

# 'The Christmas Cross' Play Set for Mercy High

"The Christmas Cross" by Walter Timmerman, chosen as the annual Christmas play, will be presented for parents and friends by the school Thespian Society, Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, at Our Lady of Mercy High School Auditorium.

"The Christmas Cross" concerns a present day Catholic family group assembled for the Christmas holiday season. Mary McCarthy will play the lead, Barbara, an army nurse, on leave from the European theater of war. Her mother will be portrayed by Sheryl Hanlon.

Barbara Casselman, Mary Flanagan and Jean Branch are cast as the three daughters. Mariya McCarthy will be Kathie, a daughter-in-law.

Cast in the four male roles are Neil Harrison, Matthew Van Order, Frank Hone, and George Perrin of Aquinas Institute. Mary Lou Band, a six-year old pupil of St. Salome's School will play a granddaughter.

Between the acts, Christmas carols will be sung by students and guests.

The privilege of portraying the Blessed Mother in the Nativity scene, traditionally one of the greatest honors a student can attain, has gone to Lucille Lenhard. Dorothy Weistner as St. Joseph, Mary Tierney, Jane Gaffney and Marian Knobel as the three shepherds, complete the scene.

The angel of the crib will be Ann Callahan. Other angels include Irene Nowak, Joan McGrath, Ann Dertinger, Betty Woerner and Jean Austin.

Choric speech and music from

## Public School Teacher Cites Need for Religious Education in Auburn Talk

AUBURN, N. Y., (NC) — The American way of life is doomed unless the Bible truths, upon which it was founded, are made a part of the thought and practice of future generations of Americans, Dr. William T. Melchior, of Syracuse, a veteran public school-teacher, declared at a forum held at the First Methodist Church, here.

"On the one hand," Dr. Melchior said, "we are hampered by laws against sectarian teaching in the public schools, and on the other hand we are obliged to give scholastic freedom to professors in state universities who may be inclined to transmit their own atheistic interpretations to their students."

## CATHOLIC HISTORICAL GROUP PLANS SILVER JUBILEE MEET

CHICAGO (NC) — The American Catholic Historical Association will hold its silver jubilee meeting at the Stevens Hotel on December 28 and 29.

Founded in Cleveland on December 30, 1919, at the instigation of Monsignor Peter Guilday, professor of American Church History at the Catholic University of America, the Association has grown to a membership of 726 with members in practically all States and in four foreign countries. The first President was Dr. Lawrence F. Flick of Philadelphia and the first secretary, Professor Carlton J. H. Hayes of Columbia University, present United States Ambassador to Spain.

## Getting On In The World

### WHY IS MAN BETTER?

Why is man better for this, that he is thought great by man? The deceiver misleads the deceived while he praises him. "For as much as each is in Thy eyes," so says the humble St. Francis, "so much he is and no more!"—Imitation of Christ.

### Principal Affects

- (1) Sanctifying grace cleanses us from sin, makes us holy, pleasing to God and heirs of heaven.
- (2) It makes us sharers or partakers of the divine nature.
- (3) It makes us friends of God, adopted children of God and special temples of the Holy Ghost.
- (4) It also gives us a title to merit by our good deeds.

A pint of blood can save the life of a lad who is fighting for you.

## Four Quotes

She aimed to please but didn't know when to stop being Shirley Brown.

Louise has a habit of dropping when you try to rest on them. — Drew Pearson.

Radio serials have more triangles than a geometry book. — Major Fulton J. Sheen.

She talks in high gear and thinks in low. — Marcelene Cox.

Buy the Way — Buy Goods.

## ALLIED SERVICEMEN ATTEND MISSION OF HOME DIOCESE

VATICAN CITY, (NC) — A place in St. Peter's Basilica was specially reserved on Sunday to permit the attendance of soldiers of the various Allied nations, when His Holiness Pope Pius XII descended from the Papal apartment in the Vatican to participate in the inauguration of a period of spiritual exercises offered by the whole of the Diocese of Rome in penance and expiation.

Faithful of the Diocese of Rome were present in very large numbers.

The people of Rome are making the Mission, inaugurated on Sunday, to pray for the return of peace and to offer prayers of expiation and penance for the return of men to principles of Christian faith and morality.

INVENT IN U. S.



# A Sound Investment! A Silbury Worsted Suit 38.50

The hardy wearing virtues and evident quality of Sibley's well-known Silbury Suits recommend them as a very sound investment, indeed . . . to say nothing of the neat business-like appearance that results from their precision tailoring. The fine hard-finish, all-wool worsteds will stand up under hard wear, will really hold a press. Grey, blue or brown.

*A Convenient Plan of Payment May Be Arranged for the Purchase of Your Suit.*

Store for Men, Clinton Avenue Entrance, Main Floor

SIBLEY, LINDSAY & CURR CO.