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**'They Know It's My Birthday'**  
By MARY E. FITZGERALD  
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Sadly, the Infant Jesus will look down upon a commercialized Christmas in 1954 and wonder whose Birthday they are celebrating. Then as the Divine Eyes rest their gaze on several cities here and there, a bright smile will spread over His Sacred Face—in His happy realization that the true meaning of Christmas has again come into the hearts of men.

Sadly, He will look upon the beautiful life size crib in Wisner Park in Elmira, which replaces the first crèche erected on that same spot by the Ladies of Charity last year.

**FINANCED BY** the Association of Commerce, but also supported by carpenters, painters, electricians and others who are donating services and material, this magnificent nativity scene will stand as a testimonial that the seed sown by the Ladies of Charity last year has flourished and grown to a surprising stature.

In front of the Southside High School and in the Court yard on Lake Street, two other life size cribs also donated by the Ladies of Charity will welcome the Baby Jesus.

They will give added evidence that slowly but surely the pagan customs of our modern world will be replaced in Elmira, the symbol of a city whose people, Catholic, Protestant and Jew have united for Put Christ Back into Christmas. Salute the St. Rose of Lima Committee in this glorious accomplishment.

**THE LADIES OF CHARITY** are adding special Christmas programs to their regular activities. An program which includes every spiritual and temporal work of mercy, "A Crib in Every Home in 1954" has been adopted as the motto of the Mother, Cabaret Group.

Every gift shop has been contacted and a list of the cribs that



**Pupils Work Viewed By Mothers**  
OPEN HOUSE AT ST. ANN SCHOOL. Hornell Area Sister M. Succursu (left) looking over a folder containing a pupil's work on the school's annual writing day. With her (from left) are: Mrs. Numbers, Hornell, president of St. Ann Mothers' Club which sponsored a bazaar in connection with the open house; Sister M. Ursula, eighth grade teacher; and Mrs. Raymond Totan, mother of an eighth grade pupil. (Memory Studio Photo)

**Open House in Hornell Attracts 750 To School**

Hornell-St. Ann School in Hornell held its annual open house last week with the Marian Year as the central theme of the displays. Classrooms were visited by more than 750 persons including 458 parents.

Each room featured displays depicting various phases of devotion to the Blessed Virgin. Shrim's paintings and posters by the children were displayed in the rooms. Samples of the children's academic work were also on display.

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AMONG THE classroom exhibits were the eighth grade's large colored-chalk mural illustrating the first reading of the Declaration of Independence; huge maps showing the economic and physical features of the different regions in the United States, drawn in pencil by the seventh graders; the fifth graders' tree-and-posters on books to read this year with original reviews written by the students to stimulate interest in outside reading.

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The Sisters of Mercy, who comprise the faculty, discussed classroom procedures with parents and friends.

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**Forest Church**  
Bata, Spanish Guinea (NG)—Over 5,000 natives received Holy Communion at the first Mass celebrated in a new church built at Ayena, deep in the forest.

**Persecution A Tribute**  
The greatest tribute that the world can pay to Christians is the fierce persecution of hate. Men build colossal dams to obstruct only of fearsome weapons they make use of fearsome weapons of destruction only against an enemy with a tremendous potential. So too, they rage with relentless hate only against the love that is strong as eternity. —Simon Wood, C.P. in The Sign.

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**Senator Blasts Sunday Sales**

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Senator A. S. (Mike) Monroney (D. Okla.) in a Senate speech criticized Washington business houses which hold bargain sales on Sunday. He said that if the practice is not curbed voluntarily by merchants he will consider introducing legislation to halt it.

Displaying four full-page advertisements from Washington newspapers announcing the Sunday sales, Sen. Monroney told his colleagues that he fears Washington will be "turned into a Baghdad on the Potomac."

The Oklahoma lawmaker said he hoped Congress would not find it necessary to enact "blue laws" for the District of Columbia but he is becoming "very apprehensive" over the growing tendency "to turn the Sabbath into a bargain shopping day."

**Thanks Cardinal For Relief Gift**

New Delhi, India (NC)—Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru has thanked India's Cardinal for a donation of \$5,000 for food relief in three Indian states.

The prime minister, a personal friend of His Eminence Valerian Cardinal, Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, sent a letter to the Cardinal expressing his appreciation of the donation.

**General Romulo Set At Thomas More Forum**

General Carlos Romulo will address the Thomas More Lecture Forum on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 8:15 p.m. at Rochester Chamber of Commerce. His topic will be: "America's Stake in Asia."

The General will be introduced by Paul Miller, vice-president of the Gannett Newspapers. John J. Conway, president of the Thomas More Lecture Forum will preside. The executive director of the forum is Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall.

**GENERAL ROMULO** was born in Manila in 1901. He graduated from the University of the Philippines and Columbia University. He has received numerous honorary degrees from both American and foreign colleges.

As General MacArthur's aide-camp on Bataan, Corregidor and Australia, he rose to the rank of brigadier general in 1944. He wrote several best-sellers in America including: "I Saw the Philippines Fall," "Mother America," and "My Brother Americans."

He was active in the United Nations, having served as president of the fourth general assembly from 1949-50. He was secretary of Foreign Affairs from 1950-52 and ambassador to the United States from 1952 till he resigned in 1953.

General Romulo holds many decorations received during the war and numerous awards for contributions to public life and world peace.

The Thomas More Lecture Forum is sponsored by the Catholic Courier-Journal.

**The Band Played On!**

Pat had just undergone a major operation and was slowly returning to consciousness in one of the big city hospitals. A block or so away, the band of St. Peter's parochial school was proceeding down the street with drums rolling and brasses blaring. As the music cleared from Pat's brain and the sound of the music floated in, he asked the nurse: "What are those sweet sounds that I hear in the distance?" "That," replied the nurse, "is St. Peter's band!" "Glory be to God!" cried Pat. "I made it!" —Ligurian

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