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Professor Stephen Eaton of St. Bonaventure University's Department of Biology has been named editor of The Eagle, a scientific journal. Professor Eaton succeeds Allan S. Klonick, president of the Genesee Ornithological Club, Rochester.

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## Blessed Sacrament Scouts To Fete Girls From Villa

With 41 girls from St. Joseph's Villa as guests, the Girl Scouts of Blessed Sacrament Parish will entertain at a Christmas Party, Saturday, Dec. 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the school auditorium.

## Drivers Warned Against Drinking

"Boozers are losers—so if you drink, don't drive!" That warning to holiday celebrants was issued by the Rochester Safety Council because drinking contributes to the traffic accident toll which reaches a peak at the end of the year.

According to the National Safety Council, 556 persons were killed in yuletide traffic accidents in 1952—the largest Christmas holiday toll on record.

This high toll can be avoided this year, the Council says, if:

1. Drivers leave their cars in the garage and use public transportation during Christmas festivities, especially if they intend to do any drinking.
2. Drivers go on the theory that the other fellow—driver or pedestrian—may be woozy and allow for it.
3. Drivers double their caution in bad weather and hold down their speed.
4. Passengers refuse to ride with a drinking driver.

## Drivers Warned Against Drinking

Dancing, Christmas songs, games and refreshments will be provided for the Villa girls as well as for 18 girls from the new troop at Blessed Sacrament and 30 from troop 214.

On committees are: House and reception: Sue Dress, Ellen Ennis, Ann Shreder, Marilyn Martin, Mayre Landgren, Jane Moriarty.

Program: Alice Conway, Sheila Mulvaney, Joyce Blythe, Mary Kallish, Alice Langill, Barbara Sargent and Mary Ann Kelvey.

Decorating: Barbara Meyer, Ann Wing, Dorothy Koch, Mary Ellen Keogh, Patty Leja, Betty Way and Sheila Donnelly.

Refreshments: Janet Smith, Ann Montgomery, Margaret Ann Toomey, Mary E. Murphy, Susan Hurman, Judy Bromley, Joan Yatteau and Mary Ann Ryan.

## Group Honors Pastor On 20th Anniversary

Corporate Communion of a large number of members of the Holy Name of Mary Society in St. Stanislaus Church, Sunday, at the 7 a.m. Mass was offered for the intention of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Balcerak who had been pastor of the church for 20 years on that day.

Monsignor Balcerak recalled how the parishioners by their generosity and cooperation over the years was climaxed in 1950 when the parish mortgage was liquidated.

## Sacred Heart League To Meet At Academy

The December Meeting of the promoters of the League of the Sacred Heart will be held Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 8 Prince Street, at 4 p.m.

As this will be the first meeting of the promoters in the Marian Year, promoters are urged to request any new members of their bands to attend this meeting with them.

## 450 Children Sing The Mass



**THOROUGHLY TRAINED** by the Sisters of Elmira Catholic schools, the high school and St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, 450 children were heard singing the Mass marking the 10th anniversary on Dec. 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception in St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira. The above scene was taken as the Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, pastor addressed the capacity congregation. The Rev. Benedict A. Ehmman directed the singers. Father Bisky was assisted in the Solemn High Mass by the Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, deacon and the Rev. Philip McElhan, subdeacon.

## Mercy Grads To Fete Children On Sunday

Children of the alumnae will be entertained at a Christmas party in the school gym by the Alumnae Association of Our Lady of Mercy High School on Sunday, Dec. 20 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Santa Claus will be present with goodies for the children. Story telling and singing of carols will also entertain the youngsters.

Jean Scharvogel Puceta is general chairman of the party. Reservations are being taken by Helen Trott Meng, Joan Hochman Werner, Audrey Lill Yochel, and Laurel Kingsley Derleth.

Christmas decorations are being handled by the Josephine Donaruma Talbot, Arlene Regan and Barbara Coselman Getell.

Social arrangements will be directed by Sheryl Hanlon Strang, Margaret Murphy Sullivan, Margaret Nishburn, and Kay Brennan Collister. Publicity is being taken care of by Joan Winfield and Sally Stock Eckert.

## St. Monica's Men To Place Wreaths On Pastors' Graves

In memory of the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Brophy and the late William F. Bergan, former pastors, members of the Holy Name Society of St. Monica's Parish will place wreaths on their graves, Sunday, Dec. 20 according to President Richard Weider.

## Prattsburg Group Makes Yule Plans

Prattsburg — The Rosary and Altar Society of St. Patrick's Church, Prattsburg, meeting on Dec. 10 in the parish hall voted to take up a collection church on Sunday, Dec. 20, for Christmas flowers for the altar.

Mrs. O'Neill Roy will have charge of the Christmas wreaths and Miss Hermina Pindjak will assemble the crib.

Opening the meeting on Dec. 10, recitation of the Rosary was led by Mrs. Frank Bergman.

Plans were completed for the Children's Christmas Party scheduled in the church hall on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 17, from 1:30 to 3:00 for all of the grade children. Mrs. O'Neill Roy was chairman. Assisting her were Mrs. Blanche St. Pierre, Mrs. Florence Caron, Mrs. Frank Bergman and Mrs. M. J. In Drumm. Each child brought a 25¢ gift and wrote his name on the outside of the package. There was also fruit, popcorn, candy and nuts for each of the children.

## Final Rites Held For Edward Wilker

Funeral services for Edward H. Wilker who died suddenly at his home, 123 Thorndale Terrace, Dec. 12, 1953 were held Tuesday morning from the Joseph A. Murphy Funeral Home, 363 Chilli Ave.

The Rev. William Thomas celebrated the Requiem Mass at St. Augustine's Church. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where the final blessing was given by the Rev. Bartholomew L. Quirk.

Bearers were Edwin H. Kesel, Bernard Ballou, Bert Trost, Edwin Kesel, Hiram Berg and Charles Burley.

Mr. Wilker was a veteran of World War 2.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Kesel Wilker, one sister, Mrs. George Seeman, Rochester; one brother, Milton V. Wilker, Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., a niece and a nephew.

## St. Mary's Rosary Group Lists Party

Members of the Rosary Society of Old St. Mary's Church will be entertained at a Christmas Party in the Catholic Women's Club, 215 Alexander St. on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m.

The Rev. L. John Hedges, spiritual director of the society, will talk on highlights of his tour of Europe and illustrate the talk with pictures he took on the trip.

All members of the society are on the committee arranging the party according to Miss Sara R. Malone, president.

## St. Theodore Scouts To Sing Yule Carols

St. Theodore's Girl Scout Troop 107 will Christmas-carol in the Fairchild-Beecher Hall Circle on Monday, December 21. Members are asked to meet at the school at 6:15 p.m. or at the Kollock residence at 6:30 p.m. A Christmas party will follow at the school.

## Child Patients To Be Feted By Ladies of Charity Unit

The Infant of Prague committee of the Ladies of Charity will sponsor their annual Christmas party on Sunday at 3 p.m. for the children patients at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira.

Children's choir from St. Peter and Paul's church will entertain the young patients with a program of Christmas Carols and individual numbers.

Miss Marion Orlosky and Mrs. Paul Getola are co-chairmen and will be assisted by Mrs. Matthew Rienzo, Mrs. Joseph Caparulo, Mrs. Joseph Bannon, Mrs. James Coletta, Miss Mary Irene O'Connor, Miss Ann Kondrak and Miss Helen Ganey.

Santa Claus will be on hand to distribute gifts to the children and refreshments will be served.

## Pope Aids Cyprus Quake Victims

Rome — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Plus XII sent a donation of money to Sir Andrew Wright, Governor of Cyprus, to assist victims of the recent earthquake in the British crown colony. The Vatican press office announced.

Colombian Bishops Bogota, Colombia — (NC) — A joint pastoral was issued here by the Hierarchy urging the Catholics of Colombia to pray especially during the Marian Year for the restoration of "The Christian Life" throughout the world and especially in their own country.

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