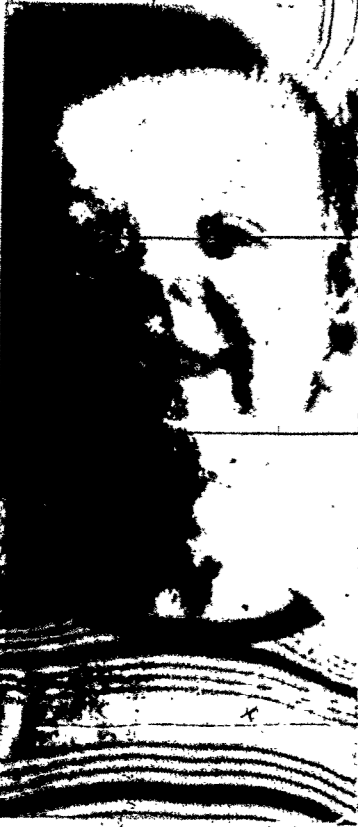


Chrithmuth lth Coming



Debra Freed — all she wants is "two front teeth."



Bernard Logan — Christmas comes out "Chrithmuth."



Roxanne Lowe — Wanted: A mate for this lonesome tooth.

"Chrithmuth — 'lth' a thwell time exthep't I can't thay it right," Roxanne Lowe, second grade pupil at Immaculate Conception school, Rochester, said this week.

"But maybe by Chrithmuth I'll have my teef and I'll thay it right," she said.

This statement was echoed by Debra Freed and Bernard Logan, first grade pupils at Immaculate who were somewhat awed by all the activity going on at their school.

JUST AS IN other Catholic schools throughout the Diocese, the Sisters of St. Joseph, who staff Immaculate, were preparing for Christmas. The event had all the pupils in the school jumping with excitement over the older youngsters who had gone through this preparation many times.

First, there was the hanging of the lights, and the lighting of the candles this morning.

Then, of course, there was the hanging of the pictures and displays of the last Christmas.

EVEN THE SISTERS, who usually don't take any holiday from their work, seemed to take on a new note when they made their hasty dash over to the entrance of little Immaculate.

For the first graders, this was a new, joyful experience — one they'll remember for the rest of their lives.

"It's juthmuth going to be for a holly party," said one little girl.

And, of course, they are preparing for the biggest birthday party of all — the birthday of Christ.

With this birthday party coming up, the Sisters were doing what every family does in preparation for the event. They were teaching songs for the children to sing at the party.

The songs are the ones they may carols.

WHILE THE younger children were doing this, the older pupils were also doing their bit for the party.

This took the form of learning parts for the Christmas play, learning the Lessons to be sung on Christmas Day, and decorating their rooms with the festive colors associated with Christmas.

With all this enjoyable activity going on, even the never-ending school work seemed almost likeable, especially since Christmas meant a week's vacation from school.

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Africa Mission Sets Prayers For Diocese



Faith and charity will span Africa and the Atlantic to link Catholics in the Rochester Diocese with the faithful of Tanganyika on Monday, Dec. 8, feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Tanganyika faithful will offer holy day Masses and prayers for the people of the Diocese of Rochester to thank them for aid given the mission of the east Africa nation.

Bishop Patrick J. Winters in a letter to Bishop Kearney said his mission includes the duty of a diocese to help the people of other dioceses. Bishop Kearney, who visited the Diocese of Rochester in 1937, and for the annual six months' study of mission work of Rochester, is now in Tanganyika.

The Rochester Diocese has a large number of parishes and is well equipped to study and help the people of other dioceses. The Missionaries of Mary have been in Africa since 1900 for the fourth time. The people of Tanganyika are now in the process of building a new nation.

BISHOP WINTERS said the dark skinned Catholics of his 12,000 square mile diocese pick up December 8th as "Rochester Day" because it marks the national feast of the Immaculate Conception.

He said the prayers for the Rochester Diocese Catholics will be read by a priest in Tanganyika. It is the first time that the people of the Diocese of Rochester have been able to pray for the people of another diocese.

The mission work of the Diocese of Rochester is now in the process of building a new nation. The people of Tanganyika are now in the process of building a new nation.

In reply to the "Thank you" prayers from Tanganyika, Bishop Kearney urges Catholics of the Rochester Diocese to pray for the spiritual growth of the faithful in that part of the equator nation.

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Photo above shows statue at Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester.



Tanganyika Bishop Patrick Winters with missionaries and natives will mark Monday, Dec. 8, as a day of thankful prayers for generosity of Catholics of the Rochester Diocese.

Feed The Poor

Need? None. The purpose? To provide Christmas food baskets for needy families in the Rochester Diocese.

The project was made by the Diocese of Rochester. The project was made by the Diocese of Rochester.

Father Mulvihill said that each year Rochester Catholics provide food parcels for hundreds of poor families. The parcels are made up of various people and organizations in Rochester.

For the first time in the 40 years we have been doing this we are now going to ask the faithful for the people in the Diocese," he said.

"It is due to the increase in the number of families who need help and the death of many of our food benefactors," Father Mulvihill said.

"ALL WE ASK is that willing people give something to ward our Catholic Christmas Food Fund. We need at least \$1000 to provide for these poor families," he said.

Last year, 388 families were completely helped by the Diocese's food fund.

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Christmas meal This year, the number will be higher. The Christmas Bureau of Rochester supplies the families who deserve to receive the food baskets. The Bureau also provides for the poor families who are unable to buy a full family dinner.

The Catholic Family Center appeals to working people to give one dollar towards this program. Contributions may be sent to the Catholic Christmas Food Fund, c/o St. Joseph's Church, 100 N. Broadway, Rochester, N. Y.

State Hospital Mass Broadcast

Holy Mass will be broadcast this Sunday from Rochester's State Hospital. An estimated 400 patients will attend the Mass celebrated in the hospital's auditorium.

The hour-long Mass will be broadcast over radio station WIXA-11 a.m. to noon.

Celebrant will be Rev. James Callan, chaplain for Catholic patients at the hospital. He will also give the sermon. Father Richard Forney will give the commentary during the Mass.

School Fire Stuns Nation

Poses Question: Could It Happen Here?

The nation was stunned this week by the fire which swept Our Lady of the Angels School, Chicago, to take a toll of 90 lives.

Pope John XXIII sent a personally signed message of sorrow to the grief-stricken parents. Chicago's new Archbishop Albert G. Meyer offered the funeral Mass for the fire's victims.

Anxious parents and school officials throughout the country looked at their own schools and asked the frightening question, "Could it happen here?"

Monsignor Charles V. Boyle, superintendent of schools in the Rochester Diocese, said diocesan schools are regularly inspected by officials of local fire departments.

"Our schools conform immediately and completely with any recommendations of these fire department officials," he said.

In the city of Rochester, fire officials inspect each school every month. In other cities of the Diocese, the schools are inspected according to schedules set by officials in these cities and detailed reports are filed annually with the Bureau of Fire

Mobilization and Control of the State Division of Safety in Albany.

These detailed reports include 24 points for fire bureau inspection such as safety doors, adequate exits and clear exit lights, alarm systems, fire extinguishers and safety drills.

MONSIGNOR BOYLE said every parochial school in the Diocese holds at least 12 fire drills every year, 8 of them by December 1st.

He also pointed out that 80 per cent of the Catholic elementary and high schools in the 12-county Rochester Diocese have been erected since 1910, the year the Chicago school was built.

Of the 96 elementary schools of the Rochester Diocese, only 21 were constructed prior to 1910, and of the 13 high schools, only 2 are pre-1910, Monsignor Boyle stated.

Many of these 23 pre-1910 schools have since built additions which today accommodate more pupils than the original units. All diocesan schools, he said, regardless of the date they were erected, conform to New York State laws for public building safety and to fire bureau directions.

Our Lady of the Angels School has a registration of 1600 pupils. There were approximately 100 absent on the day of the fire.

Chicago's Fire Marshal Robert Quinn said the U-shaped brick building was inspected last week and that all fire precautions had been taken. He said it was "as safe as any school in Chicago."

This fact, he stated, meant 1400 pupils were able to escape safely from the blazing school.

Three nuns, two of them natives of Chicago, gave their lives in vain efforts to save their charges. One of the three, Sister Seraphica had marked her 25th anniversary as a nun this past September.

The little victims — 53 girls and 34 boys — ranged in age from 9 to 15. Nine year old Margaret Chambers had stayed home Monday morning because of a cold but insisted on attending the afternoon classes. She was one of the children who died.

Besides the 90 who perished at least another 100 were hospitalized for burns, injuries or shock.

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Holy Day Monday

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NEXT WEEK — How Lay People Are to Respond At Mass



Cornerstone Blessed For Auburn Church

Auburn — The cornerstone of the new St. Francis Church, now under construction, was blessed and set in place at ceremonies conducted at the site Sunday. Left in night, Rev. Daniel Hogan, assistant pastor at St. Francis Church; Rev. John Nacca, pastor,

and Rt. Rev. Msgr. James D. Cuffney, administrator of St. Mary's Church, Dean of the Cayuga Deanery, who officiated in blessing the stone. Part of the ceremony was held in the interior of the new church. (Larby Photo.)