

Holy Childhood Fund Drive Opens

By FRANK KELLY

Please give!
This is the cry of the retarded children at the School of the Holy Childhood, which opens a drive for funds today, Monday. A drive that will carry through April 21.

The school, under the supervision of the Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, and, therefore, ineligible for financial help from the Community Chest, trains children from 7 to 18 years of age, without regard to their religion, race or ability to pay.

FATHER WOOD THE COST to the school is about \$200 per year for each student to give them special attention. In most cases, the families of these children can only afford a token amount. So the tuition has to be raised by other means.

That the school has been successful can be attested to in many cases.

In the educable group, one of the two groups at the school and whose I.Q. is between 50 and 80, many have gone on to become successful in such occupations as, barbering and beautician work.

IN FACT, some of the beauticians work is on exhibition in New York City. Also, several graduates of the school have become members of the Armed Forces. This, in spite of the fact that they were not able to get past the fourth grade, their mental level.

In addition, the older boys in the school undertake the entire maintenance work in the school, under the supervision of Mrs. Joseph Hebert.

As to the other group. These people will always be dependant on somebody else, to a varying degree.

For them, the training consists of giving them self assurance so that they can socialize with other children and get along on fairly even terms with others of comparable mental age.

They all respond to accomplishment. That is why their Christmas play is so important to them. They learn their parts months ahead so that when they go on stage, they can get this feeling of being "liked."

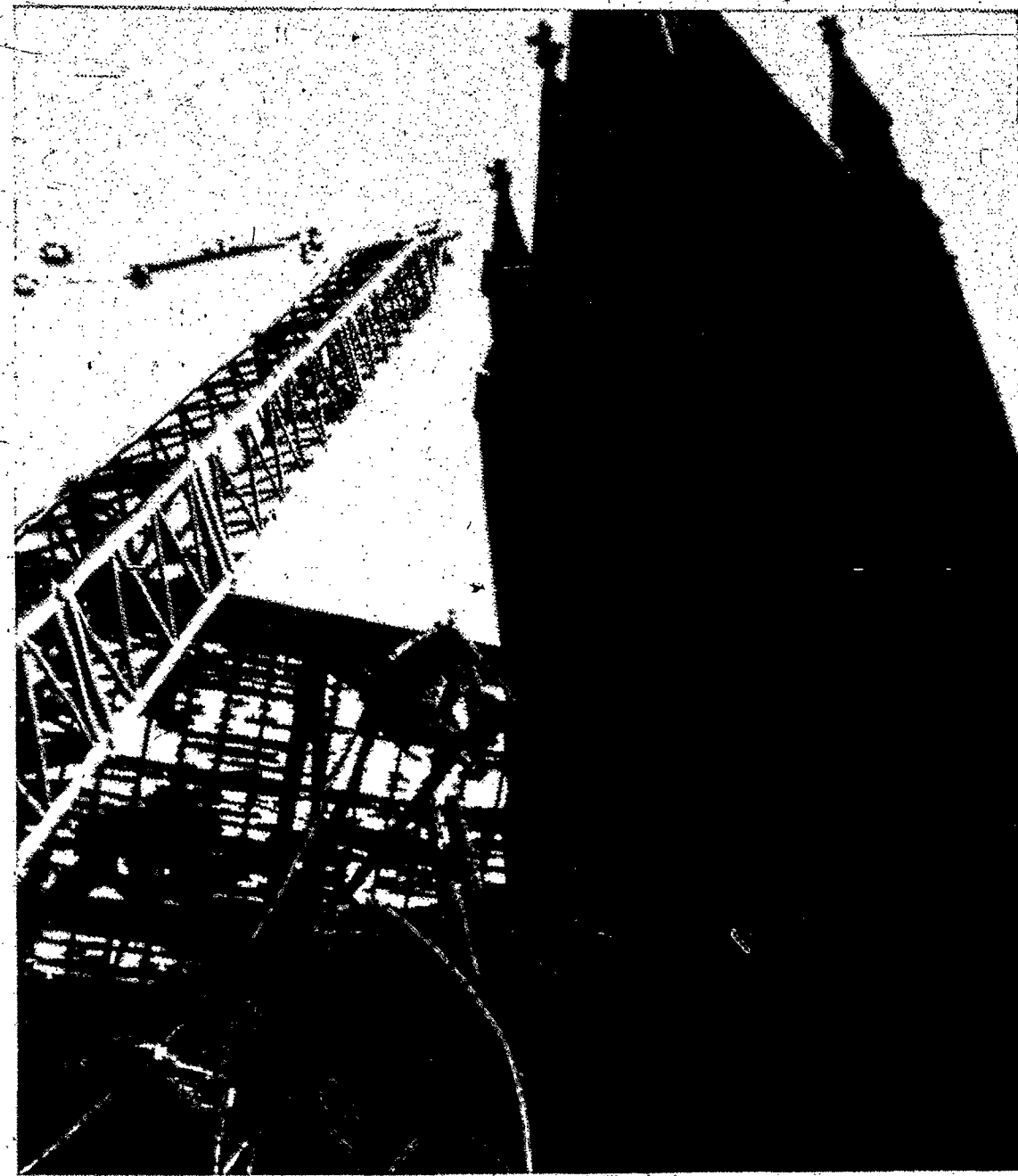
TO MAKE SURE that these mentally immature children are given this insurance, the entire play is taped. When they go on stage, they act out the play as the tape is played to the audience.

This insures no stage fright, and thus embarrassment to the children.

Their pride of accomplishment on having put on a good play can never be equalled by a Broadway actor.

It is for this reason that the school is hoping for financial help from the people of Rochester. Help to pay the \$30,000 a year needed to run the school.

JUDGE GUILLANE SOLICITORS will be around to accept



Fire Gutted Church Comes Down

WORKERS THIS WEEK started razing of historic St. Boniface Church, Rochester thoroughly destroyed, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1957. An edifice, "traditional" in style will be built on the site, the Rev. Walter J. Kohl, pastor announced. Plans are being designed by Architect Joseph P. Flynn.

Author Dedicates Book To Bishop

Blanche Jennings Thompson, Rochester Catholic author, has dedicated her latest book, "St. Elizabeth's Three Crowns," to His Excellency Bishop Kearney. The book also contains the imprimatur of Bishop Kearney.

Published by Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, the book is written for young people and comes out in the Vision Book series of the publishing company. It is a biography of St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

Other books written by Miss Thompson include "Bible Children," "Silver Pennies," "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" and "A Pocketful of Poems."

Miss Thompson is a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, of which St. Elizabeth is patron. She is a graduate of Columbia University and was honored by Nazareth College with an honorary degree.

The dedication to Bishop Kearney in the book states: "To our beloved Shepherd in Christ, Most Reverend James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, New York."

Louis A. Whalen Jr. is general chairman of the fund drive. Members of the executive committee of the school are Judge Thomas P. Cullhane, Mrs. Lewis Dollinger Jr., Thomas G. Farrell, Mrs. John O'Hara, Alice Kirk, Marlin G. Moll and Paul D. Noonan. Father George E. Wood is spiritual director of the school.

Annual Tea Set For Girl Scouts

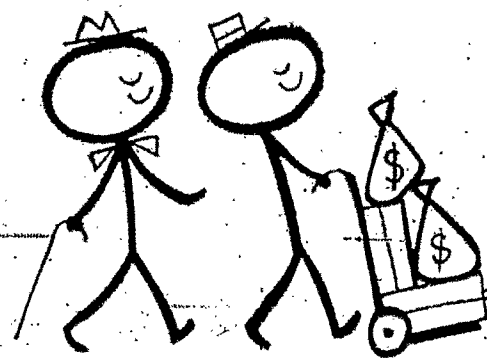
The 15 troops of Brownies and Intermediate Girl Scouts from Sacred Heart neighborhood will hold their annual Mother-Daughter Tea, Sunday, April 13th from 3 to 5 p.m. at the parish center.

The tea offers an opportunity for mothers to become better acquainted with the adult Girl Scout members and for the girls to join in games with other troops.

Mrs. Raymond Hayes and Mrs. Francis Meara are co-chairmen for the afternoon social gathering.

German Bishops Ask Better Movies

Munich, Germany — (RNS) — country. The appeal was addressed to producers, distributors, cinema owners, government authorities and the Catholic faith-raise movies "standards in this



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Bishop Kearney To Bless Foster Parents

Bishop Kearney will greet and bless foster parents in the Columbus Civic Center ball room this Sunday, 3 to 6 p.m.

Over 165 invitations have been sent out by the Catholic Family Center to couples who provide foster home care for children under the agency's supervision.

Father Donald J. Mulcahy, Family Center director, said staff members of the Center will also be present to greet the foster parents.

A program of music and entertainment will be presented and refreshments will be served, he said.

Also scheduled to extend official thanks to the families opening their homes to homeless children will be Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur E. Batigan, director of Catholic Charities of the Rochester Diocese, and George W. Montgomery, Jr., executive secretary of the Catholic Family Center.

St. John's Host To Deanery

Clyde — St. John's Church is the host parish to the Wayne Deanery Rochester DCCW on Low Sunday April 13 at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Russell Lyon of Lyons, chairman of the parish and family education committee, said that a panel, with Rev. Daniel Hogan of St. Francis Assist Church in Auburn as moderator and Mrs. Theodore Strohmeyer, president of the Rochester Diocesan Council, and Mrs. James Connelly and Mrs. Ronald Glendhill as panel members, will be presented.

Babies Will Be Blessed, Get Medals At Cathedral Sunday

Traditional quiet of Sacred Heart Cathedral will be shattered Sunday, April 13, as hundreds of babies are brought for the fourth annual blessing ceremony.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, Cathedral rector, will spend two hours, 3 to 5 p.m., conferring a personal blessing on each infant brought to the Cathedral.

Rosary Guild Family Life Committee members of Sacred Heart parish have prepared medals blessed by His Excellency Bishop Kearney to be given to all children brought to this year's rite.

THE PRAYER to be said by Bishop Casey asks God to "anticipate the needs of these children with Thy tender blessings... so that, advancing in age, in wisdom and in grace, they may live so as to please Thee always."

Bishop Casey will bless each infant individually with the sign of the cross.

Parents of the Rochester area are invited to bring their infants for the blessing.

Clubs Plan Events At Columbus Center

CAPRI CLUB
C.Y.O. Capri Club will conduct a dance, Friday, April 11 from 9:30 p.m. till 12:30 a.m. in Columbus Civic Center Ballroom. John Munion and his orchestra will play. Refreshments will be served.

The C.Y.O. Capri Club is an organization for single Catholics over 21. Further information on Club Membership and Activities may be had by calling the Rev. George S. Wood, Moderator, at Hamilton 6-1466.

MERI-MAC CLUB

C.Y.O. Meri-Mac Club will conduct a card party, Saturday evening, April 12 in Parlor A, Columbus Civic Center. Prizes and refreshments are planned. Tickets are \$1.00 each.
Mrs. Minnie Pollock is chairman. Reservations must be made by April 17. Information may be had by calling GLENWOOD 3-0289R.



BLESSING OF BABIES ceremony at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sunday, April 13 from 3 to 5 p.m. will have members of the Committee for Christian Home and Family assisting. Here Mrs. Maurice J. Gormican, chairman, seated and Mrs. John L. Collins, (left) and Mrs. Francis J. O'Neill discuss arrangements. Parents from all parishes are invited.

Holy Family Rosary Society Will Meet

Auburn — Meeting of the Rosary Society and League of the Sacred Heart of Holy Family Church will be presided by a Mass, Holy Week, April 11, 12, 13, 14. All those planning to attend should assemble at the church at 6 p.m. Transportation will be provided.

Members should make reservations through their promoters of officers for 1958-59.

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