



Willard Van De Wall, left, and Alfred Menzner are retiring at the end of this year.

Two 'Courier' Printers Retiring at End of Year

As you read this, two men who have put in a combined total of 42 years working for the Christopher Press which publishes the Courier-Journal will have put aside their printer's aprons for the greener pastures of retirement.

Alfred (Alfie) Menzner has been a linooperator with Christopher Press since its inception in 1947, and Willard Van De Wall joined the staff in 1951.

Menzner had worked for the Courier-Journal for some 20 years before 1947 — with Rochester Linotype when that firm did the Courier work.

"I was even directly on the Courier payroll for a short time back in the 40s," Menzner recalls. "There was labor trouble and work stoppage at the old Linotype Company and the owner, Bill Campbell, concerned that the Courier wouldn't get published allowed us to work directly for the paper

temporarily to keep it in continuous operation."

Menzner, an avid fisherman, is looking forward to long weekends on the St. Lawrence as well as more time for gardening.

Van De Wall has been with the Christopher Press since 1951 with the exception of one year spent in California.

Like Menzner he became a journeyman printer in 1934. Previously he had served his 6-year apprenticeship with the Daily Record and then worked his first 11 years as a printer with the Jewish Ledger.

In the printing business, Van De Wall is known as a combination man — to the layman that is a kind of jack-of-all-trades.

He and his wife of 30 years, Ruth Olive, are looking forward to starting their retired life with a winter trip to Florida — "Where I'll get in some fishing," Van De Wall says.

K. of C. to Entertain V A Center Residents

Members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, will entertain residents of the Veterans Administration Center in Bath on Sunday, Jan. 3.



STUDENT HONORED

Mickie Rockwood of Brighton, a senior at Wheeling College in W. Va., has been appointed to the commission on education policy and practice of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities. She is the only student on the 15-member commission, which consists otherwise of college and university trustees and alumni. Miss Rockwood is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Rockwood. She is majoring in mathematics and is editor of the Wheeling College newspaper.

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It will be the 36th consecutive year that such a program has been undertaken by the Rochester knights.

Two shows will be presented — one at 2 p.m. in the hospital, and another at 7 p.m. in the recreation center. Several entertainers will perform, and music will be provided by Helen McManus and her orchestra. James C. Foley, supreme director of the national K. of C., and his wife will assist in distribution of gifts.

Buses for Bath will leave the Rochester K. of C. Council clubrooms on Monroe Avenue at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Members of the Bath K. of C. Council will serve dinner at 5 p.m.

Holy Ghost Pupils Fete First Grades

The seventh and eighth grades of Holy Ghost School entertained about 90 first graders from their own school and St. Michael's School Dec. 16.

Highlights were a visit from Santa Claus, played by Leonard Dionese, with gifts for all, and the breaking of the Mexican pinta by Father Edward Steinkirchner, pastor.

The Office of Family Life

By FATHER ROBERT L. COLLINS

Director, Office of Family Life

Our office exists to aid parish priests in preparing engaged couples for marriage and to enrich the family life of diocesan people. The week beginning with Holy Family Sunday is a good time to pass on my thoughts about the role of the family in our changing society.

There is an enduring quality to marriage and family life that can be traced to the providential plan of God the Father. The free choice, promise of fidelity and personal gift that characterized the Covenant of Almighty God with His people is reflected in the spouses' mutual proclamation of self-giving. They proclaim, in the marriage covenant, the existence of the conjugal community, and the presence of Christ the Lord "who comes to them and makes His abode with them."

In marriage, husband and wife call each other to a deepening awareness of their individual personhood and a perfecting of their talents and abilities. At the same time, they lead one another to a more profound involvement with Christ, the source of their married love.

Love in marriage is intimately connected with the birth and rearing of children. The mutual investment of self made by husband and wife is a natural basis for the more lasting testimony of their love-relationship: the children to whom they give life and continuing love.

Thus, the family — husband, wife, and children — serves as both "the school of deeper humanity" (Gaudium et Spes, 52) and "the manifestation of Christ's living presence in the

world" (Gaudium et Spes, 48).

The creative aspect of marital love cannot be limited to the generative process, but must take into account the growth and development of each member of the family. This is at the heart of the concept of responsible parenthood. The child — his coming and his growth — should be the result of a free and determined choice by his parents.

The Second Vatican Council recognizes and affirms strongly that such choice must ultimately be that of the parents. This is to respect the freedom of the couple, the generosity and courage born of Christian married love, and the very real problems involved in parenthood.

Within the past year, there have been proposals to establish a national policy limiting family size to two children. Such proposals seriously threaten the rights of married couples to decide the size of their families and the frequency of births, and they are symptomatic of a lack of confidence — bordering on despair — that our nation can effectively deal with its major social problems.

For my part, I reject the proposition and I affirm my own confidence that the American people have both the ability and the will to build a better world. Moreover, I believe that the vitality of family life will contribute much to achieving justice and peace in our society. (Gaudium et Spes, 48)

I cannot emphasize too strongly the need to create public understanding and acceptance of the authentic dignity of married love. Indeed, this is the basic commitment of the Office of Family Life. The most effective witness to the sublimity of the marriage vocation will be the Christian couples



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themselves. I am confident they will pass on this deep appreciation to their children and to society.

I commit the resources of this office to positive programs of family enrichment, that each family may reflect in its own way the love of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the Holy Family, to the world of today.

Riesbeck Named Trust Officer

John P. Riesbeck has been named trust officer at Lincoln Rochester here, and will be responsible for the bank's trust business development throughout the southern region.

Riesbeck, who lives in Caton Center, is a member of St. Patrick's parish, where he went to grammar school. He is a graduate of Corning Free Academy, St. Bonaventure University and various banking institutes.

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