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A Christmas Crib provided for New York Central Station by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be located in the station just below the stairs from Friday, Dec. 10 to Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The Council, which formerly sponsored a crib from St. Bernard's Seminary, will have its own Christmas shrine this year through the generosity of Mrs. Charles W. Mayer. Figures in the crib are 21 inches high.

Music will also be furnished from Monday, Dec. 22 until Saturday, Dec. 27 through the courtesy of the Catholic organization and the Council of Clerical Women of Rochester and vicinity. The Suzzak Company will have charge of musical selections.

Floral arrangements will be handled by Sours Florist of East Avenue with the display copied after one set up for service men overseas.

The public is invited to inspect the Crib.

Display will be set up by Mrs. Michael Keogh, Rochester diocesan chairman of Shrines; Mrs. Elmer Lovitz, Rochester Deputy chairman of Shrines; Mrs. Richard Kelly, Rochester Diocesan President; Mrs. Harry Ferrer, under supervision of the Rev. Albert Shattuck, Rochester Diocesan Moderator.

NEW ORDINARIES ARE NAMED

Named by Pope Pius XII as Bishop of Baltimore, Md., is Monsignor Albert R. Zerkowicz (left), editor of The Messenger, official paper of the Diocese of Belleville. Appointed first Bishop of the new Diocese of Austin, Texas, is Monsignor Louis J. Belcher, Chancellor of the Diocese of Galveston. (NO Photos)

Blum to Head Hospital Succeeding W. J. Maloney

Dansville — Election of James J. Blum as president of the Dansville General Hospital was announced following a directors' meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 9.

A trustee of St. Patrick's Church, Dansville, Mr. Blum succeeds William J. Maloney who resigned as president after 20 years association with the hospital. Mr. Maloney is also a St. Patrick's trustee.

Mr. Blum has served as chairman of the finance committee of the hospital's Board of Directors and also as chairman of the building committee which is developing plans for expansion. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

In presenting his resignation to the Board, Mr. Maloney stated that he planned to be away from Dansville most of the winter and a good part of the summer and wished to sever his connection with the hospital in fairness to the institution.

The former president has been actively identified with the hospital since plans were first made to transform it from a small privately managed institution to one adequate for the community, under corporate control. He was chairman of the fund raising campaign which realized \$100,000.

He served another term as president of the hospital during the early period and later as chairman of the committee supervising construction of a new wing. He also was chairman for a number of years of the House and Grounds Committee. Second term as president began in November, 1946 following several years as vice president.

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Legion Oration Award Won by Nazareth Junior

A 16-year-old Nazareth Academy Junior, Kathryn A. Curran, walked off the speaker's platform in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, with the honors in the 11th annual County American Legion Oration contest Monday night.

In her dissertation of "The Architecture of the Constitution," Miss Curran impressed the five judges with her poise and reasoning ability.

She was awarded the \$25 prize offered by the Legion over the competition of several other older contenders. The Nazareth girl will also represent Monroe County in competition at Middlesex Feb. 8, to determine a district entrant in state competition at Albany.

THE WINNER of the state contest will participate in the national competition for a \$4,000 college scholarship and other awards.

Charles Merwin, 17, a senior at East Rochester, won the second prize of \$15. The \$10 third prize went to Gerard H. Tucker, Aquinas Institute senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Tucker, 67 Clay Avenue.

All contestants spoke for 10 to 12 minutes on a topic dealing with the United States Constitution. Judges were Jacob Ark, James P.B. Duffy, Miss Veronica Maher, Dr. Henry C. Mills and William F. Strang. Contest was arranged for the Legion by Leo F. Simpson, Jr.

Broadcasts of 4 Midnight Masses Set For Christmas

The broadcast of Midnight Masses from 4 Rochester churches on Christmas Eve will bring the sacred feast of Christmas into thousands of Rochester homes, for the shut-ins, the sick and aged and others who cannot attend midnight Mass.

Station WHAM will broadcast the Pontifical Mass of His Excellency, Bishop James E. Keane, from the Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral at midnight, Wednesday, Dec. 24. The men and boys choir of Sacred Heart under the direction of Raymond J. Haeseper will sing the Midnight Mass and a descriptive commentary on the ceremonies will be given to the radio audience by the Rev. Richard T. Torrey, associate editor of the Courier-Journal.

Station WNET will give his Christmas greetings to the diocese at the conclusion of the Mass.

St. Mary's Church, Rochester, will use the facilities of WHEC to broadcast its Solemn Midnight Mass. A special Christmas choir will sing the Mass and a program of Christmas music.

From the chapel of St. Mary's Hospital, WSAJ will carry another Solemn Midnight Mass.

The Rev. Charles F. Connell, chaplain of the hospital, will be the celebrant and preacher. The Nurses' Choir will sing the Mass accompanied by Robert Bestor at the organ.

Station WVEI will broadcast the Solemn High Mass from St. Boniface Church at midnight on Wednesday. The Rev. Walter J. Kohl, pastor of St. Boniface will be the celebrant and will preach the Christmas sermon. The St. Boniface Choir under the direction of Philip Krawiec will sing and the Rev. E. Charles Bauer will give the commentary as the Mass proceeds.

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Third Order Of St. Francis

The Third Order of St. Francis will meet at 8:30 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at St. Patrick's Church on Plymouth Avenue North.

Christmas is a feast especially associated with St. Francis. The good saint who originated the custom of erecting the Christmas Crib must be very happy as he looks down upon us at this season when the image of the Christ Child in His lowly bed can be seen everywhere from the little paper fold to the large city structures.

There is always danger that the holy scene will be forgotten all too soon after the sometimes commercially whipped up excitement of Christmas is over. In the Tertiary home, however, there should be an altar however humble, all the year around. Then, when the Advent greens are dry and withered, when the Crib has been taken down and put away for another year, the household altar is still the center of the home. Franciscan family centers about the Holy Family. That is the way St. Francis points out to all who follow his teachings.

Dansville Children Of Mary Receives 26

Dansville — Twenty-six new members were received into the Children of Mary's Society at Patrick's Church in Dansville, on Dec. 7. The pastor, the Rev. John C. O'Donnell, Spiritual Director of the organization, officiated at the reception ceremonies and conferred the Children of Mary medal on each new member.

The Rev. Joseph O'Connell, Chaplain of Nazareth Academy and Assistant Director of the Diocesan Sodality at Rochester, preached the Sermon, emphasizing the obligations of Sodalis, portraying the same, and concluding with a beautiful word picture of the advantages of being a Child of Mary. The services closed with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Father O'Connell celebrant.

The following is a list of the twenty-six new Sodalis who were received:

Carolyn Acomb, Evelyn Acomb, Tillie Amico, Lois Axtell, Mary E. Conley, Mary F. Conley, Winifred Clancy, Mary Cox, Theresa Cox, Anna Jane Dadds, Gail Farrell, Theresa Fitzpatrick, Dolores Fox, Marian Geuthner, Helen Hayes, Roxane King, Patricia Lauffer, Barbara Lehner, Nancy Lehner, Barbara Maloney, Beverly McGuire, Neva Price, Sadie Rongo, Bernadette Schirmer, Joanne Smith, Patricia Waters.

Yule Dance Set At Immaculate

Arrangements for the annual Yule Dance at Immaculate Conception auditorium, scheduled Friday evening, Dec. 26, are being completed by the committee.

A large Christmas tree will be set up in the center of the auditorium. Dancing will be from 9 to midnight with Joe Nolan's orchestra providing the music. Margie Porzell will be the featured vocalist. This holiday dance will be the first of a series sponsored by the Inter-High Council.

All teenagers are welcome to attend this Yule dance. Miss Nancy Gordon of Nazareth Academy and Miss Barbara Burns of West High School are co-chairmen.

Knights at Stag Party

A Stag Christmas Party and Dinner for members of St. Eustace Confraternity, Knights of St. John, is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 20, in the Lederkrantz Club at 6 p. m. Children dinner, cards and other entertainment features are planned with Adam Grabb to appear in the role of Santa Claus.

Northside Hospital Mapped

A new and thoroughly modern general hospital to serve the great north side of Rochester and the flourishing residential communities of Irondequoit and Greece seems likely to rise on a proposed site southeast of the intersection of Hudson Ave. and Ridge Road after completion of the \$6,940,000 fund to enlarge and modernize the voluntary hospital system of Monroe County.

Final decision on the location, announced this week, awaits suitable action by the city council, as a part of the 28-acre tract selected as an ideal spot for the future home of Rochester General Hospital is city-owned.

The hospital has an option to purchase the 10 acres nearest the corner. With the rest of the site extending to the east, and to the south beyond the proposed extension of Ridge St., there would be room for auxiliary buildings, nurses' living quarters and landscaping to ensure privacy and quiet for patients.

At its northern end the site

Clothing is Packed By Immaculate Guild

Articles of clothing for the needy were packed and shipped at the regular meeting of the Immaculate Rosary Guild last week.

Officers elected at this meeting are: Miss Anna Coyne, president; Mrs. Frank Spencer, first vice president; Mrs. Frederick Resch, second vice president; Miss Ida Fleming, secretary; Mrs. Raymond Creedon, treasurer.

These officers will take over at the January meeting.

The members of the Guild received a statement of appreciation from Mrs. Raymond Creedon, retiring president, who thanked them for their cooperation during the past five years of her term of office.

Powers Unit DVA Endorses Blood Bank

Leo W. and Robert L. Powers Chapter No. 89, Disabled American Veterans, has gone on record endorsing the new Red Cross Blood Bank being established in Rochester.

Plans were also completed at a recent meeting for the first annual banquet to be held Sunday, Jan. 13, at Lorenzo's.

Commander Charles E. Sadler has appointed the following committee: Paul M. Caprio, chairman; Donald Weeks, tickets; John Manning, door committee; John G. Karp, publicity; and Charles A. Phelps, decorations.

Christmas

The snow is falling lightly, While Santa's on his way, The stars are shining brightly And everybody's gay.

All the folks are singing A well known Christmas song, All the church bells ringing Loud and clear 'n' strong.

The tree is proudly standing So tall and gay and green, And everybody's playing Even Grandpa Jim.

Themselves with food their filling On the great Christmas Day, And everyone is willing To make time out for me.

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