

To Replace Fire-Swept De Sales High Building

GENEVA—Last Sunday at all of the services at both St. Francis de Sales and St. Stephen's Church, announcement was made of plans adopted for replacement of the De Sales High School building destroyed by fire on March 23.

Urgent Plea Heard For Servicemen's Religious Articles

An urgent appeal for religious articles for servicemen in one of the army camps has been received by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

Romanic, Catholic literature, especially pamphlets, prayerbooks and medals are needed for the Chaplains' work among the boys. The appeal will be heard over WNEC, WILAM and WSAY in spot announcements over the week-end.

All such articles may be left with the Knights of Columbus, Columbus Civic Centre, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N. Y.

Villa Auxiliary To Meet June 8

The Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Villa will meet at Columbus Civic Centre on June 8 at 2 P. M. This will be the final meeting of the season and all members are urged to be present. Important business will be discussed.

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, what he may instruct himself? But we have the mind of Christ."—1 Cor., 2: 16.

Public Catches On, Adopts New System For Mailing

The new method of speeding up mail deliveries, through addition of a branch post office number to the address on mail for delivery in large cities, is being placed in operation rapidly. Reports from many cities indicate that it has been received enthusiastically by the press, postmasters, business concerns and the public.

Within a few days after initiation of the plan, under instructions of Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, nearly all the postmasters in the large cities affected had assigned postal unit numbers to their branch offices. Millions of residents had been advised of the number to be added to their addresses, and a considerable volume of mail already was carrying the numbers assigned. By June 1, it is expected that practically all whose addresses are affected will have been notified of their postal unit numbers.

The new system speeds up the separation of mail for distribution to branch offices and permits much more rapid handling of mail by inexperienced postal clerks, thousands of whom have been employed to replace personnel who have gone into the armed forces and into war industries.

Rapid increase in volume of mail and the loss of some thirty thousand postal employees to the armed forces made it necessary to adopt the plan, in the interest of accurate, efficient mail service and for the relief of postal personnel who are carrying an extremely heavy burden of work. The average work week in the service now is about 53 hours, and in many post offices, employees are working 10 and 12 hours a day, seven days a week, because of local shortages of personnel.

An example of the new type of address is:

JOHN C. SMITH,
1275 East Ave.,
Rochester 10, N. Y.

The number after the name of the city indicates the branch post office (or "postal unit") through which delivery is made. Each resident of the large cities is asked by his postmaster to add the postal unit number to his return address and to notify all to whom he writes that his address is not complete without the number.

Residents of small cities, towns and rural regions should inquire of their correspondents in the large cities concerning the number assigned to the city residents' branch post office so that the mail may be expedited. The degree to which this will be expedited depends upon the extent to which the numbers are used by mailers.

HIS WAR EFFORT RECOGNIZED



Dickie Laswell, age 6, of St. Anthony's parish, Springfield, Ill., proudly displays the Distinguished Service Citation he received from the Secretary of the Treasury for his penny-saving campaign to buy war stamps. From his sick bed where he is suffering with the dreaded lymphatic leukemia disease, he continues his "Pennies for Dickie" fund to buy stamps, not toys. AP photo. (N.C.W.C.)

JUST ONE BIRTHDAY

By LUCIA MALLORY

Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 3 West 40th St., New York City. These articles are appearing weekly in our columns.

"I wish you wouldn't buy a present for Joan today, Lucia." My sister and I were shopping together. I had been about to purchase a flowered handkerchief for my little niece when her mother's words stopped me. "But it's only a handkerchief, Doris," I protested. "Yes, but it is Freda that is having a birthday on next Sunday, and not Joan," Doris explained. "Freda will be delighted with the lovely pink sweater you bought for her, and I am glad to have you get it for her, but I'd rather you'd wait until Joan's birthday to get a present for her."

"All right, Doris," I agreed. "There must be some principle involved, or you wouldn't be so serious." "Yes, I really am serious," Doris replied. "I'm sure you'll agree with me after you have been with us on Freda's birthday. How about coming out after you are through with your work on Saturday? Fred could meet you at the bus station."

After a moment's thought, I promised to accept my sister's invitation to spend the weekend at her home in the country. We were not especially busy at the library, and I had no extra work to detain me.

Fred, my brother-in-law, was waiting for me at the bus station, when I arrived the following Saturday.

"Doris was putting the decorations on Freda's birthday cake as I left the house," he told me. "Birthdays are big events in the 'Trask family!'"

There was an air of delighted expectancy in my sister's home that evening. Before bedtime came for the children, I had been invited to share a pleasant secret with every member of the family except Freda.

Tommy showed me a small birdhouse he had made in his manual training class at school. "I'm going to put this up in the apple tree by Freda's window," he said. "Freda likes all the birds."

Seven-year-old Joan showed me a dainty ribbon sachet she had made in the shape of a pansy. "I think Freda will like to have a pansy in her handkerchief box," she confided.

Joan also showed me a little paper basket she had helped her brother to fold and color. "We're going to fill the basket with candy and put it by Freda's plate tomorrow," she whispered.

Even Freda's daddy showed me the reversible raincoat he had purchased for his daughter and Doris insisted that I tuck into the pantry to have a peek at Freda's pink and white birthday cake, with its twelve tiny candles.

Long before the next day was over, I knew the reason for my sister's request that I buy no present for Joan.

"Which of the children do you think enjoyed this day the most, Lucia?" Doris asked me, when she was taking me to the bus station Sunday evening.

"I'm sure they were all equally happy," I answered without hesitation. "The other children were just as happy as Freda. That's what you were trying to tell me the other day, wasn't it?"

"Yes, I like them to have the joy of doing something for somebody else without any expectation of gifts for themselves," Doris explained. "We used to be very careful when Tommy and Freda were very little, if a present was given to one child, to see that the other child had a small gift, too. It did not take long for us to find out that such compensatory gifts were not good for the children. It is better that they should rejoice in each other's happiness. Tommy

Pupils In Recital At Dansville Win Applause

DANSVILLE—Annual May Musicale of St. Mary's Concert Music Class, of which Sister Mary is instructor, was given in the Auditorium at St. Mary's School, which was beautifully decorated with ferns, lilacs, tulips, apple blossoms and wood trimmings. The program included the Rev. Edward M. Scheid, pastor of St. Mary's Church, the Nuns from St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Convents, and the parents and other relatives and friends of the pupils.

The Class Motto, "Music Study Equals Life," was evidenced in the excellent rendition by the pupils in the following:

- PROGRAM
- God Bless America..... J. J. Bush
 - The Camp Is Coming..... Cleveland
 - All from "The Wizard of Oz"..... Verla
 - Edward Frost..... Lloyd
 - Stand By..... Edwidge
 - A Song of Songs.....
 - Jerse Payer
 - Switzer Landers..... Eckstein
 - Annie Laurie..... Douglas
 - March of the Boy Scouts..... Grant
 - Hubert and Charles Wals
 - Top-Ten Soldiers..... Eckstein
 - Barbara Manning
 - The Juggler..... Astor
 - William Bush
 - Off To Denmark and Back..... Keenan
 - Edward and Lucine Vogt
 - The Scouts..... Heintzberg
 - Teresa FitzPatrick
 - China Doll..... Eckstein
 - June March
 - Little Princess..... Spaulding
 - Mary Cox
 - Twilight..... Greiss
 - Ruth and Teresa FitzPatrick
 - Little Bo Peep..... Murphy
 - Lucille Vest
 - Pan's Love Song..... Eckstein
 - Gloria Kelly
 - Dream Waltz..... Gehring
 - Gloria McGovern
 - The Soldier's Song..... Matheiser
 - Teresa Cox
 - Spinning Song..... Kilmeterich
 - Walking in Old Vienna..... King
 - Eugene Schladak
 - Spanish Rhapsody..... Eckstein
 - Allen and Joan March
 - The Forest King..... Dillard
 - Sun Shower..... MacLellan Aaron
 - Jerry Weaver
 - A Vietnamese Melody..... Arr. by Thompson
 - Edward Vogt
 - The Nightingale and the Cuckoo..... Thompson
 - Vivian Schirmer
 - March of the Candy Soldiers..... Hippen
 - Mary and Teresa Cox
 - A Waltz Reverie..... Eckstein
 - Allice March
 - Hawaiian Twilight..... Thomas
 - Joan Rauber
 - Lila Times..... Englemann
 - Shirley Woods
 - March To Victory..... MacLellan
 - Mary Frances Conley
 - Miss Conquette..... Johnson
 - Rita Rauber
 - Ketterer
 - Pollak Dance..... James Blum
 - Parade of the Wooden Soldiers..... Jemel
 - Irma Wirth
 - Margaret
 - Woods
 - Rita and Joan Rauber
 - Wind Bells..... Auld
 - Whistling Sailor..... Auld
 - Lois Astell
 - Home Vine..... Eilken
 - Vivian Schirmer and Mary Frances Conley
 - Silver Slippers..... Eckstein
 - Marilyn Becker
 - Solfeggietto..... F. E. Nach
 - Uncle Cy..... Bissett
 - Eleanor Dellotti
 - Two Gallars..... Russian Gypsy Song
 - The Swine in the Orchard..... Ketterer
 - Patricia Hubertus
 - Le Secret..... Guster
 - Lois Astell, Irene Wirth
 - Eleanor Dellotti
 - On the Meadow..... Lichner
 - Virginia Schwan
 - W.L.O. The Wby..... Erb
 - Ruth FitzPatrick

VICTIM OF JAP REPRISALS



All that remains of the Catholic Church at Ying-tan after Japanese soldiers sacked and burned the Chinese town in retaliation for aid rendered to General Jimmy Doolittle and some of his fliers who parachuted to safety here following their air raid on Tokyo, April 18, 1942. Catholic missionaries who stayed in the area to protect the aged and the children were massacred along with their charges. This is one of a group of photos brought to the United States by American Yacentian missionaries who escaped a similar fate. (N.C.W.C.)

AOH Teach Service Men Irish 'Jigs'

Ancient Order of Hibernians will hold a dance for servicemen stationed in and around Rochester on Saturday night, June 12, at the Madison Ballroom on Geneva St. Music for the modern dances will be furnished by the orchestra of Freddy Grossman and vocals will be by Miss Nims.

Eleanor Murphy Hassett and Owenie McHugh will play for the Irish Dances. There will be instructors for anyone interested in learning the Irish Dances. The A.O.H. has planned a gala evening with continuous dancing and singing. Miss Mary Forester is chairman and is assisted by Rita Hickey, Stella Scobian, Bride Shannon, Mary Berchmidt, Matilda Connolly, Pat O'Hara, Gene Lennon, Paul Shannon and Ross McMahon.

and Joan have been planning and working on Freda's gifts for days. When Joan's birthday comes next fall, and when Tommy's and Bruce's birthdays come next winter, Freda will take just as much delight in planning gifts for them.

"I'm fully converted to your idea of celebrating only one birthday at a time, Doris," I declared. "I shall try to find a small blue sweater just like Freda's pink one to give to Joan on her birthday next fall."