

Handicapped Man With Crib He Made



ON HIS LAWN at 133 Sunset St., Bernard A. Hoepfl who is physically handicapped as a result of a polio attack shows his Nativity crib fashioned entirely by him over the past year. He is a member of Holy Apostles parish.

Polio Sufferer Fashions Crib, Paints Figurines

Handicapped by the results of an attack of poliomyelitis he suffered when the years of age, Bernard A. Hoepfl of 133 Sunset St. used his skill and talents over the past year to fashion a Nativity scene on the family front lawn which has attracted wide attention.

Employed by the city as a sign painter, the young man, now 24, made and painted all the images used in the scene, himself. He saved the figurines from plywood and hand painted them, all with his left hand.

TO MAKE THE Crib more effective, he spotlights it at night and Christmas music is heard from a recorder.

He also assisted in the erection of Holy Apostles Church—Gloria in Excelsis Deo—with striking effect.

Treasurer of the Holy Apostles Holy Name Society, he is also a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

He is deeply interested in the success of the 1954 March of Dimes campaign underway and knows that it will result in needed assistance to others stricken by polio.

Priest From Here In National CED Post

The Rev. John E. Kelly, pastor of the Holy Trinity Church at the Regional Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in Rochester last October has been promoted to assistant director of the CED National Center in Washington.

Promotion of the rental diocese priest was announced by Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, Mo., chairman of the Episcopal CID committee. Father Kelly has been serving at the center in the capital for five years as an assistant in the center's publications office.

In a new regional setup for the National Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Bishop Matthew P. Brady of Manchester, N. H., and a St. Bernard's Seminary alumnus was announced in charge of the Eastern region including New York State.

Post Offices Close On New Year's Day

The General Post Office, and all the classified stations and branches, will be closed on New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1, 1954. No carrier delivery, or window service, will be rendered.

Only special delivery mail will be delivered on the holiday.

Legion Cites Msgr. Krieg For Communism Warning

The Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Krieg, pastor of Church of the Nativity B.V.M. in Brockport is in possession of an American Legion citation for "meritorious service rendered to the nation by using his pulpit courageously to issue a stern warning of the danger inherent in an anti-God, anti-American, Communist-dominated union."

Monsignor Krieg was presented the citation by William Murray of Kendall, Americanism chairman for the Orleans County Legion and a past district chairman, Eighth District of the American Legion.

Presentation was made in recognition of the service rendered by the Brockport pastor in alerting the American Legion to the danger of the establishment of an alleged "Communist dominated" labor union at the General Electric plant in Brockport more than a month ago.

IN MAKING the presentation Murray said that up until four days before the action for the establishment of a union at that plant, the press, law enforcement agencies, civic, fraternal and patriotic groups had not exposed the union's alleged un-American record. Monsignor Krieg recognized his duty as a citizen and minister and warned his congregation from his pulpit of the impending danger and his action led to the forming of a committee of Legionnaires to cite the record of that labor union and warn employees of Brockport General Electric plant against accepting that union as their bargaining agency.

Employees of the Brockport plant rejected the union under discussion, which Murray said was ousted by the CIO from its ranks several years ago because of its un-American activities.

Roller Skating Set By St. Thomas Youth

Fourth annual post-Christmas St. Thomas Sodality roller skating party will be held Monday night, Jan. 4, at the Stone Street Roller Rink, 87 Stone Street.

All Sodality members, both past and present, together with all their friends, are welcome to attend. Reservations must be placed with Chairman Fred Smallenburg (CO-3502), Prefect Carol Young (CHar 1979-R), or Publicity Director Butch Myers (CHar 2410-W).

Honorary chairman Rev. Daniel Hogan announced that the chartered bus will leave at stop 38 (Summerville) at 6:30 p.m. and will return around 10:30 p.m.

Pray The Rosary

Prayer services will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 1, 1954, at the Holy Trinity Church, 133 Sunset St., Brockport.

Courier Journal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1954

Holy Hours, Receptions To Greet The New Year

The year 1954, "the Marian Year" will be welcomed in at services in Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Francis of Assisi Church. Both services will begin at 11:15 p.m. on Thursday and continue until 12:15 a.m. Friday.

The Holy Hour at the Cathedral on Flower City Park will be conducted by His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey. This service has attracted a large number of persons each year.

At St. Francis of Assisi Church, Whitney and Orange Streets, the Daily Family Rosary for Peace Center, the services will be broadcast on WSAI according to the Rev. Joseph A. Cirincione, pastor. The broadcast of the daily recitation of the Rosary comes from this church at 7 p.m.

Other churches in the diocese are holding services to mark the coming of a New Year at other times announced to the parishioners.

New Year's Day is a Holy Day of obligation—Catholics are obliged to hear Mass on Friday, Jan. 1.—It is also the First Friday. The First Friday Luncheon Club will not meet until February.

ON NEW YEAR'S Day His Excellency Bishop Kearney will greet the clergy from 3 to 6 p.m. at the episcopal residence, 947 East Avenue.

The traditional Open House of Rochester Council Knights of Columbus will be held in the club-rooms, Columbus Civic Center with Grand Knight George F. Wick, Jr., heading the reception line. The program will begin at 3 p.m.

Lady of Rochester and surrounding areas will go to Bishop Kearney's residence, 947 East Ave., on Sunday, Jan. 3, to exchange greetings with the Ordinary of the diocese between 3 and 6 p.m. Various organizations will attend in a body.

MEMBERS of Monroe County Chapter, Catholic War Veterans and Auxiliaries are asked to meet on the corner of East Ave. and Barrington St. at 2:30 p.m. They will go to the Bishop's residence at 2:45 p.m., according to Ralph Eiler, chairman of the CWV Bishop's Reception.

Knights of St. John of Rochester Regiment and Ladies Auxiliary members will meet at 4 p.m. in front of the Bishop's residence. It was announced by Col. Emil G. Eckert.

Knights of Columbus will assist the Bishop at the reception with William T. Nolan in charge.

Evidence Library

The following new titles are now available at the Catholic Evidence Library, Columbus Civic Center, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester:

Barrett, Boyd: Life Begins With Love; Baumann, Richard: To See Peter; Brady, Charles A.: Stage Of Pools; Burton, Katherine: So Much, So Soon; DeWahl, Louis: The Golden Thread; Doherty, Catherine de Hueck: Where Love Is, Good Is; Doherty, Eddie; Matt Talbot; Horman, Helen Walker: Star of Jacob; Houslander, Caryl: The Flowering Tree; Magner, James A.: Mental Health In A Mad World; O'Quinn, Fulton: The Greatest Story Ever Told, The Greatest Book Ever Written, The Greatest Faith Ever Known; Prescott, H. F. M.: The Man On A Donkey; Sattler, Henry V.: C.S.S.R.: Parents, Children And The Facts Of Life; Sheehy, F. J.: Society And Sanity; Sheehy, Fulton J.: Life Is Worth Living; Sister Teresa de Spirito Sancto: Edith Stein.

Mt. Carmel Knights Elect Joseph Volpe

Joseph Volpe was elected president of Mt. Carmel Confraternity, No. 308, Knights of St. John at the December meeting. He succeeded Joseph Cooper who held the post for the past three years.

The Rev. Charles J. Azzi is the commandery's spiritual advisor and Dr. Russell Barone, medical examiner.

Named with President Volpe are: Frank Palumbo, first vice president; George Perrotta, second vice president; Don Santoli, financial secretary; and Frank DiBenedetto, treasurer. Victor Palumbo is recording secretary.

Members of the Board of Trustees are: Angelo Castronova, August Vicaretti, George Gerster, Joseph Perrotta and Joseph Cooper.

In the military rank, Joseph Cirino was again named Captain with Joseph Perrotta, first lieutenant and Robert Gross, second lieutenant.

Heads Advertising Council John D. Roche was elected chairman of the board of the Advertising Council of Rochester at a meeting of the organization. Roche is vice president of B. Forman Co.

Epiphany Dinner Set At Hospice

Annual dinner celebrating the feast of the Epiphany will be held at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 6:30 p.m. All members and friends are invited.

Reservations should be placed with Mrs. Lorna Lancer by calling Charlotte 1098-M between Sunday afternoon, Jan. 3 and Monday afternoon, Jan. 4.

Archconfraternity Sets Mass, Breakfast

Members of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Family of St. Joseph's Church, Rochester will meet Sunday, Jan. 3 following a High Mass in the church at 7:30 a.m.

A breakfast will be served in the school hall following Mass. Miss Mary Witzel will serve as hostess for the breakfast. Assistant hostess will be the Misses Alma Keller, Edna Kuter, Albertina Frisch, Margaret Frisch, Ida Schueler and Katherine Stehler. A conference conducted by the Rev. Joseph Winiacki, C.S.S.R. will follow.

Annunciation P.M. Mass Set

An Evening Mass on New Year's Day to start at 6:15 p.m. in Church of the Annunciation, 184 Norton St. is announced by the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor. The Mass is "to enable the faithful to make the First Friday."

Fasting from food will be three hours previous to the Mass and one hour from liquids other than alcohol.

Other Masses on Friday, Jan. 1 at Annunciation Church will begin at 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 11 p.m. and 12 m. (noon).

Auburn KC Erect Crib On Lawn

Auburn — The Rev. William E. Davie, chaplain of Auburn Council 207, Knights of Columbus, blessed the newly erected Christmas Crib Monday evening at a brief ceremony on the lawn in front of the K. of C. Home on West Genesee Street.

The Nativity scene is housed in a sturdy structure, rustic in appearance and enclosed in glass. James Pletcher was chairman of the shrine raising project.

Joseph Hickey was in charge of the building of the shrine and was assisted by Anthony Ferro, Dominic De Benedetto, Charles F. Dine, John Donnelly, William Spinelli and Edward M. Nolan.

St. Anthony's Group Views Holiday Films

Geneva — Eighty-five members of the St. Anthony Society were entertained by a series of holiday theme films and imitations by a young pantomime artist at the annual Christmas party in St. Francis deSales School Hall.

The members viewed a 45 minute film series including "Bon Bon Parade," "Fleet on Ice," "Ice Capers," "A Present from Santa," and "Mickey Mouse Playing Santa Claus."

Young Joseph Consoletti, 8, pantomime artist gave imitations of Red Buttons and other stars.

Miss Marian Moracco was general chairman of the party, assisted by Mrs. Anthony Di Antonio, Mrs. Frank Pan, Mrs. Rose Vasello, Mrs. Sam Brigand, Mrs. Patsy Simeone, Mrs. Louis DeCampill, Mrs. Francis Balistrieri and Miss Edith Charchia.

St. Andrew's Mothers To Hear Of Child Safety

Dr. Donald Posson, widely known pediatrician, will talk Child Safety to members of the Mothers' Club, St. Andrew's School on Monday evening, Jan. 4.

Mrs. Fred Enders will head the refreshment committee assisted by a group of eighth grade mothers.

St. James Society Lists Meeting, Sale

St. James Church Rosary Society will hold its annual White Elephant Sale and Fish Pond at its next meeting, Monday, Jan. 4 at 8 p.m.

Mrs. William Coyne will be refreshments-chairman assisted by Mrs. Charles Smith and Mrs. Henry Krakowski.

Auburn Priest Ordained In Rome



COINCIDENCE in this photograph of 30 young American candidates for the priesthood being ordained at the North American College in Rome is that during "imposition of hands," Monsignor Joseph J. Sullivan, NCWC News Service Correspondent in Rome is shown placing his hands (left, first row) on the Rev. David M. Murphy of Auburn. Both are priests of the Diocese of Rochester. The group ordained is the first raised to the priesthood since dedication of the new college building by Pope Pius XII in October. (Religious News Service photo).

Msgr. Sullivan Reports On Celebrating Midnight Mass In Rome's R. R. Station

(His impressions of celebrating Christmas Midnight Mass in the central railroad station of Rome are told in the following dispatch filed by the Monsignor Joseph J. Sullivan, NCWC News Service Correspondent on Dec. 26. Monsignor Sullivan is a priest of the Diocese of Rochester whose mother resides at 79 Kron St., Rochester, N. Y.)

Rome—(NC)—Dec. 26 — The Eternal City welcomed Christmas with midnight Mass in its great Christmas church, the Basilica of St. Mary Major, and in parish churches and in tiny chapels in the outskirts. But perhaps none was closer to the Bethlehem night in spirit than that offered in the central railroad station.

For an hour before midnight, the great terminal's loudspeaker system interspersed announcements of arriving and departing trains with a reminder that railroadmen, station employees, policemen on duty, and soldiers, sailors and passengers who had to wait for connections could, nevertheless, assist at midnight Mass right there as they waited.

They were directed to the second-class waiting room where there had been set up an improvised altar with candles, evergreens and flowers. There was not a tiny film organ.

DON GIOVANNI Brazzani, chaplain to railroadmen, had arranged everything and with indefatigable energy had personally told the men and had posted signs as well as seeing to the announcements for passengers about the Mass. He had also invited this correspondent to celebrate Mass.

Promptly at midnight, this varied group of wayfarers — in the sense at least that not one of them would have been there but at home had he been able to arrange it — gathered about the altar. Their baggage was checked and they had momentarily disposed of other cares as the celebrant, surely a wayfarer, too, in a far off land, began to commemorate Bethlehem.

So thorough were the arrangements that a Christ Child in a tiny crib above the altar was unveiled at the Gloria in Excelsis Deo. And when Don Giovanni, playing and singing too in a fine baritone voice, began the popular Christmas hymn "Tu Scendisti dalle Stelle" (You Descended from the Stars), fully 200 voices shed their loneliness and were at home for the moment.

Don Giovanni's "Silent Night" was so moving that no one joined in to spoil it.

THE CONSECRATION of the Mass brought a touch which surely must have pleased the Christ Child Himself that night. As the celebrant bent over the host to pronounce the words which would bring Christ again to a Sacramental Bethlehem, a true living shepherd who had come down from the hills of Abruzzo welcomed His Saviour with a Christmas song played on his bagpipe, homestead of skins.

Fifteen travellers received the Christmas Communion. With the closing Christmas hymn at the Mass' end all quietly but happily carried back to their posts and trains. Don Giovanni remained at his chapel for another Mass at 2 a.m. for more of the same kind of folk who could not have been there at midnight.

Two other chaplains of Don Giovanni, offered Midnight Mass for their workmen in other unusual circumstances. One said Mass in midst of a great public market for laborers and freight handlers. The other said Mass for men working in a large city gas works.

They are priest chaplains of ONARMO, which means National Organization for Religious and Moral Assistance to Workmen. The organization was founded in 1921 by Msgr. Ferdinando Baldelli, now president of the Pontifical Assistance Organization. Six hundred trained social workers working under chaplains' directions help the workmen in material as well as spiritual ways.

Mt. Carmel Knights Feted At Clubhouse

Mt. Carmel Knights of St. John held their annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 19 at the Clubhouse. Music for dancing was by Joe Cimino on the sax and Joe Perrotta at the piano. Don Santoli handled the entertainment. A buffet lunch was served.

Joe Cooper and his committee were commended.

Rochester KC List New Year's Eve Party

A New Year's Eve Party will be conducted by members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, in their clubrooms, second-floor, Columbus Civic Center starting on Thursday, Dec. 31.

The program of entertainment, dancing and supper is in charge of Donald E. Woerner and Edwin G. Weiler. Reservations are being made with Clifford B. Sargent, executive secretary at the K. of C. office.

Rummage Sale Scheduled By Corpus Christi Cubs

Corpus Christi Cub Pack No. 181 will conduct a rummage sale, Monday, Jan. 4 at 443 East Main St. Donations will be appreciated. Pick-ups will be made by calling CUver 824-F or LOcust 652.

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