Catholic Nurses Get Call To Serve In Crisis

A ringing call to Catholic nurses throughout the United States "to recognize and fulfill their patriotic duty, to the end that our country may achieve its ultimate victory," is sounded in a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the National Council of Catholic Nurses which met at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore, Saturday and Sunday.

The executive committee announced that the first biennial convention of the National Council of Catholic Nurses will be held at Detroit May 25, 26 and 27, and that the Hotel Statler will be the headquarters for the sessions.

The committee also approved the preparation of a handbook for the Council, and indorsed the planned publication every two months of a Council newsletter.

The National Council of Catholic Nurses is organized in 22 archdioceses and dioceses throughout the United States, and councils are in the process of organization in 15 others.

The resolution adopted by the executive committee of the N. C. C. N. here noted that "there are nurses now holding positions essential to the civilian defense"; that "there are nurses at present professionally inactive who could render great service by re-entering the nursing field"; that "there are nurses eligible and capable of service to the armed forces" and called upon all diocesan affiliated groups to use every possible means to urge its members to recognize and fulfill their patriotic duty, to the end that our country may achieve its ultimate victory.

Meets His Former Governess

Visiting Assumption College, Windsor, Ontario, Archduke Otto of Austria-Hungary meets his former governess, Sister Melissa of the Sisters of Charity, who was given special permission by the Holy Father to act as governess in the Royal Household years ago and who prepared Otto for his First Holy Communion. (N C W C.)

ROCHESTER DIOCESAN COUNCIL

National Council of Catholic Women

Office: Catholic Evidence Library
Main Floor, Columbus Civic Centre

We are happy to announce that as a result of the generous cooperation of our Rochester women a check for $100.00 toward the Maintenance Fund has been forwarded to the National Catholic School of Social Service in Washington, D. C.

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All Hail to Corpus Christi's new society, Mothers of Soldiers and Sailors, pledged to help our boys in the service by prayer and Mass in common! Also to the women of the Corning parishes who have also arranged for a monthly Mass for our boys in service, which they will attend, thus carrying out the suggestion made by our Bishop at our recent Diocesan Convention. Which of our affiliated parochial organizations will be next to report on this project?

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"This Christmas St. Joseph will walk in spirit through the streets of your town or city knocking silently on every door. As in days of old he will be searching for a resting place for a woman and a Child. Will you let him into your home?

"The Christmas Crib in our parlors is the symbol of the warm reception we all would like to have given Mary and Joseph and Jesus on the first Christmas Day. It brings the real spirit of Christmas into the family circle. It reminds the grownups of their debt to childhood and to the greatest Child who ever lived. It teaches the children what the Festival of Christmas commemorates, in a way that no words or pictures ever could.

"There is no need to sacrifice the traditional Christmas tree in order to establish a crib in your home. One is the tribute of nature and art, the other, the tribute of Faith. And as we all know Christmas cribs can be small or large, simple or elaborate, purchased in a store or made at home. The holy scene at Bethlehem can be re-enacted on a table or under a table, over the piano, in a corner of the room, or on a shelf in the bookcase." December issue of LEAVES.

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Congratulations to Edward & Sons on the beautiful window depicting the Christmas Story, which has been attracting the attention of thousands during these busy shopping days when the true meaning of Christmas is too often forgotten.

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The Christmas Crib erected at the New York Central Station, under the auspices of the Rochester Diocesan Council, N. C. C. W., will serve to remind travelers coming and going of the real significance of Christmas.

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As the regular meeting date of the Rochester Deanery Council would be on Dec. 26, it is judged best to defer business to the January meeting.

Cite 3 Duties of Women in War Crisis

DETROIT.—Pointing out that the three duties of women in the present world crisis are those of work, sacrifice and prayer, Sister M. Honora, president of Marygrove College, addressed the student body at a special convocation today at which the pledge of allegiance to the flag was repeated by students and faculty.

"Women always have played a great and substantial part in time of war," Sister Honora told students. "We must begin our task in the present crisis by doing women's work. You must not turn away from your daily duty because of the uncertain conditions confronting us. You must work at being Catholics to the best of your ability."

Speaking of sacrifice, Sister Honora cautioned students against waiting for the government to say what cannot be done and what cannot be had.

"Plan now to do without and for a long period," she said. "Stop all waste, forego luxuries and do not feel that this or that is yours. Avoid feeling with reference to anything 'this is mine.'"

Sister Honora concluded her address to students by quoting President Roosevelt's war message to Congress: "We will gain the inevitable triumph, so help us God."

Alhambra Ladies List Yule Party

Members of the Ladies of the Alhambra have invited all the wives of Alhambra members to join them at the Sagamore Hotel on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at which time a card party will be held and gifts exchanged. Following this program, the Alhambra men will join them for the annual Christmas party.

Mrs. Philip Hafner and Mrs. Thomas O'Connor are co-chairmen of the affair, and they are being assisted by the following: Reception, Mrs. William J. Woerner; entertainment, Mrs. Eugene F. Bopp; gifts, Mrs. Emmett J. O'Neill; prizes, Mrs. Frank M. Beaucaire; cards and tallies, Mrs. Harold Dorsey; hostesses, Miss Helen Costello; publicity, Mrs. Clarence M. Lofink.

Damaged Crib Memento Of Lisbon Earthquake

(N. C. W. C. Christmas Supplement).

The famous Crib of Machado de Castro in Lisbon, Portugal, is retained in a state of disrepair as a memento of the earthquake which almost destroyed the city.

This famed presentation of the Nativity scene is sculptured in clay. It was housed in Lisbon's ancient Cathedral when the earthquake struck. Despite the widespread havoc wrought, the Cathedral was unscathed. The Crib itself was damaged. The arch which forms a background for the Manger and the figures about it was broken. It has been allowed to remain broken ever since as a reminder of the earthquake and the Cathedral's escape from harm.

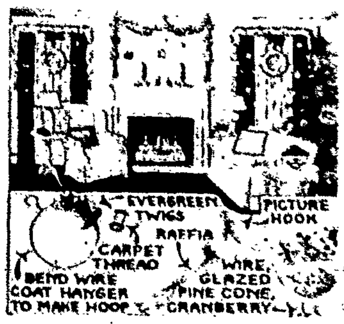
A Cardinal Protector is a Cardinal entrusted with the care of a particular religious group.

NEW IDEAS

A Novel Gift Idea

FOR HOME-MAKERS

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



One family that I know go no farther than their own front yard for Christmas greens. All the evergreens around the house are pruned and a bushel basket of twigs are collected. Cones are placed in an old pan in a warm oven until the resin comes out giving them a wonderful glaze. The sketch shows how they are then wired to be used with berries and twigs for wreaths and garlands. A piece of sky blue cloth with silver stars pasted on is hung over the mantel before the garland is put up. A pair of twigs set in parafine in custard cups represent trees.

NEXT: New Frocks for Old Chairs.

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NOTE: If you have someone on your Christmas list who likes to sew, a set of Mrs. Spear's homemaking booklets will be a welcome gift. The complete set of seven booklets in colorful Christmas wrapping, mailed day order is received. Enclose 70c with name and address to Reader's Service, Drawer 633, CATHOLIC COURIER, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N. Y.

Student Nurses List Christmas Activities Opening on Dec. 20

Student nurses of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing will entertain fifty children at a Christmas party in the Nurses Home Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20. Games will be played and several Mickey Mouse movies will be shown. Hymns to the Christ Child will be sung followed by a visit from Santa Claus and distribution of gifts. Miss Nancy Howe is Chairman of arrangements, assisted by Misses Decker, Craig, Baird, Norman, Hall, Doherty, Brady, Kellett and Barly.

The Student Mission Unit has given a donation for the Children's Christmas party to the Blessed Martin Porres' Mission House. A box of hand made children's dresses, dolls, animals and toys has been sent to Summerville, Maryland, a mission for colored children.

On Monday night, "Angels at Bethlehem," a Christmas pageant will be presented by the Senior Class. Singing parts will be done by First Year Students.

Tuesday night will be annual Student Nurses' Christmas party.

Student Nurses Choir will carol Christmas Eve and sing at the Midnight Mass.

Give God thanks that He has allowed you to be born in the Church or has led you into it by a special grace. Cardinal O'Connell.

100th Birthday

St. Cuthbert, Que.—On her 100th birthday, Mrs. Odilon Toupin had a special seat of honor in her parish church and the anniversary Mass was attended by the Most Rev. J. A. Papineau, Bishop of Joliette, who gave the sermon.

Pictorial SHOPPERS' BAZAAR

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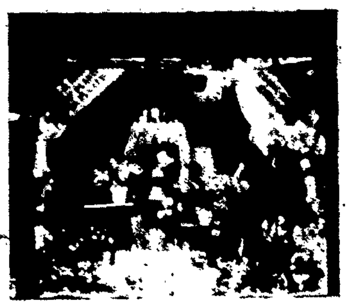
This lovely evening gown you can find at **Fitzgerald's Dress and Coat Shop, 177 Brooks Ave.** While selecting an evening gown note the display of Fine Coats, Dresses and Dinner gowns. Why not a gift for someone on your list?

FOR last minute preparations for the gay holiday whirl, send your garments to *Marriott's*; it will help to make your holidays more enjoyable, knowing your togs are in the pink of condition. Call Gen. 2110. 414 *Genesee St.* Merry Christmas from Marriott's.



Deme, Florist, 1384 Culver Road. Happy days at this busy flower shop. Good St. Nick has provided plenteously of Christmas plants, flowers, decorations, corsages for your selection. Call **Culver 2868.**

EMPIRE *Textile Weaving Co.* Mrs. *Irene Heumbaw* wishes a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. 409 *Burke Bldg.*

SANTA suggests a friendly visit to the *Fine Arts Furniture and Upholstering Co.*, 551 N. *Goodman St.*, where you are sure to find appropriate gifts, expressing your holiday sentiments. Gifts ideally suited to each person on your list. Ask about budget plan.

HOW happy many will be to receive a Christmas gift of some of the fine health foods, sold at the *Health Center*, 1116 *Temple Bldg.* Stop in and see the many interesting foods at this health shop.

THOMAS F. *Trott*, 682 *Main St. East*. Season's Greetings. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody.

DEAR Santa ... We have left plenty of *Zwegle's* tasty hots and cold cuts, for sandwiches in the refrigerator; help yourself and take some with you to enjoy when you arrive at the North Pole. Best Wishes, many thanks. Until next year, BYE BYE.

SANTA is happily busy sending packages from *Smith Ceramic Studios*, 903 *Monroe Ave.* Gifts of gold, sterling, crystal, china, novelties, and lamps. These gifts will carry message, leaving nothing unsaid. *Merry Christmas* to everybody from *"Smith's Studios."*

DON'T forget [illegible] buying in a great big order for Santa and his willing helpers so they will have doughnuts a-plenty to help them on their way. Hope Santa leaves a generous supply at the chimney corner for Christmas breakfast. Hearts of varieties, 482 Main St. East, 154 Main St. West, 1464 Lake Ave.

SANTA is sending expressions of untold joy and happiness from Bouche's, 427 East Main St., opp. Eastman Theatre. You'll find Christmas plants and novelties galore, corsages, cut flowers, table decorations, etc. In fact everything to give Santa exceedingly popular. Santa's workshop at [illegible]. Stone 96.

Just hope you find a **Katherine-K corset**, bulging mysteriously from your stocking hung near the chimney corner. If not perhaps it will be gayly wrapped and tied to the tree itself. Santa is still holding fort at **Katherine-K's**, not too late. **601 Temple Bldg.**

THRILLING new beauty will meet your eyes, opening a gay ribbon-bound box labeled *From Quaintance Shop*, 1496-98 *Monroe Ave.* For quaint gifts see the display at these shops. *Miss Howe sends Hearty Christmas Wishes to everyone.*

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