

Bishop To Address Nurse Graduates

The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, will address the thirty-one student nurses graduating from St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Training School on June 6, Sunday, at 1:45 P. M., in the chapel at Dunn Memorial. Members of the graduating class are as follows:

Mary Virginia Barnett, Margaret Flaxley, Jean Hynes, Gertrude Kendall, Betty Miller, Margaret McCarthy, Marguerite O'Leary, Virginia Vining, and Elizabeth Woods, all of Elmira; Mary Ellen O'Hearn, Minnie Stegert, Hilda Dalton, Mary Ann Hill, Esther Hamm, Mary Elizabeth Po.

Youth From Elmira Serve Nation At Varied Posts

Lt. Robert Joseph Dean, son of Mrs. Ella A. Dean, 530 W. Gray St., St. Patrick's Parish, is instructing nurses and officers in the intricacies of chemical warfare at South Plains Field, Lubbock, Tex., training station for advanced glider students.

Recently with the chemical warfare division of the Air Corps at Fort Worth, Tex., Lt. Dean received his commission there, having been recommended for Officers' Training School by his superior officer. Lt. Dean "enjoys his task immensely," having been interested in chemistry in high school. He received his basic training at Alabama.

Lt. Dean attended St. Mary's School and Southside High. He was organizer of the X-Cof CII Co. in the Knights. He was a member of St. Patrick's Holy Name Society.

WIFE Betty Dean is a pharmacist in third class in her branch of the service, and has been transferred to Washington. She commented that her associates are very enthusiastic and "very fine girls."

Betty, who went to Hunter College for basic training and later to Norfolk, Va., to finish her studies, found her first interest in medical work here in Elmira, where she was a nurses' aide in St. Joseph's Hospital.

The third member to serve is Pte. Thomas Dean, now at Ft. Davis, Tex. He was formerly employed at the Holman plant.

The Army may find another recruit in the Dean family in the person of Eleanor Dean, RN, now home on private duty. She received her training at Cross-Serving Syracuse, and was employed at Roosevelt Hospital, N. Y., and as a hostess on TWA airlines. She

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 rapidly being adopted 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 offered to add assigned postal unit numbers to their branch offices, millions of residents had been advised of the numbers 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 sorting 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 adapt 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 new system was first in the service now for about 37 hours, and in many cases known as St. George.

HIS WAR EFFORT RECOGNIZED



Dickie Larwell, age 6, of St. Alphonsus 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. (NCWCF)

JUST ONE BIRTHDAY

By LUCIA MALLORY

Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 8 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 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 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 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."

Freda, 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 manu-

facturing 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 explained.

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 topic 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, but I buy no presents.

eat for Joan.

CYO NOTES

Opera Coming

"The Gypsy Rover," a romantic musical comedy in three acts, will be presented by the high school students belonging to the Catholic Youth Organization in Elmira at St. Casimir's Hall on Wednesday, June 9, at 8:15 P. M. Admission including tax will be 50¢.

Directed by Mrs. John D. Lucas, the story is the old one, done in modern dress, of a gypsy, Rob, played by Stanley Kaminski, who falls in love with a daughter of nobility, Lady Constance (Margery Clunie), and, as in all good operas, is identified as a nobleman himself through the combined efforts of the entire cast. These include Eleanor O'Hanlon as the nurse Meg who kidnaps the child and marries a gypsy, Marie (Tommy Sullivan), Jack Batterby plays the Stratified Dance, Lloyd Craven, Frank Bonfiglio is Rob's gypsy friend, and Jack Karrow is Sir George, nobleman who is finally convinced of Rob's identity.

The plot is a pleasant little plot on which to hang some very lovely melodies. There are some pretty romantic scenes between Nina (Jean Peel) and Captain Jerome (Joe Dalley), and Zark (Mary Ellen Fawyer) and Bruno, and a satiric comedy bit by Eddie and Mario. Paul Losko as Sie Teby Lyon, social butterfly, and Mary Jean Casey as Lady McCormick, complete the cast.

The chorus includes Ann Lazarus, Virginia Kelly and Mary Catherine Clune.

Mrs. Clarence Kennedy accompanies the singers at the piano, Miss Eleanor Keating is in charge of costumes, and Miss Margaret Gaffey, for properties. Dance accompanist is Paul Losko, and stage manager Mrs. W. Joseph Dowdell. Business manager is Thomas Sullivan, and John Batterby, advertising manager.

No CYO Dance Friday

There will be no CYO dancing on this Friday because of arrangements for the Knights of Columbus Day of Recollection in the Columbus Center.

Catholic High Has Successful Dance

The annual junior-senior dinner-dance of Catholic High School was held on Thursday, May 27 at the Mark Twain Hotel. Rev. Joseph F. Hogan was the main speaker. Present at the speakers' table were the Rev. William A. Burns, toastmaster, James Flynn, senior class president, and James Collins, junior class president.

Dancing followed the dinner, with Ruth Cameron's orchestra playing. Co-chairmen in charge of the affair were William Connelly and Claire McCarthy.

126 Vacation Schools

Dubuque — One hundred and twenty-six Vacation Schools will be held in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, according to the schedule released today by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Wolfe, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools.

Tells How Japs Stifle Defeat News

NEW YORK — How the Japanese authorities are taking utmost precautions to see that no word of their naval defeat at the hands of American forces reaches the Japanese people is recounted in information received here by

Father Van Straelen told how the Japanese commander of the prison in which he was held mistreated him and threatened him with death in an effort to force an admission that M. Bagge, Swedish Minister to Japan, had informed the priest of the result of the Battle of Midway.

FAMILY FEATURED IN LADIES HOME JOURNAL

PHILADELPHIA — Hailed as representing the "cream of the New York police department" by the editors of the Ladies' Home Journal, Detective Peter A. Nelson, with his wife, two sons and two daughters, is the subject of a feature article in the series of "How America Lives" in the June issue of the magazine.

The Nelsons are described as devout Catholics. One son, Peter Jr., declares he wants to enter the priesthood when he is grown. Detective Nelson's record on the police department reveals 17 citations for valor.

We cannot know what the year will bring forth. But if we go on with the "forward" look and the "upward" look we may live in hope and confidence.

Enables Completion Of Lexicon

WASHINGTON — The American Council of Learned Societies has authorized a grant of \$300 to Dr. Roy J. Deferrari, Secretary General of the Catholic University of America to be used in preparing the manuscript of a Latin-English lexicon of the works of St. Thomas Aquinas. With the assistance of Sister M. Ignatius of the Order of Lake College, San Antonio, Dr. Deferrari has been working on the lexicon for the past five years. No complete dictionary of St. Thomas Aquinas has ever been made in any language.