

Candy Strippers Rewarded In St. Ann's Home Rites

A Service Award Presentation Ceremony for Candy Strippers who have given a minimum of twenty-five hours to St. Ann's Home during 1964 was held on Sunday, Dec. 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. The ceremony was held in the Recreation Room at St. Ann's Home and was attended by about two hundred parents and friends.

Sister Marie Michelle, S.S.J., Administrator of St. Ann's Home, addressed the Candy Strippers thanking and commending them for their generosity. Sister also spoke to the parents stating, "The interest and encouragement which you are showing to your daughter by your presence at this ceremony is a reflection of your strong belief in Christ's gospel message of service-through-love. We cannot deny that our youth's vigor and desire to serve generally stem from parents who themselves desire to serve their neighbor. We thank you, for we are the recipients of the effects of this example."

Awards were presented to seventy-eight Candy Strippers who had given a total of 4,794 service hours. Sister M. Karen, Director of Nursing, presented the awards and was assisted by Mrs. Jeanne Donato, Director of

Miss Merrick

Wedding Held

Corning — Miss Trina Ann Merrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith W. Merrick of 240 W. First St., and John William Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Kelley of Elkland, Pa. RD 1, were united in marriage at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, in St. Mary's Church by the Rev. Daniel J. Wheeland, assistant pastor.

The Rev. John Lynch and the Rev. John O'Brien of Elkland were in the sanctuary as the couple received the Papal Blessing. Taking part in the serving were Michael Kelley, nephew of the bridegroom, and Thomas Kelley, a seminarian at Our Lady of Loretto Seminary, a brother of the bridegroom.

Lawrence E. Kelley of Big Flats was best man. Ushers were Roger Augustine of Hempstead, L.L. Richard Boyle of Painted Post, Charles Stebbins and William Hanley 3rd, both of Corning.

Mass In Amoy

In Formosa

Tai Chung — (RNS) — The Vatican Council's liturgical reforms, which provide for use of the vernacular in the Mass, have now reached the Catholics of Taiwan (Formosa) where parts of the service are said in Amoy, a Chinese dialect spoken by 12 million people.

Parts of the Mass were translated into Amoy by a group of laymen under direction of Father Dennis J. Hanly, M.M., of Brooklyn, N.Y., a Maryknoll missionary.

All priests and foreign missionaries in the three areas have been urged to use the Chinese dialect at Mass. Those not able to read Chinese must use a Chinese lector, or reader, at the services.



SISTER M. KAREN, Director of Nursing at St. Ann's Home presents a certificate of merit to Miss Deborah Doehler of 488 Spencer Road. A junior student at Eastridge High School, Deborah gave 385 hours as a Candy Stripper at the Home. Looking on is Mrs. Jeanne Donato, R.N., Director of Nursing Volunteers.



Honored on Retirement

MRS. ROSALIE M. WRIE, comptroller at Mercy Hospital, Auburn, was honored at a dinner held at Mercy Hospital. She retired Dec. 31 after 43 years of service to the hospital. From left are: Sister Joan Alice, hospital administrator; Sister M. Aurelia, former administrator; Mrs. Wrie, as she receives a gift; and Sister M. Huberta, former administrator.

Catholics Gain, Converts Drop

London — (NC) — The number of converts to Catholicism in England and Wales continues to decline, but the Catholic population shows a steady increase, according to the 1965 Catholic Directory published here.

The known number of adult conversions for 1963, the most recent year for which statistics are available, was 12,778. This was a decrease of 552 from the previous year which also showed a considerably lower figure than that for 1961.

But the Catholic population increased in 1963 by 129,500 to 3,956,500 and the Catholic population in Scotland rose by 13,310 to 812,460.

This puts the estimated Catholic population of Great Britain at 4,768,960 out of a total population of 52,000,000.

Gets NSF Grant

Detroit — (NC) — The University of Detroit has received a \$213,480 grant from the National Science Foundation to support a series of institutes for high school mathematics teachers as part of a program conducted by the Jesuit university to upgrade mathematics teaching in primary and secondary schools.

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