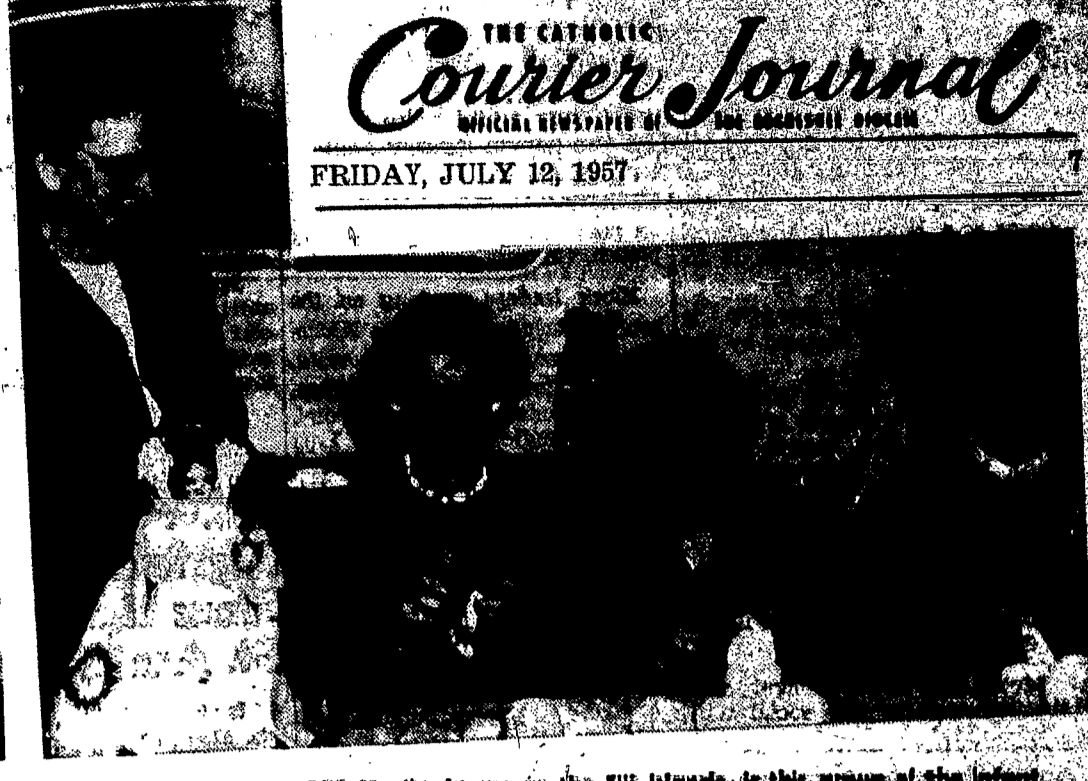




WORK IS BEING MADE BY THIS GROUP OF THE INFANT OF PRAGUE COMMITTEE FOR LATER DISTRIBUTION. FIXING THE TOYS ARE: (FROM LEFT) MRS. JAMES CAPARULO, MRS. TIMOTHY REICH, MRS. FRANCIS P. LEO AND MISS MARGARET PACKARD.



STORY HOUR FINDS MEMBERS READING TO CHILDREN IN ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL. ABOVE ARE: (FROM LEFT) MISS LAURETTA BIXBY, RICKY DAVIS, DONATA MILES, JANE HILLIKER (ON HORSE) ANNA MARIE HOEY WITH MISS MILLY ATTERBURY HOLDING CARLIE HOLMES.



KNITTING BANDAGES FOR THE LEGS ON THE FIJI ISLANDS IS THIS GROUP OF THE INFANT OF PRAGUE COMMITTEE, LADIES OF CHARITY. (FROM LEFT) MRS. FRANCIS B. FREEMAN, COMMITTEE ADVISOR; MRS. JOSEPH B. REMPE, MISS JOAN ARNOLD AND MRS. LAWRENCE M. SHAWNEE.

Hospitalized Children Their Concern Infant Of Prague Committee Volunteers Log Many Hours On Pediatrics Floor

By MARY VAHLANCOURT

The Infant of Prague Committee of Elmira Ladies of Charity officially came into being in January of 1942 and since that time has rendered untiring service in the several phases of their work of mercy and love for the physical and material welfare of several groups.

Chief among their projects is the vast effort expended for the children on the Pediatrics floor at St. Joseph's Hospital where at least two members of the group may be found every day in the year assisting the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Nurses in ministering to the needs and criteria of the hospitalized population of 20 children patients.

The daily tasks of this small committee, in total numbers about 30, includes reading story books to the youngsters, making their little hands busy with crayons, reading letters from favorite books, and preparing the children for bed and hearing the night prayers of the little ones.

THEY MAY BE found assisting in folding laundry, keeping the temporary absence of a mother, running errands for their charges or eagerly offering their services for anything they may be able to do in this dedicated work.

On the material side they have provided numerous items in abundance, from for the use of their small friends, such as color books, toys, a phonograph with all the records liked by kiddies, a radio, a rocking horse that really rocks, dolls, games and are presently establishing a religious library of bound books that will be of interest to these small fry.

Staff Named

Newly designated officers of the Infant of Prague Committee of the Ladies of Charity are: Miss Joan Arnold, chairman, succeeding Miss Lauretta Bixby; Mrs. James Caparulo, co-chairman; Mrs. Ben D'Aloisio, secretary; Miss Shirley Bush, treasurer.

Mrs. Francis B. O'Connor continues to serve in the important post of committee advisor.

Equipment for the floor has also been very much in the minds of these seemingly tireless workers for they have made available two croupettes, high chairs, drapes for ward, sun and private rooms, a chaise longue to afford a mother an opportunity of relaxation and a generous supply of bins to help keep youngsters clothing clean at feeding time.

Emphasis on the spiritual side may be noted in the prayer pamphlets that they provide, the holy pictures and religious paintings they have purchased and placed on the walls of the rooms and corridors, and as would be expected, they have provided a beautiful statue of the Infant of Prague that has been enshrined at one end of a corridor.

An all out effort is made by each member of the committee to insure happiness to every child who may be required to spend Christmas or Easter as a patient at the hospital.

At Christmas time Santa Claus makes his annual visit to the children and distributes gifts and presents as well as seeing that a special entertain-

ment program is arranged. EACH CHILD patient on awakening Easter Sunday morning finds that the Easter Bunny has made a visit and left a beautifully arranged Easter basket with all the good things that brings delight to the heart of a child.

It would seem that the vast amount of effort expended for the children would be about all that this comparatively small committee would find time to sponsor, but such is not the case for their interests, talents and efforts are to be found in several additional important projects.

Members of the group approach local business concerns throughout the year seeking toys that are damaged or shoddy and these are taken to the home of a member where they are renovated or fixed as needed and then they are distributed to children of needy families at Christmas time, based on information supplied by Elmira Catholic Family Service.

It was especially gratifying to note the great zeal displayed by these ladies in providing material and knitting bandages for the Lepers located at the Fiji Islands, Oceania.

This undertaking is very close to the hearts of these Elmira natives now stationed at the Central Leprosy Hospital, Fiji Islands, is very happy to receive the many bandages sent each year that are so urgently needed.

The Elmira Sister Mary Sienna, S.M.S.M., of the Marist Missions with headquarters in Framingham, Mass. Sister Mary Sienna is the daughter of Mrs. Rose Kennedy and the late Clarence Kennedy, former parishioners of St. Peter and Paul's parish, Elmira.

EVERY MEMBER of the committee spends as much time as possible in knitting bandages. The knit bandage is preferred not only because it is reusable after washing and sterilizing, but it is more flexible and comfortable, important factors in advanced cases of Leprosy.

The members find added time to assist in the generous program of providing food and financial aid for the Sisters at the Dominican Monastery of



FEEDING tiny Steven Bukowski in St. Joseph Hospital in the Infant of Prague committee project is Miss Mary Gierdi.

'Wonderful Work' Acclaimed

We are most grateful for the wonderful work being done on the Children's Floor by the Infant of Prague Committee of the Ladies of Charity.

The spirit of generosity which prompts the activities of this group is outstanding. Material contributions have been considerable, and we do appreciate all that has been furnished through the various projects sponsored by the Committee.

We are grateful also to the members, who devote time to feeding the children and playing with them.

May God bless you for all that you are doing for us at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Sister Margaret Adelaide Administrator

25 Communities Represented At Summer Sessions

Sisters from 25 communities in 11 states are attending the Nazareth College summer session on the East Ave. campus this year. Among them are Sisters of St. Joseph from 8 different communities, including two from the Florida community, which was founded directly from the Sisters of Saint Joseph Motherhouse at LePuy, France.

Last summer in LePuy Sister Eva Marie and Sister Christine Francis of the Nazareth College faculty met Mother Anslem, the sister who started the Florida group as a mission from LePuy and who remained there until a separate foundation was established. Sisters of Saint Joseph are also here from Ohio, Vermont and Massachusetts, and from Watertown, Brooklyn and Buffalo in New York State.

MANY TEACHERS from the local teaching communities—Sisters of Mercy, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Franciscan Sisters and Sisters of St. Joseph—Ait at Nazareth as well as representatives from teaching orders not so well-known in this area, such as Sisters of the Resurrection, Holy Family of Mary, Ursuline Sisters of Christian Charity, Sisters of Charity of Hallifax, Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, Sisters of Divine Compassion, Dominicans, Daughters of Charity of the Sacred Heart, Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine.

Registration tops all previous years with more than 450 enrolled, including about 50 young women from the Rochester area, a number of whom are planning to teach in the Rochester parochial schools. The summer session will continue through August 7.

Collegians Bid To Area Party At K. C. Home

A "Get-Acquainted" Party for all college students of the Elmira area is scheduled for Tuesday evening, July 16, from 8 to 12 at the Knights of Columbus Home.

Catholic students attending any College or University are invited to the Party. The first of its kind, sponsored by Elmira College Newman Club.

MISS ANNA MARIE ROSSIE, president of the Newman Club, was assisted in the arrangements by Carol Connelly, Mary Noonan, Ann Sponty and Patricia Carozza of Elmira College. Dave Costello of Notre Dame, Tim Crotty of Fairleigh, Walter Carozza, George Michalek, Chris Hee of St. Bonaventure, and Micheline Sweeney of D'Almeida University.

Attempts were made to send invitations to as many as possible, but the committee emphasizes that all Catholic students are invited.

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