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School would be closed for a few days! However, I am sure that after school hours you boys and girls are enjoying yourselves to the fullest with the huge snow drifts that are piled about the city. I'll bet a lot of you are finding numerous opportunities to earn a few extra pennies by "digging out" your neighbors. Real old-fashioned snow storms such as this provide a lot of fun for the youngsters, and I earnestly hope that you boys and girls have many pleasant hours enjoying it.

### NEWSWEEK

Snow drifts or no snow drifts, St. Andrew School reached our office bright and early this week with a perfectly splendid report, as usual. This time they are offering us six ransoms, all Valentine gifts to the Infant Jesus. The 8th North wanted Donald Raymond to come from China; the 5th West, right in the spirit of the ice and snow, want their baby, Mildred Marie Burkhardt, to come from Eskimo-land; the Fourth boys would like Raymond Joseph West to be an Indian, and the Fourth girls, proud as peacocks at having won over the boys, are here with Eskimo twins, Joan and Eleanor; the Third North would like little Mary Ann Spurling to be an Indian. Many thanks to all of you boys and girls for this splendid mission work.

Second in line this morning are the Blessed Sacrament Missioners. "Our First Grade has saved enough money to buy a baby. We would like a Negro baby. We wish his name to be Anthony, after the saint, that he may be well protected. We are also sending three dollars in dues."—First Grade, Blessed Sacrament.

"We are very pleased to be able to make another ransom. This is our third, and we hope to have more. We wish to have a baby girl from Selma, Alabama and would like her name to be Marie Pauline. The godparents are Margaret Zeller and John Sauer. The girls and boys in our room have a race to see which gets the most money. That is how we get our ransoms so quickly!"—Marie Cleary, Seventh Grade, Blessed Sacrament.

I'll let the boys and girls of SS. Peter and Paul's School in Elmira tell you their story of the Reception Ceremonies:

"We the pupils of SS. Peter and Paul's School will long remember Jan. 13 as a red letter day, the day on which we were enrolled in the Holy Childhood Association. We immediately began to raise money for the ransom of a baby. We were able in a few hours to raise more than \$6.00. We have decided on the name John Lee for the baby in honor of our beloved pastor, Monsignor Lee. We sincerely hope the money will in some small way aid those missionaries whose great works are now being hampered by the war."—Natalie Sullivan, Eighth Grade, SS. Peter and Paul's, Elmira.

In addition to that they sent a very nice poem telling all about the ransom of John Lee. I'm sorry that we do not have the space allowed us to print it for you, but we will tell you that we thought it pretty excellent poetry. In addition to the ransom the boys and girls sent us \$10.00 in dues. Many thanks to you little missionaries from the Southern Tier.

Here are those Fourth Graders of St. Monica's again? Boy, how they do it stumps me!

"We know you will be glad to hear from us again. We have ransomed another baby whom we would like to be named John. Please find us a little Hawaiian who needs baptism. We are still leaders in our school and we intend to keep first place in mission work. You will hear from us soon for we are going to keep right on working to ransom many more babies."—Fourth Grade, St. Monica's School.

Barbara Mizoni of St. Mary's School, Corning, writes in to say that her classmates of the Fifth Grade have been saving their pennies to adopt an Indian baby. They would like her called Mary Caroline. Thank you, Barbara, and all your little friends for their fine work.

According to Thomas Gallagher, Secretary of the Third and Fourth Grades of St. John's School in Clyde, they are eager to ransom a little Chinese baby girl to be named Lorraine Marie after Lorraine Marie Storts who is the godmother. The godfather is Edward Walsh. And sincerest thanks to you boys and girls for this spirit of sacrifice.

The children of the Fourth Grade of St. Stephen's School in

## Diocesan Study Club Tips

Tips on Religious Discussion Clubs are issued this week by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine office. Here they are:

Their purpose is two-fold—first to teach us more about our religion and secondly to give us facility in speaking about it to others. They are not meant to make expert theologians.

To Organize—a Club, sign up about ten of your friends. Appoint a place and time of meeting, obtain your pamphlets and tell the pastor that you are ready to go.

The procedure usually followed is for the spiritual moderator of the parish Clubs to call the Leaders together for a few talks before the sessions open. Then during the sessions a meeting is held at the

most convenient time and the priest explains the chapter for the next week and answers the questions the leaders could not answer the previous week.

The Leaders are more like moderators—merely to guide the discussion and see that every one talks. They are not supposed to be expert theologians. They are picked because they can conduct a good meeting, not because of their knowledge of theology.

## BULK OF \$30,000 ESTATE LEFT TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

BOSTON.—Catholic institutions and charities are the principal beneficiaries of the \$30,000 estate of Julia E. O'Connor, of North Cambridge, under her will filed for probate in the Middlesex court.

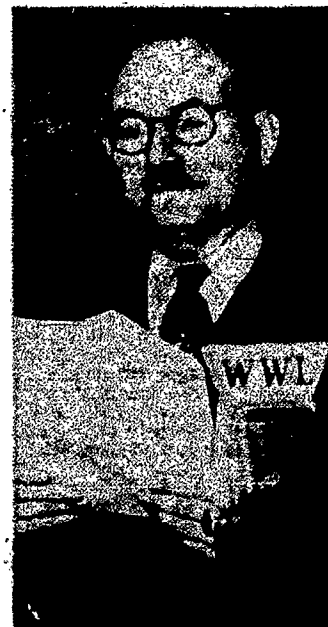
The testator's North Cambridge home is left to the Working Boys' Home of Newton and the New England Province of the Society of Jesus and her household goods to the Little Sisters of the Poor of Somerville. The residue of the estate goes in equal shares to the Somerville Little Sisters of the Poor, the Working Boys' Home, the Boston Home for Destitute Catholic Children and the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America (Maryknoll).

Geneva were told by their teacher about the great need of financial assistance in the Leper Hospital in Louisiana. These boys and girls agreed to save \$5.00 to help the Sisters buy medicine for their patients. We congratulate these boys and girls on their thought and concern for the poor lepers who need our help so desperately. Marie Bernadette from Selma, Alabama, is the choice of the First and Second Graders of St. Mary's School in Waterloo. They have chosen Louis Pareto and Clara Chiodo for the godparents of this little one who was ransomed in honor of our Blessed Lady of Lourdes. And, a hearty thanks to you for your fine mission interest and your deep love for our Blessed Mother who wants all little people to become children of Her Divine Son.

We had a very nice letter from Billy Waters of the Fourth Grade of Immaculate Conception School in Ithaca. Billy told us all about the great amount of stamp collecting that has been going on at his school. He told us that so far this year they have collected the phenomenal amount of 45,835 stamps which they are sending to the Mission Stamp Bureau.

Most of the evils that have come upon mankind are due to the prevalence of world pagan principles.—Cardinal O'Connell.

### Airwaves Dean



Dr. Alfred J. Battoni, educational director of WWL, and professor of radio and drama at Loyola University of the South, New Orleans, who conducts the twice-weekly "University Time" broadcasts over WWL. Professors, students and alumni take part in dramatizing material from the college courses in this unusual educational program. (NCWO)

## NUNS TO CONDUCT HOSPICE FOR CARACAS GIRL WORKERS

CARACAS.—(NC) —The Daughters of Our Lady Help of Christians are erecting a hospice, dedicated to St. Joseph, which will serve as a home-away-from-home for girls who come to Caracas from the provinces to study or work. The chapel and its equipment have been donated by Felix Guerrero in memory of his wife, Dona Maria Paz de Guerrero, and Dr. Enrique Toledo, former Minister of Agriculture, and his wife.

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