Cadet School Lists Program

Nazareth Hall Cadet School will present its annual Christmas entertainment on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The program is being prepared by the sixth, seventh and eighth grade members of the newly formed Fine Arts Club under the direction of Mrs. Anne Voght Lane, speech instructor at Nazareth Hall.

A lengendary Christmas miracle of medieval times will be enacted in the one-act play Why the Chimes Rang by Elizabeth Apthorp McFadden adapted from the story by Raymond McDonald Alden. The Junior Glee Club will be featured in two carols, The Friendly Beasts and Silent Night. Climaxing the program is The Word of God, a re-telling of the Christmas story through choric speech, song and tableau.

The public is invited.

WORKINGS of a toy steam shovel are the topic of discussion as Jim Forgione of St. John Fisher College meets with Ronnie Copeland and Paul Jeger at a Christmas party for children in the vicinity of Immaculate Conception Parish. The party was held in the parish hall.

Collegians Fete Children

By PAUL CONTESTABLE

Christmas came to children living in the Immaculate Conception Parish area this week. For some it will be the only real Christmas celebration they will have this year.

Sentiments of the children echoed the remarks of one little boy at the party: "Gee this is fun! I wish my little 'brudder' was here." Unfortunately his little "brudder' could not attend. He is three weeks old.

The origin of this Christmas celebration had a rather casual beginning. Two Nazareth College freshmen, Georgianna Bush and Eileen McGee, were talking one day about children who do not usually have a very Merry Christmas, those whose families could not afford to buy the presents other children receive.

THE IDEA of a Christmas party was suggested and then things began to progress rapidly. Students from St. John Fisher College were asked to help with the heavy work and transportation problems. Other Nazareth girls were asked to work on publicity and to mend toys.

About 90 students from the two colleges offered their help. They began solicitations of food, decorations and toys from stores. The spirit of giving seemed to be everywhere as the stores did everything they could to help.

Invitations were sent to first, second and third graders from Immaculate Conception, St. Lucy's, and Schools No. 3 and No. 4.

Two hundred children were expected at Monday's party, but the auditorium at Immaculate Conception School soon overflowed with more than 350 children.

THE PROBLEM of a shortage of food and gifts faced the committee. The college students dug into their pockets to donate money to buy additional items and quickly sought additional donations from area stores.

One little girl, on receiving her gift was hesitant to open it. "It's so pretty", she said.

Music filled the air at the party by a group of the college men known for the occasion as the "Banana Bunch." While 350 children sitting on chairs and on the floor sang "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem", the long awaited arrival of Santa Claus came.

ASSISTING IN the project were Dan Fahy, refreshments, Pat Emmanuel and Pat Pietropaoli, entertainment, Jim Schirmer, transportation, Eileen McGee, Guy Pilato and Bob Corletta, solicitation of toys, Eileen Van Tassell, decorations, and last but not least, everyone for clean-up.

The success of the party was voiced by the comment from one boy who said "I've never been to a party before. I hope everybody has lots of fun like this for Christmas."

CHRISTMAS gifts highlighted the party for children given by students of Nazareth and St. John Fisher colleges on Monday. Here Robert Fetter and Barbara Jean Burch receive one of the gifts from Martha Jo Rotoli of the committee.

Parent-Teacher Meet At McQuaid

A Parent-Teachers meeting will be held Friday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m., at McQuaid Jesuit High School. This meeting, second of the current school year, will be made up of several sessions.

During the first session, the homeroom instructors of the various classes will conduct group meetings with the parents of the students in their respective classes. The homeroom instructors are responsible both for the group guidance and the personal guidance of the students in their respective classes. The purpose of this first session is to enable each homeroom instructor to discuss with the parents of his students certain topics of mutual and common interest.

During the second session, an opportunity will be given to the parents to meet their sons' instructors individually.

The final session, beginning at 10 p.m., will bring all the parents to the school's auditorium. There the Physics Club, directed by Mr. Joseph Gersitz, S.J., will perform some simple experiments illustrating certain principles of dynamic mechanics and some basic principles of space satellites. Father John W. Kelly, S.J., the Principal, will then address the parents on certain broader scholastic topics of interest to them and to their sons.

Christmas Fund Appeal Made

Knights of Columbus of Rochester Council are being called upon for their yearly cooperation with the Christmas Fund in a letter sent out by Advocate Arthur B. Curran, Jr., chairman.

Noting the season he asks the members to "let us remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves."

Purpose of the Fund is summed up in his letter. He says:

"Your thoughtful and generous contributions have been deeply appreciated by those needy families receiving food baskets. Your gifts have been expressions of love to the orphans and children attending our yearly Christmas party. Your kindness has been a source of joy and encouragement to patients in Veterans Hospitals who receive gifts, cigarettes and entertainment."

Contributions of members and friends are being made at the secretary's office, K. of C. Clubrooms, Columbus Civic Center, with checks payable to Knights of Columbus Christmas Fund.

India Bishop Writes Rochester Woman Of Missioner's Death

Sudden death of a veteran missionary in India who had been helped financially by a Rochesterian was reported by Bishop O. Marengo, S.D.B., of Dibrugarh (Assam India) in a letter to the priest's friend, Mrs. Veronica Szeblewski, 951 Hudson Ave., Rochester, received this week.

The priest, Father L. Piasecki met with an accident while cycling back home from the Post Office at Diboi on Nov. 10. He died three hours later in the local hospital.

"The good father," Bishop Marengo wrote, "had just gone to Digboi from Doom Dooma to act for the local priest, who was to go on home leave. Father Piasecki was no longer young, but he was full of life and happy anticipation of doing still a lot of work. He is now resting by the side of the Cathedral which he himself built 18 years ago."

Asking for continued help for the diocese which Father Piasecki served "with so much zeal and sacrifice," Bishop Marengo solicited prayers "so that God may send us Priests on the pattern of our lamented Father Piasecki."

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School Opens 'Post Office'

Our Lady of Mercy High School's "Christmas Post Office" will open from Dec. 16 to 20 according to Kay Dwyer, president of the Mission Unit which sponsors the project.

All mail to the faculty and students will be turned in to homeroom mission captains by Dec. 19 and delivered to the homerooms. The missions will profit from the two cent charge per letter.

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