

Awards Presented At Annual Party For St. Joseph Hospital Employees

They are participants of work presented with the spirit of giving. Sister M. Margaret Adelade, hospital administrator, said of 21 participants of service awards at the annual Christmas party for St. Joseph Hospital employees in Dunn Memorial auditorium, Elmira, Dec. 24.

The 1955 service awards were given to:

Thirty-year pin, Miss Freda Aronson, accounting; Twenty-year pin, Miss Irene Clark, telephone operator; Mrs. Mary Galt, laundry; Fifteen-year, Mrs. Olga Brusco, medical records; Miss Loretta Leary, dietary; Ten-year, Mrs. Agnes Davley; Mrs. Gertrude Green, Mrs. Mary Karl, all in dietary; Mrs. Mary Edgerton, Miss Madeline Ruddick, operating room; Mrs. Elma Schalter, sewing room; Mrs. Margaret Young, accounting.

Five years, Mrs. Mary Alexander, nursing service; Mrs. Genevieve Basso, accounting; Mrs. Rosaena Brown, laboratory; Ernest Craven, dietary; Mrs. Gloria

Mal, operating room; Miss Bernice Parrotte, laundry; Mrs. Frances Seidel, housekeeping; Miss Gloria Smith, admission office; and Chet Szupello, laboratory.

Sister Margaret Adelade in her greetings and congratulatory message said:

"Joy is the refrain of the season of Christmas. Tonight, while welcoming you to the employees' Christmas party and while expressing the greeting, a Merry Christmas to each, we, the Sisters, with sincerity wish you a truly Christian Merry Christmas.

"A few minutes ago, we saw our nurses beautifully portray an angel speaking to the shepherds, giving them good tidings that there is born to you a Savior. Indeed, by our Christian Merry Christmas, we mean Christmas, Christ, a gift from God, a gospel, a goal. When we say, merry, we wish you to accept God's gift, live His gospel, and reach a heavenly goal."

"THIS NATIVITY love story served to remind us that God is Santa Claus, and His greatest gift was by Mary wrapped in swaddling clothes. Do we appreciate this Emmanuel, this God with us? If we do, we likewise understand the Christian significance, the meaning of the Sisters' greeting of Merry Christmas.

"Following the custom of the past few years, I have again the happy privilege of conferring service awards on those loyal employees who have been with us a notable number of years.

"I wish to congratulate those who have received service pins and in the name of the Sisters and members of the Staff to thank them for their loyalty to us. They are participants of work permeated with the spirit of giving. It is, therefore, an appropriate time at our annual Christmas party to award them and to urge you and them to expand the spirit of this feast so that the true meaning of Christmas will flood the atmosphere of the hospital at all times.

"May you, the recipients of service pins, continue to be our faithful helpers and may these pins be a reminder to you of our sincere gratitude."

An hour-long pageant under the direction of Sister M. Juliana followed an exchange of gifts and a reception.



'Snowflake Swirl' Decorations Go Up

STUDENT NUMBERS of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, decorated school auditorium for "Snowflake Swirl" name chosen for holiday dance tonight, Dec. 26, from 8 to 12. Chuck Ponzani Band will play for staff doctors, their wives,

students, their friends and the alumnae. In photo (from left) Peggy Purino, Binghamton, tickets; Pat Callahan, Elmira, refreshments; Ann Marocco, Horseheads, programs and Eileen Jones, Geneva, co-chairman. (Best Photo, Horseheads)

CDA Golden Jubilee Convention Set In Elmira

Arrangements for the Golden Jubilee Convention of New York State Court, Catholic Daughters of America to be held at Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira from May 14 to 17 are completed according to Miss Marie C. Curry of Bellerose, L. I., state regent.

Miss Curry promises many new features to interest, educate and entertain delegates and visiting members.

Announcement has been made by Mrs. Florence Hennessey, state chairman of extension, that several new Courts will be instituted in the near future. Catholic women interested in courts being established in their localities should write to Mrs. Hennessey at her home address, 25 Duane St., Binghamton, N. Y.

Bp. Kearney To Receive Visitors

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will receive calls from individuals, members of families and organization groups on Monday, Jan. 2, 1956 at the Bishop's residence, 547 East Ave. from 3 to 6 p.m.

Continuing a custom begun by Bishop Kearney when he assumed regn. of the Diocese of Rochester in 1937, the Bishop will exchange New Year's greetings with persons of Rochester and surrounding area of all creeds.

A DELEGATION of Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus headed by William T. Nolan will serve as visitors to present them to the Bishop and to direct them through the home. Most of the visitors visit the Bishop's Chapel on the second floor before leaving.

First callers of recent years have been members of the Catholic War Veterans, Monroe County Chapter. Among other organizations attending in delegations are the Knights of St. John and Auxiliary, Knights of Equity and Daughters of Erin Central Vestin Ancient Order of Hibernians and Auxiliaries.

New Year Masses In Elmira Area

The following schedule of Masses will be in effect on Sunday, January 1 — New Year's Day:

St. Patrick's—8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11, 12:15 noon and 5:30 p.m.

St. Mary's—6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

St. Anthony's—7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 11, 12:15 noon, and 7:30 p.m.

St. Peter and Paul's—7, 8:30, 10 and 11.

Our Lady of Lourdes—9, 10, 11, 12:15 noon and 5:30 p.m.

St. John the Baptist—7, 8:30, 10:30 and 5 p.m.

St. Cecilia's—8, 9, 10 and 11.

St. Casimir's—9:15, 10:30, 11:45, 9:45 and 11.

St. Charles Borromeo—7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

St. Mary's—Horseheads—7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Corning Catholic Action Society Holds Annual Tea

Corning—Some 125 members of the Catholic Action Society of St. Vincent de Paul Church and guests attended the annual Christmas tea and program in the school hall during Christmas week.

The Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Peter's Paul Church in Elmira, and the Rev. James Slattery, assistant pastor of the host church, were guests.

Following an opening prayer by the Rev. Joseph Gulliford, pastor, Father O'Brien delivered the Christmas message. He spoke of the beauty and significance of family customs at Christmas time and urged all mothers to continue the traditions as a means of keeping the family together. He also emphasized the virtues of patience, peace and love as exemplified by the Holy Family, in order to gain true Christmas spirit.

Members of the choir under the direction of Sister Mary Janet sang three selections. They were: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," "The Birthday of The King," and "Silent Night."

Mrs. Mary Sprague, guest soloist sang "O Holy Night" and Gannon's "Ave Maria" accompanied at the piano by Miss Vivian Dell.

Robert Stevens, guest pianist, entertained at the piano and solo and later accompanied for group singing.

Tea was poured by Mrs. Joseph Crispino, president; Miss Vivian Dell, vice-president, and Mrs. Clarence Bonnell, a past president.

On the tea committee were the following: Mrs. Edward Karwan, Miss Julia Skelley, Mrs. Raymond Dell, Mrs. Lise Shedy, Mrs. Gerald Rohde, Mrs. Fred Reitor, Mrs. Alma Marx, Mrs. Martin DeJoseph, Mrs. James Killgrew, Mrs. James Ward, Mrs. F. W. Bobrick, Mrs. Charles Schmitt, Mrs. Anthony Ruocco, Mrs. Alfred Conaughton, Mrs. Donald McLaughlin, Mrs. Michael Neff, Mrs. Harry Benza, Mrs. Paul Ambrosone, Mrs. John Brunns, Mrs. Thomas Ward, Mrs. Anthony Kosakowski, Mrs. Thomas Rosett, Mrs. C. M. Bulkley.

Children's Party Held In Addison

Addison—Annual picnic supper and Christmas party for the children of St. Catherine Church was held during Christmas week at the parish hall with Mrs. Herbert Kelly serving as chairman.

Mrs. Kelly led in the singing of Christmas carols with Mrs. William McCaig accompanist and the remainder of the program follows: "The Story of the Nativity" and also a Christmas poem was given by Stephen Knepley; poem, "About Christmas," by Marcia Orvek; recitation, "Santa Claus," Michael Knepley; a Girl's Chorus comprised of Mary Grange, Anne Kelly, Phyllis and Pauline Nobriga, Alma Dick Reagan and Mary Iawger.

A group of Christmas carols was sung by a Men's Chorus comprised of: Bernard and Martin Reagan, William McCaig, Herbert Kelly, Sr., and son Herbert Kelly, Jr., John Orvek, Elmer Knepley, Dr. Ralph Vona, John Grange, Floyd DelGrosso, Dennis Grange and the Rev. Francis H. Turner. The Women's Chorus comprised of Mrs. Bernard Reagan, Mrs. Gilbert Dewey, Mrs. Michael Kane, Mrs. John Grange, Mrs. Frank Reagan, Mrs. William McCaig, Mrs. Elmer Knepley, Mrs. John Murray, Mrs. George St. Pierre, Mrs. John Orvek, and Mrs. Floyd DelGrosso sang a medley of Christmas carols.

Following the program, Santa Claus arrived in the scene and distributed gifts and boxes of candy.

Mrs. Kelly was assisted in the serving of supper by Mrs. Gilbert Dewey and Mrs. Michael Kane.

Rites Held For Martha McGrath, Mother Of 3 Nuns

Solemn Requiem Mass for Martha T. McGrath, mother of three sisters, was offered in Blessed Sacrament Church on Dec. 23 following services in the Murphy Funeral Home. The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Thomas F. Connan was celebrant with the Rev. John Connan as deacon and the Rev. Conrad Sundholm as subdeacon. Present in the sanctuary were the Right Reverend Monsignor Charles F. Shay, John M. Duffy and Maynard A. Connell. Also, the Reverend Fathers Frank W. Mason, James Marvin, Bernard Dolan, Ignatius St. George, John Morgan and Richard Egan.

James P. McCabe Dies In Campbell

Campbell—James P. McCabe, 83, of Main St., Campbell, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1955, at his home following an extended illness.

The son of John and Eliza Patterson McCabe, he was born Sept. 12, 1872.

Mr. McCabe, a lifelong resident of Campbell, is a retired state highway department employee. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Harriet Auch McCabe; two sons, Samuel E. Hornell and George of Troy, Pa.; one daughter, Mrs. Harriet Seaman of Elkland, Pa. and three grandchildren.

Church Gains Cited In South Carolina

Greenville, S. C. — (RNS) — Bishop John J. Russell of Charleston said here that Roman Catholic Church membership in South Carolina had increased 50 per cent in the past five years.

There are now 25,000 Catholics in the state, the Bishop said. He spoke during ceremonies at which he blessed the cornerstone for an addition to St. Mary's church. The parish has 1,800 members.

Syrian Schools OK Religion Course

Damascus, Syria — (RNS) — A course in Christianity will be taught to Christian students in government and private schools of Syria under an order issued by the Ministry of Education.

The Ministry asked that the course be drawn up by a commission representing the heads various Christian commissions in Syria.

Corning Student Named To College 'Who's Who'

Corning—Michael Luffred, 423 Delevan Ave., a member of the senior class at State University Teachers College at Brockport, has been elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges."

Luffred, a graduate of Corning Free Academy in 1948, has been active at the Brockport college in Audio-Visual Club, Leaders and Officials Club, and Veterans Club.

He served as class president during his sophomore year and has been class representative to the Student-Faculty Council for two years.

Organist Retires After 32 Years

Bath—Mrs. Katharine Hanrahan retired as organist at St. Mary Church, Bath, after 32 years of service.

The Rev. Henry C. Manley, pastor, reported that she has been organist for more than 8,000 Masses during that time. He said that she has averaged playing five days a week at the 7:45 a.m. Mass.

Mrs. Hanrahan has offered to be a substitute, the pastor said. She also served as weekday organist at the Bath VA Center Chapel for 17 years while the late Rev. Arthur A. Lemay was chaplain.

First Mass Celebrated In New Odessa Chapel

First Mass celebrated in the new St. Benedict's Chapel, Odessa, was offered Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at 10:15 a.m. Celebrant of the Dialogue Mass was the Rev. Benedict Ehmann, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Watkins Glen, another church of the new chapel.

Sacred Heart Academy Offers 3 Scholarships

Academy of the Sacred Heart, 8 Prince St., is offering three scholarships valued at \$1,000 each (\$50 a year) to cover one half the tuition and luncheon fees for a day student.

The scholarships will be awarded on the following basis: Recommendation of the principal for character and diligence and competitive examination.

Application blanks should be returned by Thursday, Jan. 12 and the examination will be held at the school on Jan. 14 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Scholarships are awarded for the whole high school course on condition that the holder maintains the standard required in scholastic progress and conduct. The superior reserves the right to revoke the scholarship.

If the scholarship is won by an applicant who wishes to be a resident student, the scholarship award will be deducted from the boarding school tuition fees.

Missionary Tells (T) Earful Tale Of Wily Cattle Thief

Rosana, Africa — (NC) — Cattle thieves of Wild West days had nothing on a rustler here who just "works by ear," according to Maryknoll Father Daniel D. Zwack.

"That's the literal truth," the missionary from Dubuque, Iowa, said, going on to explain.

"The Baluria tribe here is noted for stretching large holes in their ear lobes. All the rustler has to do is sneak into a house at night with a padlock and some strong wire. He passes the wire through the ear of the sleeping master of the house and does the same to the wife. Then he fastens the pair to the housepost with the padlock. That done, he can proceed at his leisure to round up the victim's cattle."

"It's an unbeatable method, unless the rustler runs into a light sleeper. Father Zwack said.

"But the rustler is lucky," he added, "because insomnia is a rare complaint in Africa — and he hasn't been caught yet."

Ford Fund Advises Hospitals On Grants

New York — The Ford Foundation has informed the voluntary nonprofit hospitals that will benefit under a \$200-million grant that any services or improvements started with the aid of the grant must find "other sources" to continue them.

At the same time the Foundation made clear to the hospitals that they may not use the grant to liquidate existing indebtedness. Hospitals have been given until March 15, 1956, to apply for the grants tentatively allotted to them and spending plans are to be reported to the Foundation within three months of payment of the grant.

Who is powerful? He who governs his passions. — Benjamin Franklin.

Father Brennan's Sermon For Christmas Published

Corning — The Christmas morning sermon, entitled "The Birth of Jesus Christ," delivered at St. Mary's Church last Sunday by the Rev. Thomas Brennan, pastor, was published in the Tuesday evening edition of The Corning Leader with a three column headline.

Each week the sermon delivered by one of the several Corning and Painted Post Catholic priests or Protestant clergymen is published in full as a public service of the newspaper.

Father Brennan said in part: "How eloquent are the inspired pages! How many times does not the infant whom we worship is worthy of divine honor. For the Word of whom St. John speaks is the Word of God, the Second person of the august Trinity. And the Virgin Mary is truly the Mother of God; for her Son whom she conceived in her chaste womb at the time of the angel's visit is also the eternal Word of the Father, the Son of God, and the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity.

"No matter how poor or lonely we may seem to be today, no matter how far from the family circle and its joyful celebration, we need not be sad nor feel forlorn. Let our hearts be warmed by the glow of love, from the crib, where Omnipotence lies wrapped in swaddling bands, and where the dear Lord and His ever blessed Mother smile upon us, and the good St. Joseph, their faithful protector, welcomes us to their holy presence."

Spiritual Bouquet For Cardinal Chicago — (NC) — Students and faculty members of Loyola University here presented His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, with a spiritual bouquet at ceremonies in the Cardinal's office. The Cardinal was elevated to the rank of Archbishop 25 years ago.

Film Teachings Vatican City (RNS) — Bishop Martin J. O'Connor, president of the Pontifical Commission on Motion Pictures, Radio and Television, presented Pope Pius XII with a copy of The Teachings of the Church Regarding Films, a book just published by the commission.

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