

Christmas Parties Held In Seneca Falls

Seneca Falls — The Catholic Daughters of America held their annual Christmas party Dec. 8 in St. Patrick's school auditorium. The Sisters of the school were guests as well as Rev. John O'Shane and Rev. John Klairites.

Mrs. Ida Sufferdini was chairman. Her committee included Maura Lucchessi, Clara Lyman, Marie McGraw, Mattilda Pickett, Laura Brown, Anna Pagan, Antonette Manzari, Helen Ragan, Marie Doran, Mary Carlin, Ann Rossi, Philomena Morant, Livia Salotti and Margaret Sarcino.

After the supper a meeting was conducted with Mary Salotti, grand regent presiding. She announced that at the January meeting there would be a reception of all new members that have joined the C.D.A. in the past year.

St. Patrick's Guild and Altar Society held its annual Christmas party Dec. 15 in the school auditorium.

Burlington (N.C.) — East Germany's Reds have charged four Jesuit priests with slandering the communist state and with black market currency operations, it has been reported here.

NOT EVEN under the threat of death may a priest tell the sin of any person revealed to him in confession. Because of his refusal to do so, one saint had his tongue cut out and his body thrown into the river. The next day, a bright light was seen coming from his mouth as if to show heaven's missing on the secret he kept.

OUR TIMES are not without martyrs to the seal of confession. In the diocese of Hongkong there was a priest named Father Aloysius Chang. The Communists ordered him to reveal to them the confession of one of his penitents. He refused, saying that the knowledge was not his, but God's; that the State has no control over the soul; that he could not render to Caesar the things that are God's. They gave him five minutes to reconsider. When he again refused they beat him to death with bamboo poles.

A DEATH of this kind comes very close to the death of Our Lord who took upon Himself our sins. Father Chang died because of the sin of another.

IT IS ON the Missions that we most often find examples of the martyrdom, sacrifice and Christ-like sacrifices of the early church and not in our prosperous America. It is on the Missions that we see executioners, Judases, Pilates walking across the land of China, just as they strutted about in Gethsemane and Calvary.

WHEN WE hear of the martyrdoms and sacrifices of the missionaries it makes us really feel "like thirty cents." That was the average each Catholic gave last year to the Holy Father for his 135,000 missionaries. Instead of 30c a year we Catholics could give 30c a day. Why not make a New Year's Resolution to sacrifice some tiny luxury each day and at the end of each month send it to the Holy Father for all the Missions of the world. Add sacrifice to prayer and your prayer will be answered.

GOD LOVE YOU to Anon for \$50 "Sent in Honor of the Infant Jesus." ... to E.V.V. for \$15 "I had saved this for Christmas but I feel the Missions need it most." ... to A.M.L. for \$10 "The amount saved on my vacation by taking the instead of a plane to D.C. for \$1.10. Missions is a week's salary from a boy who gets too much of what he wants. I decided to give to the Missions."

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U. S. Nun Bears Christ's Wounds

Americans tend to think that miracles and signs are something strictly European.

But, this year marked the 30th anniversary of the founding of an order of nuns by a little-known American woman who was renowned for her holy and spiritual life.

She is the late Marie Rose Ferron, founder of the Sisters of Reparation of the Sacred Wounds of Jesus who wore the wounds of the Crucifixion the last 10 years of her life.

Like the Saviour, "Little Rose," as she was called, was on this earth for 33 years. Testimonial reports have come from many sources for the many good works she performed while here and the cures, favors and conversions that were attributed to her intercession since her death in 1935.

A native of Quebec, Canada, this holy woman was brought to Fall River, Mass., by her parents when she was three. Here, she said, she had a vision of the Christ Child carrying a cross.

Aspiring to be a nun from her earliest childhood, "Little Rose" was afflicted with sickness from the time she was 13 until her death.

Her right hand and left foot became crippled when she was 15 so that walking was made impossible without crutches.

It was then that she was comforted by her spiritual advisor, just when she lost hope of ever entering a convent.

Her spiritual director taught her to use her suffering as a springboard towards the winning of souls for Christ.

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Marie Rose Ferron, whose convent was her sick-bed, was marked with the wounds Christ suffered on Calvary.

Moving to Woonsocket, Rhode Island, in 1925, "Little Rose" received the stigmatic wounds of Christ in 1926 and suffered with them for the rest of her life.

From that time on, her only food was Holy Communion. She was not able to eat any solid food and she took water only on rare occasions.

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Like the mirror that only re-

flected beauty, the intense pains that "reflected" her body only brought out a picture of ultimate joy in her face at the thought that she could share the wounds of Christ on the Cross.

Having little or no schooling, "Little Rose" amazed visitors by her ability to speak in many foreign languages. People from all walks of life, including Bishops sought her counsel.

Noteworthy of her spiritual life are the 66-lapsed Catholics who returned to the sacraments after she offered her

sufferings in their behalf.

It is reported that she exceeded the Sisters of Reparation after seeing Our Lord in an apparition.

On Dec. 3, 1935, in the presence of her Bishop and two priests, she took the private vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

She professed her death seven years before it happened.

Pastor Uses Sermon Time For Church Fire Drill

Milton, Vt. (N.C.) — A Catholic priest who instituted fire drills for his parishioners during Masses here has won the commendation of state fire prevention officials.

After consultation with the Burlington and Milton Fire Departments, Father O. E. Fournier, pastor of St. Ann's Church, twice evacuated the parishioners. He took sermon time from 8:30 and 10:30 Masses to brief them on the test.

FATHER Fournier was not only mindful of the recent school fire tragedy in Chicago, but of an oil burner explosion which occurred at his own church last spring. He made it clear that he wanted a working plan in the event of a fire at the church.

"Don't regard this as a joke or a game," he warned his parishioners.

State Deputy Fire Marshal Chester M. Kibben was present at one of the drills, called the test "excellent and orderly."

"It took four minutes for an estimated 340 churchgoers to flee," he reported. "About 175 vacated their pews in two minutes at the first Mass."

"Under actual conditions—lives would be saved or lost on our ability to meet disaster," Father Fournier declared after watching

from the altar rail as children and adults quickly abandoned the building.

Priest-Biologist (Dés) Barcelona, Spain (BNS) — Father Jaime Pujolla, S.J., one of Spain's outstanding biologists, died here at the age of 89.

Solemn Requiem Mass Said For A. J. Shaheen

Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for Arthur J. Shaheen, treasurer and general manager of the R.C. Shaheen Paint Co. in St. Thomas Church, Monday, Dec. 22 after services at August M. Maier Funeral Home.

Mr. Shaheen, 29, of 174 Chestnut Hill Dr., Highland Hospital died Dec. 18, 1958 in Highland Hospital after a heart attack.

The Mass was offered by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Richard M. Burns assisted by Rev. Robert Winterkorn, deacon and Rev. Thomas D. Hoctor, subdeacon. Also in the Sanctuary were Rt. Rev. Monsignors Frank J. Hoffman and Charles J. Azz.

Mr. Shaheen was married in 1951 to Rosemary Schoenheit. Surviving also are his two sons, John and William; one daughter, Bonnie Lou; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Shaheen; two brothers Raymond and Fred J. Shaheen and several nieces and nephews.

Blessing at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery was imparted by Monsignor Burns assisted by Fathers Hoctor and North.

He was a member of the Holy

Strange But True

The Bishop of Ravenna, Italy, annually casts his ring into the sea. Custom originated in 1726 when a predecessor cast his ring into stormy waves to save a shipwreck.

A SALOR DIVER IN TO RETRIEVE THE RING.

No fewer than 31 Italian towns have, or have had, at one time, CATHEDRALS.

The Irish countryside abounds with known MISS ROCKS where Mass was celebrated in Penal times. CO DOWN HAS 53; DONEGAL 33, & DUBLIN 31.

THE GLITTERING RED AND GOLD SUN PLAGUE COVERED A SANCTUARY BILL IN 1820. HONDURAS CHURCH, WHO IS A UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF HOW PAGAN SUN-WORSHIP WAS TURNED TO CHRISTIAN USE.

We Want Christmas In January

Bristol, Pa. (RNS) — St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic church here was picketed by some two dozen families in protest against their pastor's plan to celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25.

Michael Holowczak, spokesman for the pickets, said the parishioners want to observe Christmas on Jan. 6 as they did in their native Ukraine. However, Father Leo Tymkiw, pastor of the church, said that Archbishop Constantine Bohachevsky of Philadelphia, spiritual leader of the Ukrainian Catholics in America, had ordered that the day be celebrated on Dec. 25.

The pickets paraded the front of the church with signs in English and Ukrainian reading: "All we want is fairness." "Why don't the parishioners know what is going on?" and "We want to speak to the archbishop."

Want Some Cheese?

St. Benoit (RNS) — An unusual cheese salesman, prior of a Benedictine abbey, has been busy "peddling" a product called "Ermitte," made by the abbey's 88 monks.

Dom Jean-Anselme Mathys has been selling the blue-veined cheese, a tasty Roquefort variety, to food stores in all parts of Canada. The cheese is a major source of income for the monks who are planning to build a new church, a library and an auditorium to seat 800 and a guest house for 120.

The cheese, which is aged from three to six months in the caves beneath the abbey, was first produced in 1943. Since then, the monks have built two factories and now package their product in seven-ounce jars, half-pound packages and four-pound rounds or wheels.

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Sports Dinner Set In Newark

Newark — Peter Carlismo, director of athletics at the University of Scranton and one of the "Seven Blocks of Granite" on the famous Fordham football team when the Rams ruled the Eastern grid world, will be the principal speaker at the second annual St. Michael's Church sports dinner to be held in the church hall on Jan. 12.

Nicholas Critelli, general chairman, announced that tickets for the dinner are now on sale at Biorias News Room, Henderlong's, Hallways and the Mason barber shops.

It was also revealed that invitations have been extended to Carmen Basilio, ex-welterweight and middleweight champion; Mike DeJohn, rated heavyweight contender from Syracuse; John DeJohn, co-pilot of Basilio and manager of brother Mike; Elmer Barrham, coach of the unbeaten and untitled U. of R. eleven; Bob Biehler, Rochester fighter; Sam Urzetta, former National Amateur golf champion; Johnny Antonelli, southpaw pitcher for the San Francisco Giants; Bob Keenan, major league pitcher with a no-hitter to his credit, and other prominent sports figures.

Completing the dinner committee are Ran Hannan, tickets; Orville Martin, food; and Dr. Joseph Justino, entertainment.

Club Auxiliary Names Officers

GENEVA — American Club auxiliary elected Mrs. George Paoli as president for 1958 and held their annual Christmas party, Wednesday in the AIC Home.

A candlelight supper was served in a holiday setting. Mrs. Alice Simons played Santa Claus and distributed gifts. Anthony Gigliotti and Michael Gaglianese played accordion solos.

Ernest Van Kaughnet, a representative of the American Agriculturist magazine, was present and spoke to the members.

Mrs. Louise Gigliotti was chairman and Mrs. Ross Castelluzzo and Mrs. Joseph Crup, co-chairman. During the business meeting election of officers was held.

Mrs. Paoli was elected president; Mrs. Paul Cazzola, vice-president; Mrs. Louis Urbano, advocate; Mrs. Russell Gaglianese, financial secretary; Mrs. Henry Carnovale, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Joseph Marino, treasurer; Mrs. Gigliotti, first trustee; Mrs. Dominick Iocco, second trustee; Mrs. Joseph Picillo, third trustee; Mrs. Nicholas Marchese, historian; Mrs. Joseph Calabrese, publicity officer; Mrs. Joseph Puma, outside guard; Mrs. Alice Simons, inside guard. Installation will be held at the next meeting, Jan. 14.

Twelve Hundred Confirmed

Rockford, Ill. (N.C.) — More than 1,250 converts received the Sacrament of Confirmation in a huge ceremony officiated over by five bishops here.

The ceremony, held in the Illinois National Guard Armory and locally televised, celebrated the 50th Jubilee Year of the Rockford Diocese. More than 5,000 persons jammed the Armory to witness the ceremony.

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