

Nativity Display Award Goes To Campbell School

Cornell. — A significant gain was made this year during the Christmas season in the campaign, launched for the first time in 1948, for Christmas decorations to portray the real meaning of the season — the Nativity.

Due to the cooperation of the Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the efforts of Miss Madeline McNamara, who was the originator of the idea last year, several schools and organizations arranged colorful and artistic window displays depicting the "real" Christmas spirit with the central theme of "Let Us Forget."

THE AWARD. "The Praying Hand" by Albert Dwyer on photo-sensitive glass, which was the contribution of the Cornell Glass Works, went to the Campbell Central school for its excellent cooperation in readying its exhibit on short notice and for bringing it the longest distance. It was decided this year to eliminate any competitive spirit. The display was arranged in one of the windows of the First National Bank and Trust Company.

Others taking part were St. Vincent de Paul's School, St. Mary's School, Southside Grammar School, Corning Free Academy, Northside School, Girl Scout Troop 19, Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America, Corning Council Knights of Columbus and the Aquinas Club.

All the displays drew high praise and plans are being made to enlarge on the project next Christmas season.

'Shrines' Talk Set By CDA On Jan. 10

A talk on "Shrines in the Home" by Mrs. Elmer M. Lortie will follow the meeting of Court Daughters of America at the Columbus Civic Center, Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 8 p.m.

The talk will be preceded by a business session and followed by a social hour. Refreshments and the social period will be in charge of Mrs. Nan Dwyer, Mrs. Jane Donovan, Mrs. Dorsey, Miss Helen Greening and Mrs. Helen Gill.

KC To Entertain Veterans At Bath

A group of entertainers will be taken to the disabled veterans at U.S. Veterans Facility, Bath on Saturday, Jan. 7 by members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus according to Grand Knight Raymond L. Nary.

General Chairman Richard G. Thiele, chairman announces the bus will leave at 10:30 A.M. from in front of the Columbus Civic Center. Thirty-seven knights and entertainers will make the trip.

With Eddie Werp's orchestra to furnish the music, these entertainers will go along to perform: Frances Bonafide, Paul Scott, Mary Helen Brown, Bob Torpey, Barney LaRock, Bob Farrell, Dick Seaton and dancers. Cigarettes, cigars, magazines and gum will be distributed at the Veterans Hospital. Stanley Glogowski is in charge of this distribution. The entertainment will be presented in the auditorium. Gifts will also be distributed after the performance.

District Deputy John J. Kinney and Grand Knight Nary will also make the trip.

Committees are as follows: R. Francis Healy, chairs; Ignace J. State, Warden; Rocco P. Natale, entertainment; Joseph H. Peters, tea and magazines; Nicholas E. Sipple; and Glogowski, distribution.

Mercy Guild Lists Meeting, January 10

Mercy Guild of the Little Flower will hold the January business meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Catholic Women's Club, Alexander St.

Mrs. Clement Hanis will preside. Dessert will be served at 2 p.m. Meeting begins at 2 p.m. Hostesses are Mrs. Joseph F. Ritz, Mrs. Charles Connell, Mrs. Wesley Wood and Mrs. Harry Rock.

Participate In Holy Name Rites



Taking leading roles in the annual Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney to mark the Feast of the Holy Name were: the Bishop (center); Monsignor F. William Stauder, first deacon director of the Holy Name Union and Holy Redeemer Church pastor (left); and Very Rev. Augustus J. Aylward, C.S.S.R., speaker and director of the Diocesan Retreat House at Geneva. More than 1,000 Holy Name Society members assisted at the Mass in Holy Redeemer Church.

1,200 Of Laity Greet Bishop On New Year Visit

Special greetings for the Holy Year were wished to the 1,200 people of Rochester who called on His Excellency, Bishop Kearney Monday at the episcopal residence, 947 East Ave. to exchange the customary New Year's Greetings.

A leaflet bearing a likeness of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, and including the official Holy Year of Jubilee prayer was given each visitor. Over Bishop Kearney's name appeared the message: "I am deeply grateful for your New Year's visit and pray God's choicest blessings upon you and yours during this Holy Year of Jubilee."

Family representations were larger than other years. Prominent among these was the family of 14 recent immigrants in whom the Bishop took special interest. The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Constant Blaakman and their 12 children.

THE PARENTS and nine of the children arrived in the United States from Eindhoven, Holland, Nov. 15 and came to Rochester. They were preceded to this country a year ago by the three other sons, Roger, 20, Marcel, 18 and Arno, 17, who prepared for their arrival.

Visitors were shown about the Bishop's residence and paid a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in the Bishop's chapel, second floor. Catholic lay groups were represented by officers and members. A group of Knights of Columbus headed by William T. Nolan served as ushers.

Nativity Story Put On Video Program

San Antonio (NC) — A television presentation of the story of the Nativity was presented here this week. The action appeared in silhouette against a stained glass church window while a narrator told the new Testament story.

Entitled "The Shadows of The Manger," the production was written by Alfred F. Sturdy and presented under the sponsorship of the local Knights of Columbus. Members of the cast were taken from St. Mary's University and Incarnate Word College. Local members of the Catholic Theatre Conference.

TO INFORM STUDENTS

Planning is continuing to implement the Outreach Service Program of the National Federation of Catholic College Students, left to right, Frank Derran, regional chairman; David Haberman, chair; Marquette University Tribune, Milwaukee; Lois Sato, editor; Mount Mary College, Times; Muriel Bruhn, co-editor with Grace Dwyer (extreme right) of the Cardinal Serrich College News; and Pat Otto of the Alverno College paper. (NC Photos)

Bishop Charges Persecution In Yugoslav Zone

Rome (NC) — In extending New Year greetings to his Diocese of Trieste, Bishop Antonio Santin has called public attention to the continued persecution of the Church in the Yugoslav zone of the so-called Free Territory. It is revealed in press dispatches reaching here.

The Bishop charges that religious persecution continues in the Yugoslav zone "even under the mask of relaxation, which is pure hypocrisy, and in expressing hope that things will improve in 1950 he says "It seems to us impossible that another year of such infamy must pass."

Bishop Santin asserts that the persecutors of the Church give no rest, but continue ferociously to torment "a land which, by supreme irony, is called Free."

"They continue before the eyes of the civilized nations that have created this state of things, and which have solemnly promised protection and defense the Bishop adds.

The persecutors of religion continue their infamous oppression, the Bishop points out, "while at the same time defense in case of aggression is solemnly assured to him who works in such an unjust and relentless way. He declared that there are daily acts of "wicked aggression" against the weak and unarmed.

College Grads Needed In Parish Life, Survey Says

Washington (NC) — Only a small minority of America's Catholic college graduates are taking any active part in parish life.

A group of student leaders from 12 States acknowledged this to be a fact at a recent conference here and set out to do something about it. They are members of the National Federation of Catholic College Students.

THE CONFEREES planned a two-pronged attack upon the problem as to stimulate key people among the college graduates in each diocese so that they might encourage others to promote discussion among students about the needs of parish life while they are still in college.

Before them as they studied the problem was a survey conducted last year among pastors in New York and Connecticut, in which 54 per cent of the priests responded that "Catholic college people are not playing a satisfactory part in their parish activities."

ABOUT HALF of the pastors surveyed felt that the reason for this condition was lack of interest on the part of the college graduates. Other comments included charges of pride and snobishness, insufficient training, lack of time.

Another observation was that "priests are at fault because they do not supply worthwhile programs" and some spoke of the resentment of older parish members.

They also recommended that the NFCCS work into its program actual study and discussion sessions on the problems of parish life, making every effort to direct Catholic college graduates toward parish activities. At the same time they resolved to approach Catholic college officials on the possibility of weaving practical courses on parish needs into college training.

C. U. Gets Works Of Msgr. Ryan

Washington (NC) — Personal papers of the late Msgr. John A. Ryan, first director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, have been collected for transfer to the Catholic University of America department of archives and manuscripts. The N.C.W.C. department has announced.

The work of collecting the papers has been going on quietly for several months and they will be made available for study at the university where Monsignor Ryan taught moral theology and social sciences for many years.

BESIDE THE Monsignor's books and pamphlets, the collection includes his unprinted speeches, correspondence, lecture notes and his reference file on a multitude of social questions which arose during the last two decades.

Monsignor Ryan's work for social causes particularly for social legislation and organized labor, is best remembered as a part of the New Deal era, and his personal papers reveal contacts with many government officials among them the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

CWV Units To Meet At Sacred Heart

Regular monthly meeting of Sacred Heart Post No. 1127 of the Catholic War Veterans will be held Monday Jan. 9 at 8:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart School Hall.

The Women's Auxiliary will meet at the same time in the Social Rooms. Refreshments will be served by a committee of the Auxiliary headed by Mrs. Ralph Edwards.

Auburn Weddings

Spangrud-Kahl
Auburn Miss Mildred Jessica Kahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Kahl of 13 Morris Street, became the bride of Raymond Willard Spangrud, ensign U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Spangrud of Wazata, Minn., recently in St. Alphonsus Church. Rev. Clarence Gardner, assistant pastor, performed the ceremony.

Russia Hears Pope's Talks

Vatican City (NC) — For what is believed to be the first time in history the complete text of the Pope's Christmas message was broadcast in Russian over Radio Vatican.

The view that it was the first such broadcast of the full text was given by a well-informed Vatican official. There have been other broadcasts to Russia of Christmas messages, the official said but they were only summaries and excerpts.

Dance Prices Change At Immaculate Hall

A new price schedule for the Immaculate Conception auditorium "Friday Night Dances" will begin Friday, Jan. 6. The committee has announced.

Before nine o'clock admission will be sixty cents, after nine o'clock it will be upped to seventy cents. A special concession will be made to the young people attending Friday night basketball games. They will be admitted for half price at Immaculate dances, on presentation of the ticket stub from the basketball game.

More time for dancing is being provided by the Immaculate dance committee which has inaugurated a new program featuring two bands, alternating every hour from 8:30 until midnight, eliminating the intermission period.

German Catholics Rate One-Third

Berlin (NC) — More than one-third of the German population in 1946 was Catholic, according to census figures now released. There were 22,600,000 Catholics, or 33.1 per cent of the population.

Protestants made up 39.7 per cent, those professing no faith 4.4 per cent and persons belonging to other denominations 0.8 per cent.

Since the census was taken, refugees and expellees arriving from the former German provinces in the East are believed to have swelled the Catholic total to at least 40 per cent.

First Saturday Mass At Cenacle

The First Saturday Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, sponsored by Rochester Circle International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, will be offered in the chapel of the Cenacle Retreat House, 693 East Avenue, Jan. 7 at 8:30 p.m.

Famed Artists Build Chapel for Sisters

Paris (NC) — The small town of Venice, near Nice, will soon receive the gift of a chapel designed and built by Auguste Perret, one of the foremost architects in France, and by the famous painter, Henri Matisse, one of the masters of modern art.

Henri Matisse, now in his 80's, took the initiative in planning the gift out of gratitude for the care he received four years ago in the clinic of the Dominican nuns in Venice, where he recovered from a long illness.

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