

St. Stephen Club Goes Caroling
 Geneva - St. Stephen's Club of Geneva held a caroling party to the Dermott Nursing Home, St. Stephen Rectory, St. Stephen Convent, DeSales Convent and several homes of shut-ins last week.
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AMONG WOMEN
Catholic Kindergarten

By Mary Lennon Snyder

Gazing in retrospect at the year ending, I find that some of our happiest family memories have arisen from the attendance of our youngest child at the school kindergarten. The house has been literally filled with song, her heart has been full of good intentions, and we have all been given a simplified but accurate review of the great truths of our religion.

Although kindergarten programs in general are excellent, I believe that for the Catholic child the Catholic kindergarten experience is invaluable. It truly enriches the child's life since it acquaints him not only with the characters dear and respected in this world but also with those creatures and friends of God unfortunately ignored by our materialistic civilization. All this was brought home to me one morning prior to Christmas. As I was enjoying a solitary early breakfast and reading and exposition and frillique of the work of Fra Angelico, I heard the determined footsteps of our five year old descending the stairs to the self supplied accompaniment of "Derk the Halls with Boughs of Ivy." Encouraging herself opposite me at the breakfast table, she kept up a running flow of conversation which bordered on soliloquy as I was far distant in time and space in Renaissance Italy with Fra Angelico.

FINALLY SHE gained my attention by "Mommie, you know what?" so in the fashion of parents, I echoed "What?" and she replied, "On Christmas the Baby Jesus can play with my heart." After briefly considering the delightful poetry of the statement and fondly thinking what a stout, dear little heart it is, I said, "Where in the wide world did you get a thought like that?" And she answered, "Sister said so."

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Scholarship Committee Names Rochesterian

Mary A. Sheehan, principal of Monroe High School in Rochester, has been named to the Advisory Council of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. It was announced today by John H. Stalmaker, president of the scholarship-granting agency.

MSJC, an independent non-profit corporation, conducts an annual national talent search for those high school seniors throughout the U. S. who exhibit the highest promise to benefit from a college education. Winners of the 1955-56 search will share in some \$3 million in awards.

The Merit Scholarships are good in any accredited U. S. college for any course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree. The basic program has been in operation for ten years to the extent of \$20.5 million by the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

The awards include scholarships sponsored by Sears Foundation, Time Inc., Stewart-Warner, McGraw-Hill, Johnson Motor Lines, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Foundation, The Gillette Company and General Foods.

Retirement Announced By Directors At Trant's

Retirement of Miss Ida Barnani and Mrs. George Brown as directors of Trant's Catholic Supply Store was announced at a dinner in their honor at the Rochester Club, Wednesday night.

Each of the guests of honor was presented with a handsome set of three traveling bags.

Miss Barnani and Mrs. Brown took over active management of the Trant store in 1945 after the retirement of Miss Esther Trant at the age of 81. At that time, Miss Barnani had then been with Trant's for over 20 years.

UNDER THE direction of Miss Barnani and Mrs. Brown, Trant's established itself as the largest Catholic Supply Store in the state outside of New York City and one of the largest in the country. The store will continue to do business under the management of three long-time associates: Albert Walz, Julius Gouvela, and William Gmelin.

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DOINGS AT THE DALY'S

The whirlwind between Christmas and New Year's Day! A merry and very merry and very merry round.

It's not the organized parties that are ready for their feet, it's the impromptu ones that throw you and are the most fun. A gang of young people comes in with a "let's have a party" air. Ginny's friends - cocoa and cookies. Teenagers - just to gab about last night's doings and tonight's anticipation, o. y. e. r. coles and cookies. Longtime friends of our own who call us with a "Come on over!" it's wonderful. We put on our wanted pounds but beat of all renewed old acquaintances - and thoroughly enjoy the holidays.

With the coming of the New Year, though, we tend to settle down. All of a sudden, we find that in writing letters - often

Happy New Year!

When they follow the Church and Msgr. DeBlanc says, "Consecrate that first day of the New Year to God, we need not worry too much. It's up to us to continue the example and tradition that make them want to follow those precepts."

AT OUR HOUSE we have a peculiar New Year's custom - superstition. If you will, but imbedded deep in family tradition and maybe an old Irish folk belief: The first person to enter the house must be a male. The custom still persists. On New Year's Eve, if we've been out, the Head of the House goes in first, I trail.

Funny thing, we've been awakened many a time on New Year's Eve when one of the girls has insisted that her escort precede her into the house. "Maybe Dad and Mom aren't in yet," we've heard the whispered comment, "and this is the way we do it." (The polite but slightly embarrassed date succumbs to the request.)

Dedication of the house to masculine supremacy? F. J. n. e. And dedication of the whole thing to Christ.

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