

### February Cana Conference Mapped In Hammondsport

Hammondsport — Plans for a Cana Conference at St. Gabriel's Church here during the month of February under the direction of the Rev. Daniel Hogan of Corning were discussed at the Rosary Society meeting in the social rooms.

Father Hogan who is deputy moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be guest at the Rosary Society meeting in February at which Miss Madeline Stenger DCCW Literature Chairman will be a guest.

The meeting opened with Recitation of the Rosary in the Church. Mrs. Hubert Triano, president, called on Mrs. Andrew Vander Empters to read the opening prayer to Our Lady.

THE SOCIETY voted that all members who reach the age of 65 will automatically become paid-up life members.

Mrs. Frederick Kukul, Christmas party chairman, reported 46 persons enjoyed the ice cream and Christmas cake refreshments and received miniature models of the Christmas crib from the Rev. John W. Brill, pastor.

Sixty-nine gifts for the aged inmates at the County Home were received from the children and presented for them to the elderly persons by the committee in charge. Maria Claus also visited the party.

Mrs. Leonard Guesst and Mrs. Franklin Aulis reported on the DCCW meeting in Rochester.

TO AID IN raising needed funds, the society voted to hold a series of card parties in the home of members and open to the public.

The first party will be at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Triano on Friday, Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. Table reservations will be made until noon with Mrs. Triano. A nominal sum will be charged and light refreshments served.

After the business meeting, Mrs. Ted Kolo and Mrs. James

### GUIDE SCHOOL HEADS



Met at the annual meeting of the Superintendent's Department of the National Catholic Educational Association, in Washington, were Arthur M. Leary (center), rector of St. Joseph's, Elmira; Joseph J. Schmitt, superintendent of schools, Archdiocese of San Francisco; Vice-President, and Mr. Ignatius A. Marini (left), Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Lafayette, La., Secretary. (NC Photos)

### Elmira Catholic Highlights

BY ANN MOFFATT

"We won because we won!" Loyal Elmira Catholic High rooters left St. Peter and Paul's gym on Sunday singing that. Catholic High has avenged itself for the loss it suffered at the hands of Laurel Hill Academy from Susquehanna. This was the fourth game won out of seven played.

They were both very close games, and we all feared that there might be at least a tie. The Jayco score was 45-34, the Varsity's was 50-42.

The numbers of the Senior class have been swelled by one. We have a new girl, Arlene Fisher, from the Academy. This brings the number of Seniors to a grand total of 28.

The yearbook is supposed to go to press sometime this month and the Literary Staff is working feverishly to get it ready on time.

The year seems to be progressing at a great rate for mid-year exams are already upon us with

all their grim meanings. They began on Thursday of this week and will continue all next week.

SOME MEMBERS of the Junior class have written to "pen-pals" in foreign countries in order that the "pen-pals" might get a better understanding of the English language.

The Cheerleaders' Club has elected two new officers. Beve Kinney is secretary; Jane Riley is Sergeant-at-Arms. Jane's duty is to maintain order by marking down the name of anyone who talks out of order and charging them five cents. It's certainly some way to maintain order but let's hope our teachers don't adopt the same system! We'd all be broke.

Two Junior girls had parties last week. The first was at Mary Alice O'Connor's house on Friday night; the second, at Pat Lorgan's on Saturday night. Both were voted a big success.

### Okinawa Educator Visits Mercy High On U. S. Tour

Visiting the only Catholic high school on his nation-wide itinerary, Sotoku Shinzato, executive secretary of the Okinawa Teachers Association at Naha City, said Monday he was "deeply impressed" with Our Lady of Mercy High School, Rochester.

The visitor is one of two Okinawans studying educational methods in the United States under the sponsorship of the American National Education Association. He was the guest here of Walter J. Scholand of Orchard Lane, Fairport, a Naval Reserve Lieutenant, with whom he became acquainted when Scholand was military governor in Northern Okinawa after World War II.

Shinzato was shown about the Blossom Road school by the Sisters of Mercy and he commented on the orderliness, deportment and atmosphere of happiness.

IN OKINAWA, Catholicism is making progress since the coming of the chaplains in World War II, he said. Now there are 300 Catholics attending the mission church on the island and they are being organized into a wholesome group in the development of democracy. The island has been rebuilt about 85 per cent since the war.

Democratic methods of teaching have replaced dogmatic instruction in Okinawa as a result of the postwar American military government program, Shinzato said. The English language is now taught in all schools as well as Japanese, the native language.

Studying parent groups in this country, the visitor was interested in knowing that some 400 or more parents attend the PTA gatherings at Mercy High School.

Governor's Committee Concord, N. H. — (NC) — Bishop Matthew F. Brady of Manchester has been named by Governor Sherman Adams to the Special Governor's Committee which will distribute the \$25,000 charity fund donated by the New Hampshire Jockey Club, Inc.

### All On This Subject Of Giving

By MARY E. FITZGERALD

Thinking in terms of budget deficits it isn't easy to get very far from the thought of "giving" or more important still how to find the where-with-all to do it. That's just one of the reasons for the title of this article but one incident in particular made it mandatory to express my thinking about it.

Usually, I am smugly proud of professionalism but occasionally I hang my head and murmur — "In the name of a cold statistical Christ." That is just what happened last week after I had spoken my mind in a meeting attended by my fellow Executives.

The discussion centered around "The Whole Subject of giving but particularly at Christmas." Looking back on it, I thought "How easy it is for us to analyse the motives of everyone else except our own individual selves. It is how comparatively simple it is to make some one else's job all wrong."

GRANTED — there is much to be said against some of the Christmas giving, there are, however, some people, who full of the Christmas spirit, will with the bare of trumpets give generously to a Christmas cause.

Unfortunately for many of those, whom we know, their benevolence ends right there, let the Community Chest solicitors approach them and you would be astonished at the long list of reasons why they refuse. Meet one of them after Mass some Sunday when a special collection has been announced and hear what they have to say. So much for the one day per year giver.

Conceded that church and social organizations need a liberal education on the topic of Duplication it is well I know, how difficult it is to convince some of these kindly individuals that it does make a difference if the Murphys get three baskets, even though they probably could use every last potato.

IN THE MIDDLE of some similar situations, I have often felt as though my listeners were saying "That's what red tape does to people. Those agencies never think in terms of anyone's real needs — It's just case work and that means checking and double checking and plenty of subtracting."

Of course, everyone is doing a little concentrating on the other fellow's demands these days. With income taxes really cutting deep into a salary check, retail taxes a reality or a definite threat and property taxes soaring ever upwards, it is not difficult to forget the soul satisfying experience of personal sacrifice.

Just to bear out this statement, the morning mail included a bulletin on a new book entitled "Philanthropic Giving," written by F. Emerson Andrews. The leaflet states, "Among topics discussed in this book are: How giving grew — Who gives and

how much — Charity rackets — Bread upon the Waters and The Recipient and the Donor." It is around this last that much of the destructive criticism of the Christmas giving revolves. "People give because it makes them feel good. They are bringing their children up that way. They do not realize what they are doing to the ones who receive."

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LET'S EDUCATE them — by all means! But in the name of Christian Charity why not do it constructively. Point out the evils of indiscriminate giving, explain the cooperation that agencies can give and maybe prove that Professionalism can be human enough to satisfy even the most applause-seeking donor.

As in all else that relates to Catholic Charities, I find myself remembering the words of our own Bishop Kearney "You must each have your own personal Charity known to God and you alone." Again, his admonition, so often voiced in the words of James Russell Lowell, "He who gives of himself feeds three. Himself, his hungry neighbor and me."

Raja Presides Belgaum, India — (NC) — The Raja of Savantawadi, a prominent Hindu, presided at a musicale conducted by a number of well wishers, to aid the Jesuit Mission here.

### Mother Of 5 Leads Drive For Books

Cincinnati — (NC) — A Cincinnati mother of five is the prime mover in a Books-for-Nagasaki campaign to fill the needs of Japanese school children in that atom-bombed city who "can read English a little."

Mrs. Helen Hester of St. Pius' Parish started her campaign after hearing a broadcast here by Rex Dale telling of a plea for books by a famous Japanese Catholic, Dr. Paul Takashi Nagai.

Dr. Nagai, physician, author and artist, has used the royalties of his own published books to help rebuild Nagasaki's ruined Cathedral. Now, while he is still in the shadow of death, from effects of atomic research to which he submitted, he is planning a children's library.

Mrs. Hester has turned over a corner of her house to the Nagasaki project, with rolls of wrapping paper and twine, and supplies of cardboard. With just a few phone calls, she received dozens of books for parcel post packages.

Her 20-year-old daughter, Arlene, is her chief wrapping assistant. Al, Mrs. Hester's husband mails the packages.

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Seniors participating in the production include Sally Delbridge, Frances Mancuso, Joy Veltz, Joyce Mahon, Mary Wilkin, Carol Meyers and Margaret Mary Zaenfler.

Also in the cast are Dick DeNagle, Eddie Schickler, and Bill Quinlan.

The plot concerns the embarrassment of an English family on the verge of bankruptcy who enlist the aid of their wealthy uncle, Daniel, Uncle Daniel, hoping to stir the children out of their listlessness, claims he is to die in three years and will leave his fortune to the child who is most successful.

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