

**The Glittering
Seton Ball**

Hundreds in formal attire attended the glittering Seton Ball Saturday evening at the Manger Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Messner, chairman of the ball, welcomed Bishop Kearney. Checking final details moments before the ball began were Mr. and Mrs. James Trainer and Dr. and Mrs. Louis Tupper. Mrs. Charles



Densiston, Mrs. Charles Paisley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Odabach, in the Odabach suite at the Manger, are shown as they were about to leave for the ball. The annual autumn social event benefits St. Mary's Hospital staffed by the Sisters of Charity whose order was founded by Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton.



Requiem For Mother Of Priest, Nun

Auburn—Mrs. Mary Kinsella O'Brien, widow of John L. O'Brien, of 49 Bradford St., Auburn, and mother of the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Moravia, and Sister Clara Louise of the Sisters of St. Joseph, died in Mercy Hospital on Sunday, Nov. 10, after a six weeks' illness.

Mrs. O'Brien is also survived by two other daughters, Miss Mary Ann O'Brien and Mrs. Waller T. Molyka, both of Auburn; three other sons, John L. O'Brien of Auburn, Donald M. O'Brien of Hazlet, N.J., and Paul C. O'Brien of Indianapolis, Ind., and four grandchildren.

SOLEMN REQUIEM Mass was offered by her son, Father O'Brien, on Wednesday, Nov. 13, in St. Mary's Church, Auburn. Father O'Brien was assisted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James D. Cullney, V.F., deacon, and the Rev. John T. Walsh, sub-deacon.

Seated in the sanctuary were: Monsignor Robert Keleher, the Reverend Fathers James F. O'Connell, Richard G. Stanton, Roy E. Murphy, Raymond J. Wahl, Michael J. Tydings, William J. Gaynor, John J. Treacy, Raymond F. Nolan, Harold F. Rogers, Raymond G. Heisel, Francis E. Heiser, Henry C. Mahley, Charles I. Sullivan, Michael J. Murphy, William J. Spelley, E. M. Giffney, O.P., Thomas J. Manley, Michael F. Conboy.

Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Beatrix were Thomas Brennan, William Stuart, Paul Darrow, George H. Bannon, Richard H. Walsh and Thomas W. Gard.

**Blanchard Florists
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Blanchard Florists, 53 Lake Ave., will present their annual Open House and Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Catholic Schools Face Future With Hope

Following is the text of a statement by the superintendents of Catholic schools in the United States. The statement is a reply to special articles, which reported a "crisis" in Catholic schools. Father William M. Roche, superintendent of schools for the Rochester Diocese, admitted problems facing Catholic schools are "staggering" but he said, "These problems will be solved, and they will be solved in a spirit of understanding and charity."

American Catholic Educational System, and its positive and ever-expanding contributions to American Society. The resulting distorted image of the educational effort of the Catholic Church in America could lead many to the conclusion that the traditional commitment of the Church will change, and that Catholic Schools as we know them will become obsolete, and eventually cease to exist. Nothing could be further from the truth.

One of the great glories of the Church in America is her system of Christian schools. Over eighty years ago, the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore decreed that every parish should have its Catholic School. Since then these schools have produced generations of well-educated citizens. The Catholic School is as much an imperative now as it was during the nineteenth century.

CATHOLIC parents, along with fellow citizens of other religious faiths are deeply concerned today over the secularism and materialism imposed on public schools by philosophers of education, state constitutions or judicial decrees. This concern of parents is perhaps more pronounced now than in the day when secularism tended in some places to dominate the public school.

As Catholic educators, we admit that our schools face many grave problems. But they are, after all, the same problems all educators face. Their solution requires all the ingenuity we can muster, since we operate the largest private school system the world has ever known—and we do it with free-will offerings. Indeed, it is the loyalty and support of the laity, and their vital interest in Catholic education that promise so much for the future.

They win their share of awards and scholarships, and become productive members of society. Placing our trust in the Providence of God we are confident that our schools will continue to be dynamic centers of Christian education. We hope, with hearts full of love for our children, that we shall long possess the freedom to lead them to Christian maturity. This can emerge only from a knowledge and love of God, an appreciation of the dignity of the individual, and the sanctity of home and family, and the value of self-discipline.

In recent weeks the American public, as perhaps never before, has fixed its attention focused on Catholic Schools.

Our Catholic Schools meet the needs of today's youth. We measure the performance of our elementary and secondary school students according to the same standards used in other schools. Past experience has shown that standardized tests can be administered with confidence, and that our students will achieve at or above the level of students elsewhere.

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**Seton Groups
In Action**

11TH BRANCH of Seton Workers of St. Mary's Hospital annual Christmas party at the Rochester Club, Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. George Spillane, chairman; Mrs. James Crowley, co-chairman. Members will welcome their new officers: Madeline John, Butler, president; Benjamin Meistrater, vice president; Phillip Hafner, treasurer; and George Hain, secretary.

5TH BRANCH annual Christmas luncheon for members, Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 12 noon. Mrs. William Gorman, Sheraton Hotel, East Ave., will be hostess.

3RD BRANCH members to exchange gifts at their annual Christmas party, Thursday evening, Dec. 12 at home of Mrs. Richard W. Kraus, 111 Hollyvale Dr. Election of officers to be held on this evening.

42ND BRANCH met at home of Mrs. David Carroll, 4 Woodline Dr., Penfield, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

3RD BRANCH to meet for luncheon Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 12:30 p.m. at home of Mrs. James Leary.

12TH BRANCH members to be entertained by Mrs. Charles F. Mulligan, Seneca Parkway at Luncheon, Thursday, Dec. 12.

45TH BRANCH to meet Monday, Dec. 16 at the home of Mrs. Donald Bender, 58 Woodbriar Dr. Christmas grab bag will be exchanged and a report on the Seton Sale made.

26TH BRANCH Christmas party Tuesday evening, Dec. 10 at Mrs. Donald Alberts home, Hillhurst Rd.

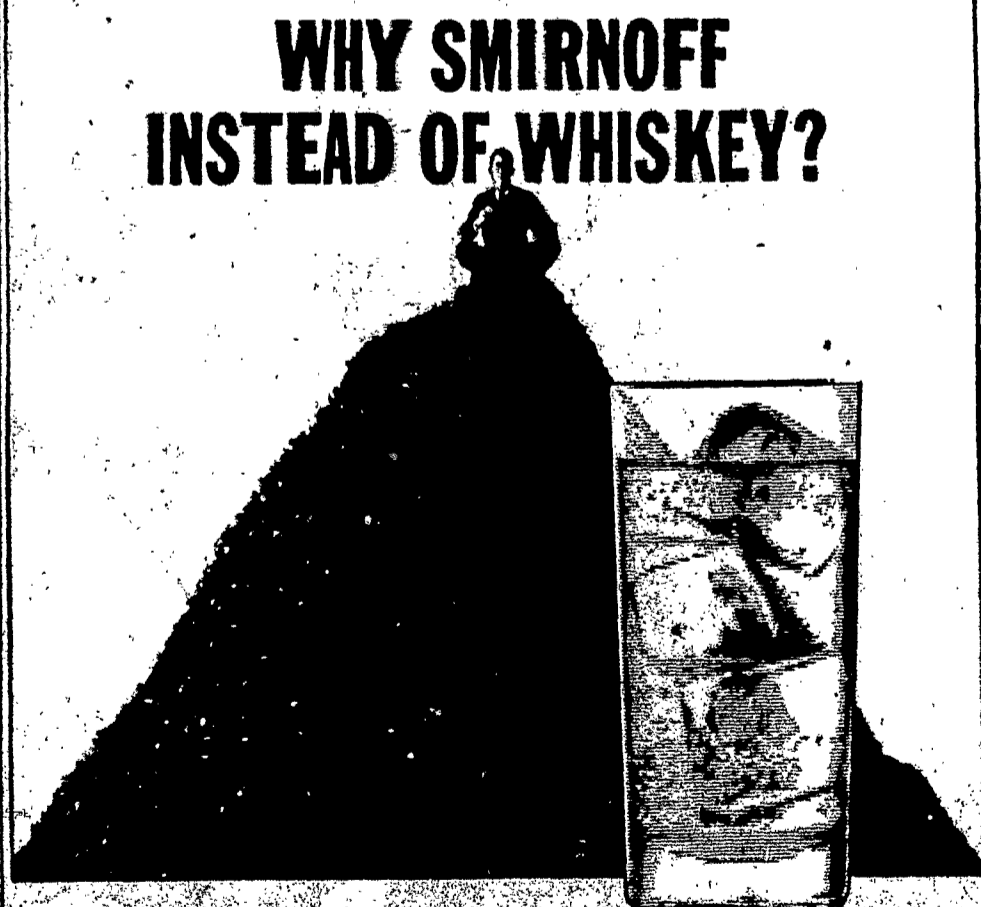
74TH BRANCH annual Christmas party at home of Mrs. Fred DiVardo, 11 Edgemoor Lane, Saturday evening, Dec. 14.

5TH BRANCH annual Christmas party at Spring House, Saturday, Dec. 7 at a noon luncheon.



Calvary Rock for Baptistry

Biloxi, Miss. — (RNS) — The new \$440,000 St. Michael's church under construction in Biloxi, Miss., follows a trend of placing renewed emphasis on the baptistry as a separate building which will house a baptismal font made from a piece of Mount Calvary. Father H. J. Mullin, pastor of St. Michael's, looks on as the five-and-a-half ton chunk of Mount Calvary is uncovered by Dr. W. S. Sekul (left) and Steve Marasovich. The two men had been instrumental in getting the rock from Israel to the U.S. The rock will be trimmed a little and a basin carved in the top. Otherwise, it will be left as is.



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**Art Club
Plans Sale**

The Nazareth College Art Club will sponsor its annual Christmas Sale on Dec. 12 and 13. Every art major contributes at least one item, either a gift or Christmas decorations.

Besides providing supplementary funds for the Art Club-sponsored trip to New York next semester, the project gives Nazareth students the opportunity to purchase hand-made gifts and decorations, according to Lynne Schulte, chairman of the sale.

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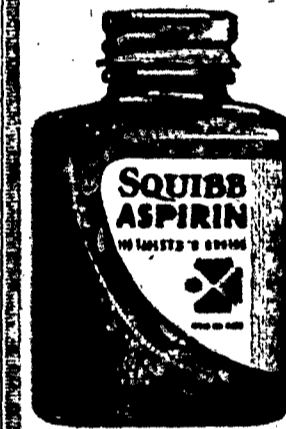
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