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Spotlight Club To Perform Before Aquinas Mothers Club

Aquinas Spotlight Club directed by the Rev. Leonard Cullen, C.S.B., will present a pre-Christmas show at the Dec. 8 meeting of Aquinas Mothers Club in the school auditorium, Dewey Ave.

In an atmosphere of snowflakes and pine trees, the Spotlight Club chorus and orchestra directed by Dick Fess will offer modern songs of the Christmas season.

Jim Proud, Aquinas senior and veteran actor will be present, along with "the real authentic Santa Claus straight from the North Pole via Irondequoit," the

committee announced.

THE SOCIAL hour of the year will be held after in the school cafeteria, along with a bazaar, candy, cake and cookie sales and apron sale.

Mrs. Merritt Woodward will be hostess from Blessed Sacrament parish and her assistants are mothers from Blessed Sacrament, St. Margaret Mary's, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Anne's, St. Louis, Pittsford.

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Red Strategy To Destroy Church Told

Vatican City — (NC) — The strategy for the battle against the Catholic Church in Poland was outlined in a secret circular of the Communist party here.

This policy directive was issued by the party's central committee, says the Vatican City daily L'Osservatore Romano, in its weekly documentary article on persecution behind the Iron Curtain. The directive ordered two principal phases in the struggle to eliminate Catholicism: one with minor aims and tactics to be employed, the paper revealed.

IN THE FIRST phase — to discredit the Church publicly — three steps were detailed. To allege that Catholicism was unsuitable to the character of Slavic peoples; to exploit all elements and incidents of contemporary life which might discredit the Church and draw youth away from religious influence; and to step up special propaganda sections to attack the Church.

The second stage called for the progressive confiscation of all Church property, levying of extremely high taxes on Mass offerings, expulsion of the clergy from all educational and youth activities, prohibition of the so-called "abuse of pulpit" for political purposes, and promotion of the activities of the "national church" and of other sects so as to widen divisions.

39 Employees Admitted To Deice 25-Year Club

Nine women and thirty men were honored by their fellow Deice Appliance Division employees as they joined Deice's 25 Year Club, Wednesday. The group were guests of honor at the Club's Annual Banquet at the Sheraton Hotel. Paul H. Kuehner, Deice Appliance General Manager, presented each of the newcomers with a suitably engraved watch in honor of the occasion.

ILLUSTRATED TALES LISTED AT MUSEUM

France and Italy will be the subjects of two illustrated talks at The Memorial Art Gallery this coming week. On Sunday, December 6, at 4:15 p.m. Miss Isabel C. Herd, Associate Director of the Gallery, will give a travelogue for the public on "The Hill Towns of Old Italy." Aided, Siena, Ferrara, Arezzo and Ravenna, will be shown in color lantern slides.

On Monday, Dec. 7, at 2:00 p.m. members of the Gallery will hear Mrs. Gertrude H. Moore, Director of the Gallery speak on "In the Chateau Country," a tour around France by automobile train, bus and boat. The great fortress chateaux of Chateau, Chambord, Blois, Langeais, Chenonceau, Azay-le-Rideau and the smaller, yet charming chateaux and country villas in Burgundy will be seen in color.

NEW TEACHERS Toronto — (RNS) — A deputation of Protestantism called on Ontario's Education Minister, W. J. Dennis, to protest the use of Roman Catholic nuns as teachers in the public school at Scarborough, Ont.

Sodalist Lights First Candle



TRADITIONAL ADVENT WREATH, a project of the High School Sodality of Our Lady, was blessed in Saint Peter and Paul's Church on the First Sunday of Advent in the presence of those Sodality who also serve as Knights of the Altar. Lighting the first candle is James Holleran, a student of Catholic High and the First Master of the Knights. Attending the ceremony are also four Academy High School Sodality: (from left) John McElligott, Robert Ganser, James Holleran, Robert Westlake, Lawrence Sheahan.

Advent Wreath Displayed At St. Peter and Paul's

The Holy Season of Advent was introduced at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, by the construction and the display of the traditional Advent Wreath. The Advent Wreath

is a project of the Sodality of Our Lady, and was blessed on the First Sunday of Advent in the presence of those High School Sodality who also serve as Knights of the Altar.

THE WREATH is a symbol of Advent. It is a daily reminder of the meaning of Advent. The Wreath is constructed of twigs of evergreens (symbol of hope in the coming of the Savior), and is tied with violet bows (symbol of penance), and contains four blessed candles (symbols of the four Sundays of Advent as well as the four thousand years of waiting). During this first week of Advent, one candle is lighted during daily Mass and devotions. The Advent Wreath is displayed on the site of the Christmas Crib, and will give way to the Crib at the close of the Advent Season.

The Advent Wreath is also a project of the Catholic Action Club of the seventh and eighth grades in the Parish School where a Wreath is displayed as a daily reminder to the children.

Alhambra Christmas Dinner Set Saturday

Annual Christmas Dinner Party for "Sir Nobles and Their Sultans" of Musa Caravan, Order of Alhambra will be held Saturday, Dec. 5 at "Sir Noble Morgan J. Smith's" Hotel Sheraton Starlight Roof. Program will include Yuletide Gifts for the ladies, Alhambra Lun. Music will be furnished by Pat Bassett's orchestra.

Guests will be greeted by Grand Commander Clifford B. Sargent, Chairman and John W. Degus and Philip Randazzo.

Annunciation Guild Reports 98 Members

After a successful membership drive, the Church of the Annunciation on Norton St. boasts a membership of better than 98 members in the newly organized Rosary Guild.

Officers are: Miss Kate Sturillo, president; Mrs. Stanford Murray, vice president; Mrs. John Thomas, secretary; Mrs. John Buckley, treasurer; Mrs. Carmen Lotots, publicity; and Mrs. Donald Charles, sunshine chairman.

A Christmas party was planned for Tuesday, Dec. 8. An appointed committee will be in charge of refreshments, entertainment and a grab bag.

We show true love for our fellowmen by performing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy on their behalf.

Elmira Student At Georgetown U.

Arthur J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Smith, 925 College Avenue, Elmira, a junior in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., is one of 14 Georgetown undergraduates selected by students and faculty for membership in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Nominations for the Who's Who national yearbook, which lists the outstanding American college and university students, are made on the basis of scholarship, leadership and extracurricular activities.

At Georgetown, Smith is Vice-President of the Sodality; Vice-President of the National Federation of Catholic College Students; Senior delegate for Georgetown University in the NFCCS.

Smith was graduated from Elmira Free Academy, Elmira. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Economics.

Corning Church To Open Triduum

Corning—The Rev. Thomas Brennan, pastor of St. Mary's Church here, will impart the papal blessing to members of his parish at closing exercises of a triduum honoring the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, Dec. 8, the feast day.

In preparation for the Marian year which opens on Dec. 8, 1953, the triduum will be conducted beginning on Sunday, Dec. 6 in St. Mary's.

Father Brennan was granted permission to impart the Papal Blessing on a visit with Pope Pius XII while on a trip to Europe during the past month.

Auxiliary 47 Lists Christmas Party

Annual Christmas Party of Ladies Auxiliary No. 47, Knights of St. John will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8 in St. Boniface Hall, Whalin St.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Games and entertainment will be provided. A fifty cent grab bag gift will be exchanged.

Reservations may be made by calling Isabel Vogel, Monroe 2609 R or Mary Schwalbach, Monroe 3133-J, not later than Dec. 6.

Perpetual Help Society Lists Cards

A card party will be held by the Perpetual Help Society on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Nurses' Lounge of St. Mary's Hospital.

Mrs. Mortimer Donovan will be honorary chairman. Mrs. Joseph Voelkl, chairman is being assisted by Mrs. George Heisel, Mrs. Anne Jeffrey and Mrs. Evelyn Grell.

Catholic Press 'Holds Line' In Europe, Says Adenauer

Bonn, Germany — (NC)—The achievements and tasks of Germany's Catholic press in combating Europe's progressing de-Christianization have been set forth by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in an address to editors of diocesan papers.

The editors had come here to attend a seminar arranged by the German Catholic News Agency (KNA) on the general theme "The Family in the Nation."

SPEAKING AT a reception in his official residence, the Chancellor raised the question whether Europe today is still as Christian as it was a few centuries ago. He spoke of the growing dangers of depersonalization arising from rapid technical developments. At the same time, he added, there is the external menace from the East and grave doubts arise in many minds whether Europe is today spiritually in a condition to meet that danger in the same manner as it had been met in the past.

"I am happy to greet you men of the Catholic press," Dr. Adenauer said, "who have contributed so much toward strengthening resistance and holding the line against any further retreat of Europe from living Christianity."

Luncheon Scheduled By St. Andrew Unit

Alliar Society of St. Andrew's Church will have its Annual Chicken Pie Luncheon, Tuesday, Dec. 8. Serving in the school cafeteria will be from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cards will follow with table prizes awarded. On the committee will be Miss Mary Hempel, and Mesdames Ella Bartle, Angie Beane, Eva Davis, Lillian Egan, Betty Haefner, Mary Haefner, Christine Lasher, Mary Smith, Grace Smith, Eleanor Schneider and Hazel Schneider.

Members and friends are invited. Tickets are \$1.00 each and may be purchased from the committee or at the door.

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