

Seton Groups In Action

52ND BRANCH of Seton Workers of St. Mary's Hospital annual Christmas party was held Saturday, Dec. 8 at the home of Miss Mary Carcelli, 495 Electric Ave.

9TH BRANCH Christmas Luncheon at Treadway Inn, Saturday, Dec. 15, 12:30 p.m.

55TH BRANCH members and husbands annual Christmas Party at home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hart of West Craig Hill Dr., Saturday, Dec. 15.

7TH BRANCH annual Christmas Party was held at home of Mrs. Frank Toolan of Mareeta Rd. Dec. 4. Gifts were exchanged.

Nuns Pledge To Eye Bank

Nauvoo, Ill. — (NC) — The eyes of Benedictine nuns at St. Mary's Priory here have been given a new lease on another life.

In the largest group pledge ever received at the Iowa Lions Eye Bank at the State University of Iowa, all 105 members of the Benedictine community here pledged their eyes after death to the bank for a person with impaired vision or for medical research.

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Local GI Serves Mass For Pope

An audience with Pope John XXIII and the privilege of serving the Holy Father's Mass are the highly prized experiences of Fred E. Reis who has returned after serving nine months with the United States Army in France.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Reis, 334 Hague st., was accorded the honor of serving a low Mass in a private chapel, due he believes to the fact that he was in uniform.



ONCE UPON A MATTRESS is Music Theatre's production for Dec. 29 and 31 at the Auditorium Theatre. Beryl Crown is shown as Queen Aggravain and Carl Zollo as King Sextimus. (Story on Page 11)

Ars Antiqua Set At Art Gallery

Ars Antiqua, ensemble of singers and instrumentalists who specialize in early music, will present the first modern performance of a 13th century Mystery Play called "Herod" on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2:15 and 4:15 p.m. and again on Monday, Dec. 17 at 8:15 p.m. at the Rochester Memorial Art Gallery. The same work will be performed again for the University of Rochester at Hoyt Hall on Dec. 18, and will have been performed for the Corning Glass Center on Dec. 13.

"Herod," edited and directed by Dorothy Amarandos (based on the transcription of W. L. Smoldeh) is one of 12 so-called "Magi" dramas taken from the Gospel of St. Luke and St. Matthew. It was found in the "Fleury Play-Book," a manuscript which belonged originally to the important monastery of St. Benoit-Sur-Loire, at Fleury in northern France.

The composition, along with other medieval mystery plays, represents the first synthesis between endless oriental melody (as found in Gregorian Chant) and western rhythms dictated by poetry of the Latin language and the secular rhythms of the troubadours. As was typical of the original performances, excerpts have been borrowed from the liturgy and other contemporary works while following original directions for staging, costumes and dramatic action.

Vocal soloists are: Masako Toribara, Myrta Knox, Joyce Castle, John Braund, Joseph Ilardo, John Ingram, Calvin Cullen and William Briggs. Oriental and Medieval instruments including the psalter, Arabian drum and bells, lutes, viols, recorder and medieval trumpet will be played by Dorothy Amarandos, Carol Bunnara, Madeline Ingram, Marlan Carlson, John Wyre, Alvin Fulton, and Martin Lessen.

Auburn Parish Lists Supper

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MRS. JOHN Derbini and Mrs. John Giangreco are in charge of entertainment. Chairman of the chicken and ham dinner is Mrs. Clement Dagnesi and her co-chairman is Mrs. Philip Simone.

Mrs. Frank Ferro, Mrs. Armond Ferro and Mrs. Pat Di-Nonno are in charge of reservations. The decorating committee consists of Mrs. Lucas DeRosa, Mrs. John DeRosa and Mrs. Frank DeMaio. Mrs. Charles Donato and Mrs. John Carnicelli are on the entertainment committee. Santa Claus will be played by Mrs. George Casbarro. Each member is asked to bring a 50c gift for the grab bag.

Nun's Story Blasted By Book Reviewer

"There's no such thing as a 'typical nun's story,' because there's no such thing as a typical nun. If nothing else, this book will help to make that point."

So began Sister M. Pius' critique of a new book by Sister Ann Edward, O.P., and entitled "Inside Out." It's the biographical account of a nun who left an active teaching order after nine years, spent a few restless months as a social worker and then entered a contemplative order where she found stability and satisfaction.

SISTER PIUS, who teaches Speech and Drama at Mercy High, tackled this new work at last Tuesday's Noonday Book her 25-minute literary autopsy. Review and threw it for a serious loss. When she'd finished there wasn't much left of the book but the binding.

Some of her judgments were: From a literary viewpoint—she assays three different styles in treating of the three main divisions of her life; a youthful, girlish style in dealing with her youth; an ingenious, wide-eyed style to tell of her days as a young nun; a sophisticated, experienced manner to tell of her recent years. The result is a patch-work personality, who never seems quite credible to us.

Dialogue: "There are two basic styles of speaking; the nuns and non-nuns."

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At Our House

More 'College Shopping'

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Several columns ago, was one on choosing a college, which seems to have aroused interest of parents in a situation similar to ours. Here are three typical letters:

"Our Julie is a high school junior," writes one mother, "C-plus, B-minus student who, we believe, could do better school work. She is a lively, fun-loving girl who is looking forward to 'going away to college' for the companionship and excitement, we are afraid, more than she is for the educational advantages. We want her to have fun, but we also want her to get a sound education, and in a Catholic college."

"Neither her father nor I had the advantage of a college education and she is our eldest, so we have no personal acquaintance with the 'what to do and how to do it' angle of the thing. Fortunately, God has been good to us in the matter of finances, so the dollar sign poses no particular problem."

"However, according to what we read and hear, colleges want only the really top students. Can you help us?"

Another: "Our 16-year-old is a serious, solemn boy who has made A's in his two-and-one-half years in high school. We, my husband and I, are determined to make every effort to see that he has a college education, in spite of the tremendous financial hardship it will be for us. Furthermore, we have six younger children and, please God, they will have their chance at college also."

Pope Praises YCW Founder

Brussels — (NC) — Pope John XXIII and Belgium's King Baudouin have praised Msgr. Joseph Cardijn, founder of the Young Christian Workers movement, on his 80th birthday.

Bertolo Perez of Brazil, president of the International Young Christian Workers, welcomed a capacity crowd of 1,200 (Dec. 1) at the Palace of Congresses here for an academic session honoring Msgr. Cardijn's birthday and the 50th anniversary of the start of his work among young workers.

"We deeply appreciate," said Pope John in a message read at the session, "the apostolate among young workers which you started 50 years ago. We encourage its international development, and we invite the Young Christian Workers movement to continue its generous efforts all over the world."

College Named For U.S. Nun

Birmingham — (NC) — A new Catholic teachers' college in England, planned to open here in 1963, has been named after Mother Cornelia Connelly, Pennsylvania-born foundress of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus.

Connelly College is to be run by the Sisters of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus which Mother Connelly, whose beatification cause has been introduced, founded in this country. The school, close by Birmingham University, is planned to accommodate 300 women students initially.

The Education Ministry has approved the project and is to be responsible for 75 per cent of the building cost. Catholics there to provide the rest.

Annual Christmas Tea Held In Painted Post

Corning—Approximately 150 members and guests of the Catholic Women's Club of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Painted Post, attended the annual Christmas tea in the church hall. A Christmas motif was carried out in the table and hall decorations.

MRS. DARWIN ARNOLD, president, welcomed those present and introduced Mrs. Thomas O'Rourke, program chairman. Mrs. Earl Ketchum presented the film, "The Birth of the Savior."

The Girls' Choir under the direction of Miss Ann Frost sang several Christmas selections. Mrs. Ketchum led group singing of Christmas carols, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. John McCannon. Miss Emma Yorio and Miss Marianne Forte displayed religious articles. Mrs. Ketchum gave a reading entitled, "The Meaning of Christmas."

Presiding at the tea table were Mrs. Darwin Arnold, Mrs. William Cahill, Mrs. Edward Griffin, Jr., and Mrs. Stanley Manning.

Refreshments were served by the following committee: Mrs. O'Rourke and Mrs. Ketchum, co-chairmen, assisted by Mrs. William Kneeland, Mrs. John Abel, Mrs. John McFall, Mrs. Harry Teter, Mrs. Frank Cowley, Mrs. Joseph Kane.

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DREAD CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

Relax! Sit down quietly some evening; make a list of friends, family members, who would like a really unusual gift this year... A Mass said for them by a missionary priest... A membership (\$1 a year per person; \$5 for a family) in our Pontifical Mission Association. The recipient will share in the graces of 15,000 Masses daily... A donation to a particular missionary work. Send us a STRINGLESS GIFT and we'll place it where it's most needed. Send us your donation and gift list. Everyone on it will receive a GIFT CARD before Christmas telling what you have done.

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GUESTS FOR CHRISTMAS? This year when you sit down to that wonderful Christmas dinner, why not share it with a guest or two, a Palestine Refugee family. You can do this easily by sending us \$10 for a FOOD PACKAGE which will last them all during the Christmas season—for a month, in fact. These guests won't take up any chairs at your table but somehow your Christmas feast will seem better. And if you wish, we'll send you an Olive Wood Rosary from the Holy Land as our token of thanks.

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