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At Our House Jimmy and the Bells
 By MARY TINLEY DALY

Jimmie Shippe, a normal 13-year-old in the eighth grade of the parish school, has a paper route, a big appetite and a distinct distaste for girls. He serves Mass on Sundays, helps his older brother tinker with a 1931 jalopy, roughhouses with his friends and is in hot water periodically at home and at school. If you see a wimpy Jimmy playing in the school yard, you wouldn't know him from any of the other grubby 13-year-olds — except, perhaps, for blue eyes alight with intelligence and good will toward all the world. It's that spirit of good-will that made Jimmie do something that wouldn't have occurred to most 13-year-olds. For years now Jimmie has been serving Mass in one of the larger parishes of the city; but the parish grew so that it had to be subdivided, and Jimmie's home fell within the boundaries assigned to a small frame church where one of the curates

INTERRACIAL COOPERATION



Catholic clergy and laity, and representatives of other denominational groups, paid tribute to Mrs. Anna M. McGarry, of Philadelphia, winner of the James J. Hoey Interracial Award for 1948, at a tea sponsored by the Alliance of Catholic Women and the Catholic Interracial Council of Philadelphia. Pictured, left to right, on that occasion are: Mrs. Kathleen Gresh, Catholic Interracial Council; Mrs. Herbert E. Miller, Mrs. McGarry, Mrs. Helen E. Pinkett and Mrs. Clementine Lewis (NC Photos).

Women's Viewpoint Christmas Prayer
 By MARIE WEIDMAN

O, Tiny, Sacred One, tomorrow the earth's multitudes will again mark the feast of Thy Nativity. All the burdens of our bent world will be laid aside so that man may think on Thee Alone. As our mortal voices, for the nineteenth hundred and forty-eighth time, pour out Thy Divine Birth day praises, smile upon us, Holy Babe, for we are sorely tried, unutterably weary and deeply confused. In Thy Wisdom, watch over our statesmen who must meet and parry with those Communist enemies of all peoples who acknowledge Thee their Infinite Creator and Judge. Give our leaders courage to withstand and insight to perceive the deadly sophistry of this enemy's machinations. Help the Russian people, Holy Child, help their wretchedness, their bleakness, hear the whispered prayers of those Russians who have kept Thy Image within their secret hearts. Give courage to our priests to look upon the wretched, quivering Christians that we are, with our despairing and losing heart. Help them to counsel rightly, if but one soul were to take courage and return to Thee. Let the peace of the Midnight Sacrifice soften the quiet, grey agony of lonely, aching hearts over the whole world. Let them realize the steadfastness of Thy Love, the depth of Thyine understanding of human problems.

SMILE UPON ALL, our children. Little Christ Child, bless and protect them. Help their parents to love them wisely, to guide their efforts, so that their young minds may seek for knowledge of Thee their joyful hearts swell with love for Thee. Protect, too, the sad and blighted children who must live out their childhood among strangers, help them to be merciful in judging their neglectful, heedless parents. Loving Babe, we implore Thy aid in helping all Christians to love one another. Black hatred, intolerance, misunderstanding seem everywhere. Touch human hearts, make us realize our duty to each other. Let the Charity and warmth of the Christmas season remain to still scorn, curb lashing tongues and soften harsh hearts.

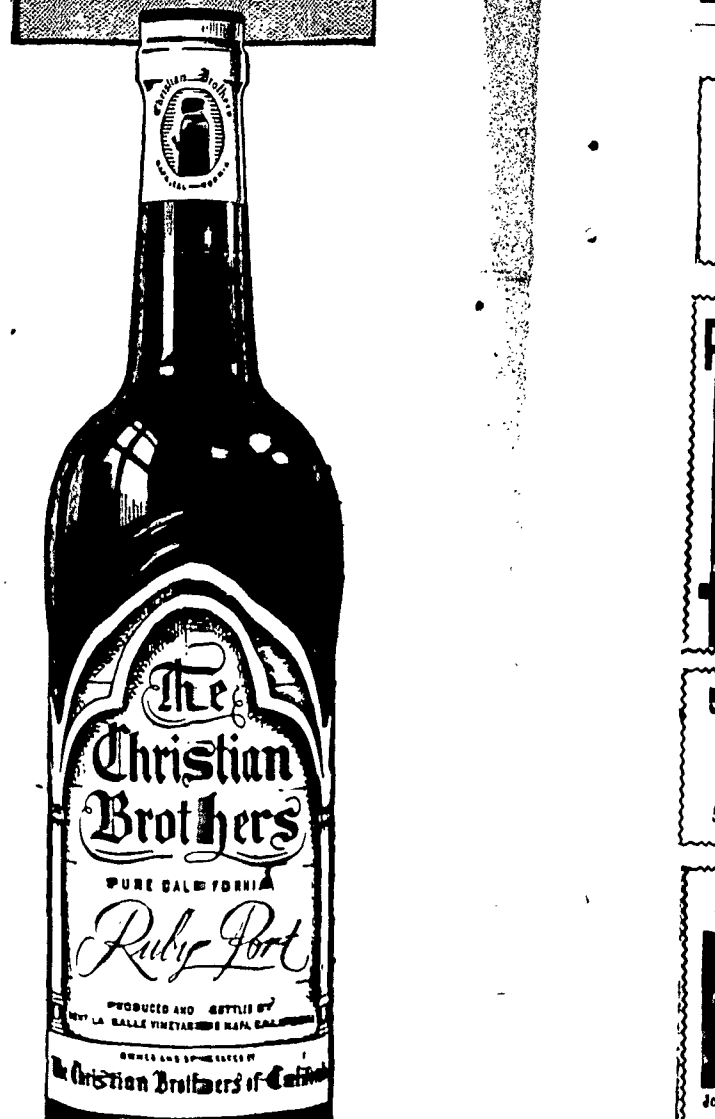
May the light of the Bethlehem star guide all wandering souls, drift amid doubts, torn by indecision. Give grace to those who want to enter the Church, and courage to those who wish to dedicate their lives to Thee. Let the profound simplicity of Thy Life and Thy Truths confound the shallow depth of the world's cynics and unbelievers. If it be fitting now, touch their withered hearts, show them our Redeemer and their living hope.

TOUCH THE FEVERED brows of our sick and forgive our dying. Ease their anguish, bless them, Lord and for a few moments let them know the joys of Christmas. Give patience to the invalid, handicapped and impaired souls so that their sufferings may be in vain.

Blessed Infant, guide and lead all ordinary folk everywhere who work, wash, pray, and ponder about Thyself about their destinies, their salvation. Lift them from the slough of mediocrity, make them shining spirited Christians with strong hearts to face a dull, dispiriting world. Let the Christ mas Peace settle upon them so they may never know black

Concert Operates a Mission Kofu, Japan — (NC) — A concert held here in connection with the installation of the Salesian Fathers as pastors of the Kofu and Yamashiro areas attracted about 2,000 people. The majority of whom were non-Christians and had, no previous contact with Catholicism.

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 By NORMA DE PREZ

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'Spicy' Calendar Excites Quebec; Law Bans Sale
 Montreal — (RNS) — Quebec's Sacred Heart League, spearhead of the Roman Catholic Church for public morality in this province, succeeded in its drive to stop distribution of the 1949 Esquire calendar in the Province of Quebec. Sale of the calendar was officially forbidden by Premier Maurice Duplessis, acting in his capacity as attorney general, after he was approached by angered officials of the League. Prior to the Premier's action, the League had planned to stop distribution of the calendar through some form of public protest. Students at various universities and members of Catholic clubs throughout the province were ready to put the "calendar off the market in order to avoid moral harm to thousands of prospective teenage buyers." Premier Duplessis ordered a local news company, which had acquired 20,000 of the calendars for distribution in Quebec, to recall all copies on the newsstands and to stop further distribution. The company, although terminating the order "unpleasant interference in our business," complied and asked agents to return all copies.

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