notre Dame gridiron warriors of recent years, including members of the present crew, will play here on Sunday afternoon, December 20, for the benefit of the Boys' Club of St. Louis. Charles Walsh, athletic director and football coach of St. Louis University, has received word that about 25 Notre Dame men will be here for the game. They include Jack Eider, Marty Hill, Moon Griffin, Bucky O'Connor, Bernie Leahy, Stumpy Cronin, Hal Christman, Ed Grebert, Joe Maxwell, Tom Conley, Ed Kosky, John Vik, Al Culver, Ted Twomey, Art McManon, Nurdy Hoffmann, John Law, Bert Metzger, Jack Cannon, Capt. Tommy Farr of the year's team, Tim Moynihan, and Joe Nash. The Boys' Club is a nonsectarian organization that provides recreational facilities for boys who otherwise would be deprived of playing space, or would be forced to the hazards of the streets. Carried and Cooley were members of the Boys' Club of Mount Vernon, N. Y., and Philadelphia, respectively.

Quaint Christmas-Time Customs of Germany Survive Paganism; Ancient Legends Widely Told

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm-Baron von Capitaine. There is no ecclesiastical feast of such popularity as Christmas. It is a blend of the pagan and the Christian. The ancient Germans celebrated Winternachten or the holy twelve or thirteen nights because of the birth of the sun which, after dropping in to the sea above to give new light. It was also called "Midwinter" or "Midwinter" because "Mid" means "between" and "winter" a German version of the Roman rule and influence in Germany. When Christianity was introduced into Germany, the apostles did not eradicate entirely the old heathen customs but gave them a Christian significance. Christmas is a special feast of the birth of Christ, as introduced at Rome in 354 by Pope Liberius. It was also known in the Roman Empire and eventually found its way to the Orient and into Western Europe where it supplanted the influence of the pagan winter festival of the Christian Church. It was Pope Gregory the Great who realized the importance of adapting the pagan festival to the Christian faith. The pagan festival became "Christ-night" or "Christ-mass" and no longer celebrated the birth of the sun but the birth of the heavenly Child Jesus. As the pagan festival lasted twelve to thirteen days, the Christians associated with the celebration of Christmas the festival of Adam and Eve. St. Stephen, honor of Adam and Eve, St. Stephen, John, the Holy Innocents and finally the Epiphany which commemorates the birth of the Christ Child. Christmas has been since its very beginning a time of joy and gladness. The Church has celebrated its excellence by according every priest the right to celebrate three Masses—the first at midnight, another at dawn, and the third in the full-tide of day. They were known as "Christ-Mass," "Adam-Mass" and "Eve-Mass." Furthermore when Christmas fell upon a Friday the Church decreed it was not to be a day of abstinence. Lovely Christmas Legends. Lovely legends and traditions surround the festival in honor of the



MAXINE was entertaining the bridge club of which she was president with a Christmas party. The group of fifty young women gathered about the tree for their annual election. "Before we take up the election of officers for next year," Maxine announced, "I want to review with you a little of what we have done this past year." "It was at our last January meeting that we decided that good resolutions would not keep our club alive. Then it was suggested that we carry the Christmas spirit through the year by considering the 25th of every month a 'Christmas anniversary' and doing some act such as we would do if it were really Christmas time. "On January 25 we helped the Stone boy get a new suit; on February 25 we took out and cooked a real Christmas dinner for the Perkins family; on March 25 we arranged to buy new shoes for the postman's boy, and got Mr. Williams to give his free violin lessons, and by the way, I understand he is showing real talent. In April we took care of Mrs. Perkins while she was sick, stopping in every room to see how she was getting on. May 25 was a Sunday, and we took the poor children we knew to the park for the day. In June we gathered, discarded, winter clothing for the poor, and put it in a stable for the poor. On July 25 we started Phyllis Bivens off to a tuberculosis sanatorium. On August 25 we bought school supplies for Sarah Stone, and in September we made another drive for discarded clothing. "For a couple of weeks during October we helped in the Community Chest campaign; in November we waffled until Thanksgiving day, when we distributed five turkeys; and here it is December again. What are we to do this month?" "We will," said one of the girls, "as usual, we have been working all month on toys for the Community Chest for poor children. So I suggest that this month we spend the 25th at home, but that next year we follow the same plan, and I nominate our President Maxine for reelection." (Copyright 1931 by Western Newspaper Union.)

TREE DECORATIONS

The old fashion of decorating Christmas trees with strings of popcorn appeals to the children of ten, more than the glass balls and trinkets commonly used. Children enjoy helping pop the corn and stringing it. Cranberries at equal distances along the strings of popcorn are attractive. Apples hanging from the tree shine brightly if they have been washed and polished with a dry cloth or a little olive oil. "The fall cut into thin strips hanging from the tree will sparkle in any light. If candles are used, be exceedingly careful of fire. Evergreen trees blaze up instantly and furiously if they catch fire, which they do very easily.

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Christmas Pudding Was the Victim of a Holdup. There may be more Christmas puddings than there were in the past, but there are certainly no longer ones, as of old in the Manchester Guardian. In 1718 James Anstey, inventor of "Persian Pink Powder," planned an advertisement by inviting his customers to share a gigantic Christmas pudding weighing 1,000 pounds. This after being for 14 days in the Red Lion Inn, Southwick, was placed in a cart to be conveyed to the accompaniment of a band playing strange instruments, to the Swan Tavern, Fish Street Hill, where the favored guests were assembled. The pudding, however, was not in vain, for it was eaten by the customers, and its journey, before it was held up by a mob attracted with knives and chop-picks, and distributed to many not bid for the time.

Another huge pudding resulted from a sporting offer of an old-time Islington innkeeper to make and distribute to the poor of the neighborhood a Christmas pudding the weight of any one of his customers. He reckoned without Daniel Lambert, the heaviest man on record, who was induced by a regular patron to drop in one morning. Daniel turned the scale at 700 pounds, but the innkeeper kept to his word and produced a pudding of equal weight.

TIME FOR CHRISTMAS. "I HAVE often thought," says Sir Roger, "it happens very well that Christmas should fall out in the middle of the winter. It is the most dead uncomfortable time of the year, when the poor people would suffer very much from their poverty and cold, if they had not good cheer, warm fires and Christmas gambols to support them."—Joseph Addison.

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