The Nativity

How soft and still the soothing night creeps in,
Upon the stoney paths of David's town,
That, wearied by the day's long toiling, sleeps
Nor visions yet the night of its renown;
See now, how slowly walks the holy pair
To claim yon hovel, dark and cold,
Denied a hearthside pallet, warm and fair,
To dwell with beasts, as lo, the prophets told.

But hark! Ere long there cleaves the silent night
An infant's cry, full sweet to Mary's ear
The heavy dark gives way to dawning light
Behold! Your God in living flesh is here!
It is now but redemption's dawning gray . . .
Soon will He bring the fuller light of day!

Clarence Amann,
St. John Fisher College

Formosa Masses Sung In Native Languages

Taichung — (NC) — An American missionary with a music degree from the Catholic University in Washington has written the music for the Mass in the vernacular here.

Father James A. Collingnon, M.M., of San Francisco, began his Mass when the Holy See granted permission to the Prefecture Apostolic of Taichung for the singing of High Mass in the native tongue.

The Mass, which is written in the Chinese vernacular of Taiwan used by some seven million Formosans, will enable Catholics to sing in their own language instead of Latin.

Basing his composition on the Gregorian 8th Mass and 3rd Credo, Father Collingnon simplified the melody, thereby overcoming the previous difficulty of Taiwanese Catholics singing the Mass in Latin because of the dissimilarity of sounds between the two tongues.

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JOSEPH CORBY, sexton of St. Mary's Church, Corning displays wood-carving of Madonna and Child made by him and shown in Nativity scene for public. (Elmira Telegram photo).

Sexton's Nativity Scene On Display

Corning—Christmas, for the past quarter of a century, has taken on special significance at the home of Joseph Corby, 69 Ellicott St. But now his workings of art in a Christian theme has been made available to the public.

Corby, sexton at St. Mary's Church, built a Nativity scene in 1929 and the Christmas of 1930 and placed it so it could be viewed from the street.

SINCE 1930, the scene has been altered, enlarged and improved each year, but it was always at the Corby home. This year the scene was brought to Centerway Square and became part of the city's holiday decorations.

The Nativity scene is not the usual one purchased for home use or for outside display. It was made by the former terra-cotta mold and model maker.

Corby said he made the scene not so much to show others as to illustrate the story of the first Christmas to his four children.

HIS CHILDREN and their friends liked the 1929 display, placed under the family Christmas tree. So the following year he made a window scene.

He didn't want the typical artificial looking Nativity but one that would convey the feeling of the first Christmas, Corby said.

Not only are shepherds flooded with light when the angel announces the birth to them, but others have sheep across their backs taking an offering to the Christ Child.

The stable is not a building as it is often conveniently pictured, but a cave in the hillside.

THE MAGI are offering presents to the infant, which is lying on hay on the floor type manger of the day instead of the oft pictured bassinette type.

He even threw away a city representation he had constructed and modeled on encyclopedia picture view of the city. Lights as stars shine from above and are great light for the guiding star illuminate sthe stable.

MOST OF THE figures were either made by Corby from others or from scratch, using raw materials only.

The one variation Corby has allowed is the inclusion of a stable light to give added illumination to the interior.

The slightly-built, silverhaired man who emigrated from Italy in 1913 had to be persuaded to show his Nativity in public rather than at his home.

CORBY, WHO has made religious plaques, a remarkably powerful crucifix and a head of Christ, rarely shows his work in public.

"As long as God knows what I do and that it is my best, that is all that matters," he said.

He said public showing "is not for little people like me but for important ones."

SOME CIVIC PEOPLE, used to large displays that do not require close observation, expressed doubt as to the success of the Nativity scene. At first observation the display is not imposing.

But success is not necessarily measured by size, as the children who stop in the biting cold to have the story explained to them, will readily attest.

The Nativity built to show four Corby children (Thomas, Jeanette Bruneau, Donald and Katherine Hilk) what the first Christmas was like, is now showing a community.

CYO Activities

Children who are not members of the C.Y.O. as well as members between the ages of 6 and 14 are invited to two "Fun Days" during the Christmas school vacation.

Girls' day is Monday, Dec. 29, and the boys will have Tuesday, Dec. 30, as their day. Both groups will have a fun time in the gym from 10 a.m. to noon followed by swimming from noon to 1:30 p.m. The children are urged to bring a lunch to eat after their activities. The usual small guest fee 35c, will be charged for non-members.

Adults may participate in the swimming session if they wish.

SPLASH PARTIES

Splash parties which cost so surprisingly little are also in order for the holidays. Scouts and Sodalities have made reservations for special pool parties.

A splash party is also a sure way to guarantee a real happy birthday celebration or to entertain any large group of friends. For inquiries or reservations call BAker 5-7400 Ext. 16.

SWIM CLUB

Boys of grammar school age (7-14) are invited to join the new C.Y.O. swimming club now being organized. Purpose of the club is to familiarize boys with the fundamentals of competitive swimming and broaden their knowledge of water skills. Boys participating will attend Aquinas and McQuaid High School swimming meets as part of the course.

The first meeting of this club will be Saturday, Dec. 27th, at 2 p.m. Regular meetings from thereafter will be held every other Saturday from 2:15 to 3 p.m. Membership in the C.Y.O. and successful completion of the beginners phase of swimming are all that is necessary to join this new club.

Those interested are asked to be at the C.Y.O. on Saturday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m.

C.Y.O. Standings

Parish Elementary School Basketball League

	W	L	Pct.
St. Anthony's	2	0	1.000
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St. Thomas	2	0	1.000
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Sacred Heart	2	0	1.000
Holy Cross	2	1	1.000
St. Johns (Greece)	1	1	.500
Annunciation	0	1	.000
St. Helens	0	1	.000
Lady of Lourdes	0	2	.000
Immaculate Conc'p'tn	0	2	.000
Holy Rosary	0	2	.000
Blessed Sacrament	0	2	.000

Parish High School Basketball League

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.
St. Charles	2	0	1.000
Holy Cross	2	0	1.000
Mother of Sorrows	1	1	.500
Annunciation	1	1	.500
Saint Cecelia's	1	1	.500
St. Stanislaus	1	1	.500
St. John's (Greece)	1	1	.500
St. James	0	1	.000
St. Thomas	0	1	.000
St. Andrews	0	2	.000

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.
St. Monica's	2	0	1.000
Sacred Heart	2	0	1.000
St. Helen's	1	1	.500
St. Thomas More	1	1	.500
Immaculate Conc'pt'n	1	1	.500
Holy Trinity	1	1	.500
St. Augustines	1	1	.500
Mt. Carmel	0	2	.000
St. Boniface	0	1	.000
Holy Ghost	0	1	.000

BOWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS

St. Boniface Monday

200 games: R. Brown 203, A. Ehmann 200, D. Doerner 204.

Gerako Diner 46-19, Klee Press 39-26, Glade Bootery 35-30, Community Liquor 33-32, Metyer Market 31-34, Ruby Sport 30-35, Dauphin Diner 25-40, Fahrer Grocery 21-44.

Holy Rosary

200 games: Gala 201, F. Dony 209-211, Kinney 210, Sullivan 201, Scheidt 208, Spencer 209, Di Martino 229.

La Roche Hotel 49-26, Mary's Delic. 48-27, Sellitto Rest. 43-32, Sommer's Garage 39-26, Trabold Floor 34-41, Lexington Serv. 34-41, Cassata Bakery 29-46, Sullivan Fuel 24-53.

St. Charles H.N.

200 games: Sweeney 225, Kujawa 214, Full 214, 201, Smith 213, Hartleben 213, H. Lindenberg 213, Darling 212, Herring 211, Ryan, Bernard 209, Klem 209, Walker 207, Foos 204, Haag 203, Monaghan 200.

Loveland Serv. 48-27, Ulrich Supp. 46-29, Aleo Barbers 44½-30½, Dewey Pharm. 42-33, Bi-Rite Mkt. 38-37, Buckman's 37½-37½, Lyons Den 36-39, Scheible Press 35-40, Kujawa App. 29½-45½, O'Brien Jewelers 27-48, Moore Liquor 22½-52½.

St. Anne H.N.

200 games: J. McMorrow 224, T. Drabin 212.

Hassett Service Sta. 51-19, N. J. Miller Funeral Home 43-27, Holla Leary Funeral Home 40-30, Keenan Service Sta. 39½-30½, Witter Service Sta. 31-30, Mt. Hope Shopping Center 30-40, Southside Barbers 25-45, Doerner Liq. Store 20½-49½.

Sacred Heart Men's Club

200 games: H. Ryan 225, 203 (508), F. Salk 204, 201, C. Barnard 200.

Welker Grill 42-21, Poole Funeral Home 45-25, Feldman Realtors 38-32, O'Reilly Tavern 37-33, Keystone Builder Supplies 35-35, Farrell Bros. Funeral Home 35-35, Foley Associates 35-35, I. M. Ludington 32-38, Geo. Esse Insurance 30-40, Shamrocks 29-41, Grinnan Food Mkt. 28-42, North Esso Service 27-43.

St. Theodore

200 games: Masters 236, Cook 224, Wysocarski 223, K. Blakely 220, Lanski 215, 202, Flannigan 213, Dailey 212, Case 207, Baum 205, C. Coffey 204, Oister 204, Coco 203, Jones 203, Cometa 200, Foley 200.

Central Drive-In 50-30, Blakely Tpy. 50-30, Coco Mkt. 48-32, White Oak Dairy 43½-36½, Haubner and Stallknecht 43-37, Lally Ins. 42-38, Joe's Mkt. 41-39, Ackerman Rest. 40½-39½, Super Duper Mkt. 40-40, Party House 39-41, Berner Liquor 37-43, Stadler Mkt. 36-44, Ehmann Mkt. 36-44, Russer Mkt. 33½-46½, Rudlington Ins. 33½-46½, Cook Mkt. 31½-48½.

St. Charles Ladies

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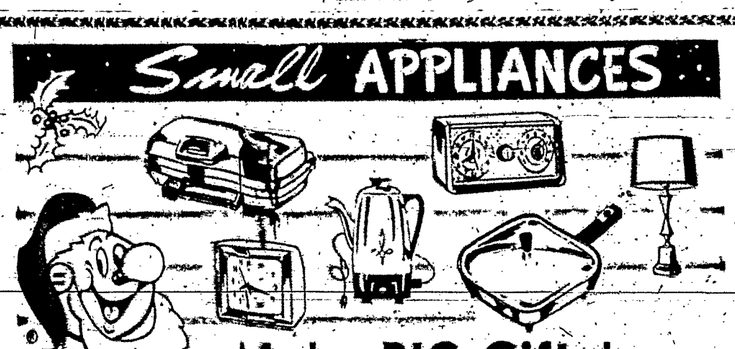

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