

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1958

First Friday Luncheon Group To Hear Bishop

Bishop Kearney will speak to the men of the First Friday Luncheon Club in Hotel Sheraton, Friday, Jan. 7 according to Joseph P. Aitken, chairman of the Knights of Columbus sponsoring committee. The club is now in its 17th year.

Luncheon will begin at 12:15 p.m. and will be open to men who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday. Rev. E. Leo McManus, club moderator, will present the Bishop.

THE FIRST FRIDAY CLUB was inaugurated at the December 1942 luncheon largely through the encouragement of Bishop Kearney, then state chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.

During the past 16 years the club's attendance has been consistent and it is expected that more than 100 men will be present to extend New Year's greetings to the Bishop.

Laymen from various walks of life, businessmen, professional men, and men in various occupations gather each month to hear speakers from the clergy.

Settlement House Holds Yule Tea

Activities carried on during the Christmas season were reported at the first annual Christmas tea of Genesee Settlement House held Monday, Dec. 22 at 10 Duke St.

The Settlement House, it was reported, has sponsored service with all groups actively meeting at the agency. Teenagers who are members of the programs for the retarded, have delivered toys to the firehouse at Sixth and Clifford Ave. Clothing was collected for the Diocesan clothing drive.

MEMBERS OF THE work adjustment training program prepared 75 favors which the Holy Name Society used at a party for a golden age group. The same young girls prepared the table decorations used on the tea table of the local Cancer Society.

Girls aged 7 to 9 who were members of the Pennies Club took responsibility for the window decorations and the arts and crafts class members have decorated the bulletin boards on the different floors. James Gervasi of Niagara St. did a wall sized mural in the game room depicting the wise men traveling to Bethlehem.

IT WAS REPORTED that the Genesee Dancers and the Genesee Players presented a program for the after school members at their annual Christmas party.

Dancing and dramatics were presented at the tea by youngsters active in Settlement House groups. Agency members, workers at various health and welfare agencies in Rochester and members of the clergy participated. Mrs. Theodore Yates of Niagara St. was in charge of hostesses. Mrs. Ben Gold of Park Ave. presided at the tea table.

DeSales Civics Club Gets National Charter

Genesee — The Catholic Cadets Civics Club of St. Francis De Sales School this week received its official charter from the Commission on American Citizenship in Washington, D. C.

The charter formally recognizes affiliation of the local unit with the national organization headquartered at Catholic University of America. Pupils of grade eight comprise the local club membership.

The officers of the newly organized club are Joanne Petrosino, president; Anthony Bertino, vice president; Laurence Alessi, treasurer; Thomas De Gioma, corresponding secretary, and John Marino, migrant tarram.

The Catholic Cadets Civics Club is one of the thousands of Catholic Civics Clubs chartered in the United States for the express purpose of "fostering training for good citizenship."

Funeral Mass Said — A solemn Requiem Mass was offered by Very Rev. Celsus Wheeler, OFM, provincial of Holy Name Province, Tuesday in Immaculate Conception chapel, St. Bonaventura University, for Rev. Rodrick P. Wheeler, OFM, 31, his forty professor at the university.

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Nursing Students Plan Dance

NURSING STUDENTS at St. Mary's Hospital will hold their first annual Christmas time dance at the Ridgeman Country Club on Monday, Dec. 29. Getting ready for the event are, clockwise, Patricia Ann McDonald, Betty McWhorter, Barbara Balzar and Patricia McDonald.

Lay Missioner's Report

Natives In Love With Faith

By FRANK KELLY

Primitive and illiterate, but so much in love with the Faith.

This is the report given by Doris Oplinger, daughter of Mrs. Mary Oplinger of 58 Normandale Dr., Rochester, who is a lay missioner in Ghana, West Africa.

MISS OPLINGER, who is a nurse anesthetist, said in a letter to her mother this past week.

She left this country in September to work at her profession in West Coast Hospital in Tema, Ghana, after volunteering for this duty when she read about similar lay missioners in the Catholic press.

In her letter, Miss Oplinger reported that she attended a Marian Congress in Naudom and also the 25th anniversary of the mission in that village.

"MOST OF THESE people have been converted from stark paganism and idolatry to Catholicism and they are extremely fervent and devout" she said.

"In fact, the conversion of these people is considered one of the most outstanding events in mission history in Africa. They accomplished in 25 years what most missions take 75 years or more," she wrote.

Miss Oplinger said that about 30,000 natives attended the congress. "Many of whom had to cross the Black Volta by canoe. Some also walked 45 miles through parched and desolate country to get to the congress," she said.

The Apostolic Delegate for all the British territories was also present. "It was his first visit here in 20 years," Miss Oplinger said.

"All the priests really love these people. They are so fervent and so much in love with the



Spiritual Preparation

Services Planned For New Year's Eve

Spiritual preparation for the year 1959 can be made at special services planned for New Year's Eve. Services will be conducted at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Family Rosary Center at St. Francis of Assisi Church and the Cenacle Convent.

Masses will be celebrated on New Year's Day at all the churches. Schedule of Masses at downtown churches appears below.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will celebrate a Pontifical Low Mass for living and deceased parishioners in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Flower City Park at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31. Bishop Casey will give the sermon.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S Eve Holy Hour will be conducted from 11:15 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Church, Whitney St. and Orange St. The services will be broadcast by WSAW on which the Family Rosary is broadcast daily. Rev. E. Charles Bauer will conduct the Holy Hour and Rev. Joseph A. Chincione, pastor, will be the narrator.

The public is invited to St. Francis to take part in the broadcast.

The Holy Hour at Cenacle Retreat House, 633 East Ave., will be conducted from 8 to 9 a.m. by Rev. Joseph L. Hogan of St. Bernard's Seminary. Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed will take place throughout the night. Friends of the Cenacle will take part in the Holy Hour and in the Adoration until 9 p.m.

MASSSES ON NEW YEAR'S Day at downtown churches are scheduled as follows:

St. Mary — 7, 8, 9:30, 10:30, 11, 11:30, 12:15 p.m. and 5 p.m.

St. Joseph — 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8, 10:30, 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Corpus Christi — 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Our Lady of Victory — 8:30, 11 a.m., 12:10 (noon) and 5:15 p.m.

St. Patrick — 6:30, 7, 8:30, 9, 11 and 12:15 (noon).



FATHER CHRISTOPH

Fr. Christoph Given New Army Post

Fort Niagara, N.Y. — First Lieutenant Edward J. Christoph, a native of Rochester, has been assigned as the new Catholic Chaplain of the First Missile Battalion, Fourth Artillery, and the Niagara-Buffalo Army Air Defense Command.

He replaces Captain Michael S. Filip, who had been reassigned to Germany.

Father Christoph is a graduate of Aquinas Institute, St. Bernard's Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester. He was ordained to the priesthood June 2, 1951 by Bishop Kearney and was appointed to the Chaplains' Corps in 1953 and assigned to the 93rd Signal Battalion, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

In April 1956 he attended the Chaplains' Basic Course of the U.S. Army Chaplain School, Fort Slocum, N.Y. Then, he was assigned to the Far East, where he served with the U.S. Army Port Yokohama, Japan and the Fourth U.S. Army Missile Command in Korea.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Christoph, live at 215 Narvarre Rd., Rochester.



Dr. Paul S. Lalonde packs his clothes and dental supplies for his January-to-June tour in Tanganyika to work with Medical Missionary nuns.

Mission Nuns Aide

Rochester Dentist Going To Africa

How would you like to be in Africa for New Year's Day? If you want to go along, you better pack your luggage fast so you can go with Dr. Paul S. Lalonde, Rochester dentist, who is leaving tomorrow for his fourth six-months stay in equatorial Tanganyika.

Despite all his dentistry work in the past three years in that east Africa nation, there are still toothaches there waiting for the white man's medicine from America.

DR. LALONDE will fly first to Dublin to confer with Mother Mary of the Medical Missionaries of Mary, head of the order of nuns, who still a hospital in Niwareda and bush clinics strung across Tanganyika. He will arrive in Niwareda New Year's eve.

"This year we can really go after the toothache trouble," he said. "I hope to give advanced training in dental surgery to the non-doctors, and we have many suit operating room equipment that is the latest and best available."

The Rochester dentist wanted to say "thank you" along with his good-bye to individuals and organizations who contributed equipment, supplies, funds for the medical nuns with whom he works six months of the year. He will be back in June to care for his Rochester patients.

The doctor has donated the equipment for an operating room at the Niwareda hospital as a memorial to his father, Wilfred Lalonde, who died this past April, and has established the dental clinic there in his mother's name, Mrs. Hannah Lalonde, who lives at 277 LaView Park.

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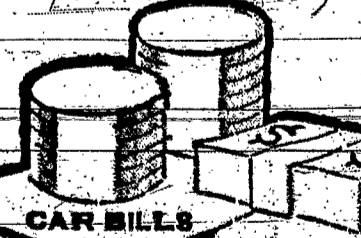
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