

Crusaders Win 53-44; Edged Out by 69-68

By JAMES KESSING

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Seneca Falls Groups Hold Christmas Parties

Seneca Falls—A Tureen Supper will feature the annual Christmas party of St. Patrick's Guild and Altar Society, Monday, Dec. 17 in the school hall. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. John P. O'Beirne, pastor of St. Patrick's, Rev. James Malley, assistant pastor and the Sisters of St. Joseph, teachers in the parish school will be guests.

Miss Mary E. Barbi, chairman asked that all members bring their own table service, a dish to pass and a dollar gift with

their names on it for exchange.

Assisting Miss Barbi are: the Mesdames John Decker, Katharine Barker, Frances Haines, Anthony Barberi, Paul Carella, Carl Dermott, Joseph Ashley, Jerry Manzari, Bernard Scannell, Olga Pfall, Josephine Beattini and the Misses Theresa McGrain, Helen Hughes, Charlotte Barbi, Yola Barbi, Priscilla Scannell.

Carols will be sung by the Junior Catholic Daughters. Miss Yola Barbi will lead the group singing and Santa Claus will be on hand to pass out the gifts.



William Cooke, 13, winner of the McQuaid Jesuit High School Spelling Bee is shown with his teacher, Sister Dorothy Therese, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

OLPH Pupil Winner Of Spelling Bee

Correctly spelling "khaki" and "arrogant," William Cooke, 13, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School won a full scholarship valued at \$1200, a trophy and became the winner of the Sixth Annual McQuaid Jesuit High School Spelling Bee, Sunday, Dec. 9.

Runner-up at contest held at the school, was Christopher Fasano, 13, St. Pius X School, who missed on "khaki." He receives a half scholarship at \$600 and a trophy.

Five Medalists were: Donald Yeager, 13, St. Augustine School, missed on "lacerate"; Walter Bowen, 12, St. John the Evangelist School, Rochester, missed on "horizon." Michael Bernard, 13, St. Mary's School, Canandaigua, missed on "raucous"; Michael Monahan, 13, St. Joseph's School, Penfield, missed on "browse" and Robert Buckert, 13, St. Charles Borromeo School, missed on "respite."

Rev. William M. Roche, diocesan superintendent of schools, presided. Judges were Miss Mary A. Sheehan, consultant to the president, St. John Fisher College; Aaron M. Decker, Allen Creek School, principal, and Charles A. Lewis, teacher, Day Care program, Strong Memorial Hospital.

Miss Mary E. Dowling, librarian, Hoover Junior High School was pronouncer with Robert J. Bradley, English instructor, McQuaid Jesuit High School, assistant to pronouncer.

Fifty-one contestants took part before a crowd of approximately 1200 relatives and friends.

No Friday Next Week

Fast and abstinence regulations are canceled for Catholics in the Rochester Diocese next Friday, an Ember Day, Dec. 21. Meat may be eaten as desired.

Bishop Kearney granted the dispensation. Wednesday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 22, remain as Ember Days of fast and partial abstinence (meat once).

Pope John two years ago authorized Catholics to choose either Dec. 23 or Dec. 24 as a day to fast and abstain before Christmas. This year Dec. 23 falls on a Sunday. Those who do not wish to observe the Dec. 24 date are not required to fast or abstain on Sunday either.

Vatican Keeps Cuba Post Open

Vatican City — (NC) — The Holy See will not close down its nunciature in Cuba, a Vatican official has said.

Msgr. Igino Cardinal, chief of protocol in the Vatican Secretariat of State, said at a press conference (Nov. 9) on the subject of relations between Church and State that diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Cuba existed before the present state of affairs.

He noted that the nunciature still exists there. Without referring to the nuncio's status, he said that the Holy See sees "no reason why we should suppress the nunciature as long as there are Catholics whose rights should be defended."

Msgr. Cardinal, said that "as long as the Church can make her voice heard, there is no reason why we should be the first to break diplomatic relations."

He pointed out that the Holy See never takes the initiative in setting up or breaking diplomatic relations.

ASKED IF the Holy See would open diplomatic relations with Moscow, he said, "The Holy See is ready to enter into diplomatic relations with any state which is ready to respect human rights and which will give her reasonable freedom to exercise her apostolic ministry." He added, however, that "it is very difficult to see how a really godless state could give full guarantee of free exercise and full respect of human rights."



In The Vineyard

The Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours was founded in Paris, France, January 24, 1824, by Most Rev. H. L. De Quelon, Archbishop of Paris, for the care of the sick, especially the sick poor in their own homes. The sisters came to the United States in 1881 at the invitation of Cardinal Gibbons. As the trend toward hospitalization increased, and the value of professional nursing care was better appreciated, the Sisters began to exercise their apostolate in hospitals. Today they have under their care convalescent homes, an orthopedic home for crippled children, a home for aged priests, and a home for chronically ill patients.

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Christmas Parties In Seneca Falls

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Knights of Columbus Auxiliary at the K. of C. Rooms, Dec. 12. Mrs. Louis De Sarro president, presided.

Catholic Daughters of America Dec. 10 at St. Patrick's School auditorium. Turken supper was served. Mrs. George Peters, grand regent was honorary chairman. Mrs. William Urquhart was chairman. Members of the newly organized Junior Catholic Daughters were in charge of decorations and serving.

Guests were Fathers O'Beirne and Malley.

S.M.S. Auxiliary, Dec. 12 at SMS Hall. Dinner was followed by an exchange of gifts. Group singing was enjoyed. Mrs. Joseph Calarco was chairman.

12% Catholic In England

London — (NC) — The Catholic population of England and Wales has been estimated here to be at least 5,500,000 or nearly 12 per cent of the total population.

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