

# Korean Kids Have Ithaca Friends

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It is over 7,000 miles from Ithaca, New York to Pakai, South Korea, a long distance to build a bridge. And yet, undaunted by the vast distance, the men and women of St. Benezet's Guild of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Ithaca, jumped at the opportunity.

St. Benezet, their patron, was a 12th Century French bridge-builder who felt that no distance was so great that it could not be spanned by the warmth of human love. Quite possibly, they found him recreated in the person of a "transplanted" young man from Ithaca, Bob Christianson, an ex-GI who served in Korea and who has returned to Pakai to direct the development of an orphanage.

The orphanage has grown since Bob first became involved with its work in 1968. Over 70 young children are living there now, and many are experiencing the joy of knowing love for the first time. Bob is encouraged by the results.

"Pakai has turned in a positive direction since January,"

## Barn Dance At Montezuma

Montezuma—The Social Group at St. Michael's Church soon will be cleaning out the barn and moving the cows over in preparation for the 2nd annual old fashioned barn dance, which will be held Friday, May 21 at the Paul Vitale farm on Beach Road. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the farm, located between McDonald and Turnpike Roads.

Open to the public at \$1.50 per person, the dance will benefit St. Michael's Church.

he remarked during his current visit to Ithaca. "The administrative staff is better, and we're starting to see signs in the children that they're coming alive, they're starting to react to warmth and love."

The Guild was able to provide financial aid to the Pakai orphanage out of the proceeds from the second annual St. Catherine's Capers, a potpourri of home-grown productions presented before a packed house on Friday evening, May 7, in the parish center.

With Jack Burns and Bob Earle sharing the duties as masters of ceremonies, the evening surpassed advanced billings. Those who failed to wear loose clothing as recommended found their sides aching after the stirring performance of the apron-clad men's ballet, supervised by Lis Hermann. Not to be outdone by the suddenly liberated men, choreographer Cully Fox and the girls responded with a sampling of high-stepping excellence provided by the Catherine Chorus Girls, perhaps the finest west of Radio City.

A wide variety of other local artists also performed. Eve and Henry Dunn displayed their

singing and classical guitar talents. Pat Hagadorn offered a modern dance. Barbara Van-arkle, Andy Barry, and Joe Silverschmitt led the entire audience in a series of folk songs. Father William Roche, pastor of St. Catherine's, and Father Charles Mulligan joined Mike Stanley, Walter Schwann, and Jack Rogers in an unforgettable medley of old favorites.

It was a memorable evening for all — an entertained and appreciative audience in Ithaca, grateful young children in the distant town of Pakai, the men and women of St. Benezet's who worked for both groups, and Bob Christianson, perhaps the only one who will know fully the success of the bridgebuilding project.

## 11 From St. Ann's In Honor Society

Hornell—Eleven boys and girls who formerly attended St. Ann's School were inducted recently into the National Junior Honor Society at Hornell Junior High School.

They are Joanne Crosby, Maureen Cannon, Steve Koehler, Mike Jantschi, Judy Schick, Martin Dugan, Anne Hamilton, Sharon Kinsman, Ann DeVincenzo, Richard Giglio and Joseph O'Connor.

## Freeville Fund Gets \$1,000

Freeville—Holy Cross Guild has given \$1,000 to the pastor, Father Thomas K. Cleary, as an installment of its building fund pledge.

The guild elected Mrs. James Bobnick president; Mrs. John Neylan, vice president; Mrs. Richard Moore, secretary; Mrs. Leonard Hammond, treasurer, and Mrs. Michael Tiddick, corresponding secretary.

## K of C Building Nearly Finished

Hornell—The new Knights of Columbus building on the former Loblaw's Main Street site is nearing completion.

The one-story building is faced with brick and glass insets. Inside, the "Knights" headquarters is panelled in cherry, and has carpets in green and gold.

The building will accommodate about 1500 people and has been subdivided into a banquet room, a bar, a sauna bath, kitchen, health room, recreation room and cardroom.

The organization presently has 275 members. Grand Knight of the group is George Saylor.

## HOME-SCHOOL ELECTS

Ithaca—The Home-School Association of Immaculate Conception parish has elected Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Tobin to share the presidency. Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Gallagher are vice presidents. Mrs. Matthew McHugh is secretary, William Ryan, treasurer, and Mrs. Raymond Lehr, parish council representative.

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