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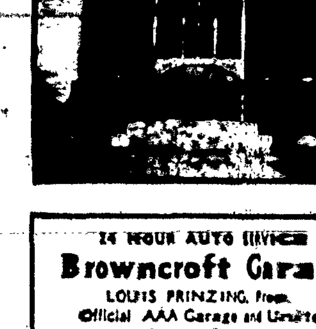

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### St. Boniface Parish

#### SODALITY ELECTS

By MARGARET MILES

The Sodality of Mary is planning an active season with the following new officers in the Senior group: Prefect, Helene Ehmann; Vice-Prefect, Margaret Moran; Secretary, Bernice Scheible; Treasurer, Ruth Roy.

The officers elected in the Junior Sodality are: Prefect, Virginia McGlynn; Vice-Prefect, Lou Fischer; Secretary, Dorothy Koch; Treasurer, Lois Erdle. Father Taylor is the acting Spiritual Director. Congratulations! All Sodalists are looking forward to a gala year.

On Sunday evening, December 15th, the annual Christmas party for the Sodality of Mary was held. Following an enjoyable evening's entertainment Santa passed out gifts to the girls. After refreshments were served, the party closed with group singing of Christmas carols.

The Sodalists are making plans to sing at the Penitentiary on Christmas Eve.

Attention! The first mid-year Sodality dance will be held January 3rd. More about this later.

The Girl Scouts of Troop 117 will go to St. Anne's Home on Lake Avenue Sunday morning, December 22 to sing for the residents. Miss Josephine Herbst, Troup Leader, is in charge of arrangements.

Another Christmas Party this one by the Men's Club, will be held on Saturday evening, December 21st. Jimmie Volmer has charge of the affair.

Masses on Christmas Day will be the same as on Sunday with the addition of Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

The men of Commandery No. 25 of the Knights of St. John played hosts at a surprise party given in honor of Captain Edward Katzenberger who has been promoted to the rank of Regimental Inspector. The party was honored by the presence of several distinguished officers.

In behalf of the entire CATHOLIC COURIER STAFF, I should like to wish each and every one of you a Blessed and Happy Christmas and a Successful and Peaceful New Year.

### Cinema Comments

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"Uncle Tom's Cabin" and "Hearts of the World" stopped a mile.

Among the delectable sequences are the persecution of a saintly minister in a Nazi concentration camp, a fourteen-year-old girl who suffers a fate worse than death at Nazi hands, a seventy-four-year-old man who is brutally whipped every morning, a man who is shot down by the Nazis just for the gay pleasure of killing him. It has all this and more. The only things it doesn't have are horns sprouting from the Nazi foreheads.

In other words, it's just a bit overdone. Pictures like "Mortal Storm" were much more restrained and therefore much more effective. However, the picture has a compelling portrayal by Wilfrid Lawson and sensitive work by Nova Pilbeam, who was the most talented child actress I have ever seen and who has now grown to lovely young womanhood. The picture has its points—but a little restraint wouldn't have hurt it a bit.

**Lady With Red Hair—A-2**

A film biography of the famous actress Mrs. Leslie Carter, as portrayed by that fine actress Miss Miriam Hopkins, would have been an event. Mrs. Leslie Carter was quite a girl both in the theater and out of it, but although Miss Hopkins does her darndest to make her tempestuous and dashing, the screen writers have defeated her. They have provided a very quiet, very lavendar-and-old-lace weepie, interesting in its reproduction of the mauve era of the theater but lacking the vividness that should have been part of it. There are some good scenes and there is some excellent acting by Miss Hopkins and by Claude Rains, who is a realistic David Belasco. But Richard Ainley, the new leading man, is completely negative and colorless and the picture itself is inclined to be pretty pokey—hardly the picture you expected.

### Two Basilicas Named In South America

VATICAN CITY — The Church of the Holy Ghost in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the Church of the Blessed Virgin of Capocabana, in La Paz, Bolivia have been raised to the dignity of minor basilicas.

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"To you it recalls that first Christmas, ever over nineteen hundred years ago when a wee little Babe came into the world mid the poor and the lowly in order to save the world for all people. And you know, too, that He was a poor child who grew up in a humble little home at Nazareth. He wasn't a rich little Prince clothed in fine raiment, with slaves at his beck and call. And yet He became the Saviour of the World. And what does that mean? It simply means that He wants all men to be brought into the one true fold.

You know from your study of the Missions that there are millions of souls who still sit in the darkness of paganism. Today Christ in the Manger dwells in lonely tabernacles throughout the world yearning for the love of all men.

You, as members of the Holy Childhood Association are in a position to bring souls to Christ. Through your prayers and your little sacrifices you have brought many little pagan children to the Feet of the King. You have made the Child of Bethlehem very happy. Doesn't it make you feel right and good to know that on Christmas morning you have done something that was most pleasing to the King?

Now I know full well that you wouldn't have a happy Christmas unless you gave that apron to Mother and the tie to Dad. That's right you should always remember those who are so dear and good to you. But just think what it means to be able to offer to the Christ Child a little soul, the very purpose for which He came into this world on that piercing cold night so very long ago. I know that you will have a happy Christmas day when you realize that you have given the Babe of Bethlehem the one present that He longed for most.

My wish for you at this holy season is the wish that the Christ Child may come into your hearts, shower you with His richest blessings, give you your fill of good things and remain with you always. In wishing you all the merriest kind of Christmas, I want you all to know that on Christmas morning I shall remember in my Mass the best and finest group of young missioners the whole world over.

**NEWSWEEK**

This is the season of the year when we pity the poor mail man. The heavy weight of the pack which he carries on his back makes his shoulders droop and we feel sorry that he has to carry such a load. But he always tells us he never minds when the pack is heavy for our office, for he knows it means that our boys and girls have been saving their pennies and are ransoming souls for Christ. This week many of our boys and girls have done their Christmas mailing so that we have a big report for you.

The first letter that comes to our attention is one from St. Vincent's School, Corning. Let's have a look:

"The fourth and fifth grade have been very happy to save their pennies and get five dollars for a Chinese baby. We are going to name it Joseph McCarthy. We are very glad to help the Missionaries because we know how they are suffering. After Christmas we are going to get another baby." Fourth and Fifth grade, St. Vincent's, Corning.

It certainly is good to meet such understanding and zealous little missioners. You see these boys and girls really understand the suffering that is going on in mission countries and they are doing their bit to relieve it. Thanks a million, boys and girls.

Here is a nice surprise. The girls at St. Mary's Commercial School have been saving their money and just the other day dropped into the office with no less than two ransoms for Christmas. They would like their little Indian girl to be called Mary Anne, and an American girl, Margaret Mary. Thank you very much, girls. The Holy Childhood sincerely appreciates the help which you have given it.

And here is St. Andrew's, right on time with their Christmas babies. The Sixth grade North have saved Joseph Andrew from China. Francis Hasslauer and Doris DeWind are acting as godparents. The Second grade North are saving James Burns, from the cold northland of the Eskimo. They have chosen Peter Meisenzahl and Joan Englert for his godparents. Many thanks, boys and girls of the Sixth and Second grades for your usual zealous interest in mission work.

Here are the boys and girls from Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral with their Christmas offering. Let's listen to their letters:

"Here we are again—your mission friends at Sacred Heart. This time we want a little Chinese girl. We are going to call her Helen Anne. This is our Christmas present to the Infant Jesus. We hope that you and all our mission friends have a very holy and happy Christmas." Third Grade Missioners, Sacred Heart School.

"The children of the fifth grade have saved five dollars. This amount is inclosed for the ransom of a pagan baby. We have saved this money and would like to have the baby baptized Stephen after our teacher, Sister Stephen Marie. We hope to send more money to buy Stephen some baby clothes. We are doing this as a gift to the Infant Jesus on Christmas." Eleanor Spencer, 5th Grade, Sacred Heart School.

Believe me, boys and girls, you have made the Christ Child very happy with your gifts of two little souls. Thank you very much for your ransoms of Helen Anne and Stephen. This Christmas will indeed be most happy for them.

And here are the boys and girls from St. Margaret Mary's where mission interest is keen. The Fifth grade have been saving up their money until now they have enough for two ransoms. They would like Francine and Joseph from China. The Seventh grade would like to adopt a little Chinese girl also and name her Marie Therese. Thank you a thousand times for this generous contribution to the missions.

**DUES**

We have two reports on dues this week. The first one is from St. Margaret Mary's School where the boys and girls have been conducting a campaign to pay up their dues. And it was a mighty successful campaign we'd say, for they are reporting $32.30. Then, too, the boys and girls from St. Monica's School have been getting down to the serious business of cleaning up their dues. They are reporting $18.50. Thank you both very much for your prompt attention to this all important matter.

**SEALS**

Reports on the sale of Christmas seals are fast coming in. This week we have received $20.00 from Our Lady of Perpetual Help School; $10.00 from Holy Trinity School, Webster; $1.50 from St. Theodore School, Gates; and $25.00, the winners for this week, from the boys at Nazareth Hall. We would like to thank most sincerely the boys and girls who had any part in the sale of these seals. They will indeed be a God-send to the many Holy Childhood orphanages who are desperately in need of this assistance.

May we remind the Sisters that in order to have your School included in our Semi-annual Report, all returns must be in the office on December 30th, for our books are closed for the year on the 31st. Even though your check might be made out on December 30th, that will not help our records. It must be in our hands by the 30th.

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### Sacred Heart Parish

#### RITES FOR BOY SCOUT

A Solemn Funeral Mass for William Hayes Jr., a member of Troop 68 of Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral who was the victim of an auto accident, Dec. 13, was offered Monday morning, Dec. 16, at the Pro-Cathedral by the Rev. Alphonsus F. Crimmens, Chaplain of troop 68. Assisting at the Mass were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, as Deacon and the Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan, Subdeacon.

Boy Scouts were active bearers and furnished a guard of honor at the Pro-Cathedral and at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The entire student body of Sacred Heart School was at the Mass.

Bearers were: Robert Bell, Gerald Conner, Howard Graus, Thomas McGrain, James Meyers and Donald Shannon, fellow-members of the troop with William.

On Saturday and Sunday the Scouts acted as a guard of honor at the family home, 512 Ridgeway Ave. and were present at recitation of the Rosary in the evening.

Taps was sounded at the grave by Troop Bugler, Lewis Wilhelm. Absolution was given by Father Crimmens with Monsignor Burns and Father Sullivan present at the interment.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hayes, one brother, Edward C., one sister, Shirley Ann Hayes, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kanouse.

(Ceremonies of the Christmas season to be conducted in the Pro-Cathedral are outlined on Page 9, this issue).

### Holy Family Parish

#### GIVE CHRISTMAS PLAY

The girls of Troop 167, Holy Family Parish, have rehearsed "The First Christmas Night", and are presenting it on Sunday afternoon, December 22, at 2 o'clock, in the parish auditorium. "Will you help them spread REAL Christmas cheer, by your attendance."

The Troop will Carol at Rundel Library at 4 o'clock Monday, December 23d, and in the evening for the Shut-ins of the vicinity.

Tuesday will be spent in visiting the sick, and distributing "Goody Baskets."

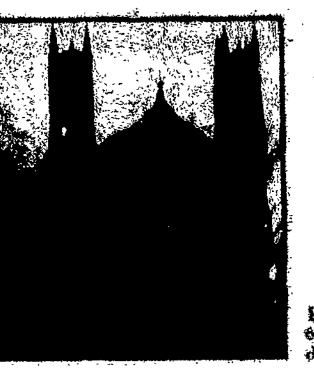
The girls wish a Merry Christmas to all.

**SENIOR SODALITY**

A bowling party was held on Sunday, Dec. 15 in Holy Family School Hall for the members of the Senior Sodality. Everyone enjoyed two and a half hours of bowling. This was followed by a buffet lunch and dancing.

At the last meting, Davis O'Neil and Arline Vay were named co-chairmen for a sleigh ride and Christmas party to take place on Friday evening, Dec. 20 at 7:30 o'clock. At this time the sleigh or wagon, whichever the weather permits, will leave the school hall and proceed into the country for two hours of continuous riding. Back to the hall again where a lunch will be served, gifts exchanged and dancing will begin.

## Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral



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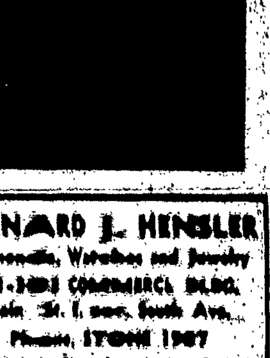

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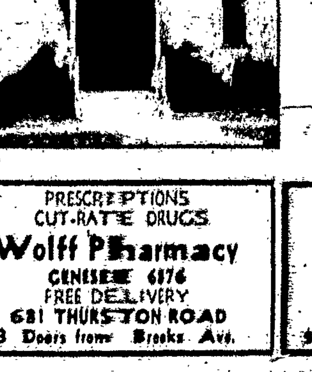

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