

Nursery School Popular

Bath — The waiting list that exists for St. Mary's Nursery school is proof of its popularity. Thirty young people are enrolled in the classes which will be held on a three-two basis, according to Principal John Cucinotta.

"In other words, a child who

K of C Installs New Officers

Bath — Shirley Baxter was installed grand knight of the Precious Blood Council, Knights of Columbus, Wednesday, Oct. 6. Other officers seated are: Michael Bocek, deputy grand knight; Ted Banach, chancellor; Harold Von Hagn, warden; James Angus, recording secretary; Augustus Angus, financial secretary; Jerry Rusak, inside guard; John Olynk, outside guard; Carl Vogel, Michael Bocek, Jr. and Stanley Koziatek, trustees; Brian Flynn, advocate, and Dr. Edwin Machowiak, lecturer. Baxter succeeds Stanley Koziatek.

Mission Sunday

A date to mark down and remember — Oct. 24, Mission Sunday. On that day, through Sunday collection at your church, you will be able to help the most deprived people on earth. Be generous.

goes Monday-Wednesday-Friday this week will go Tuesday-Thursday next week and vice-versa," he explained. The limit for each session is 15 children.

Meeting in the afternoon, the nursery will be taught by Miss Nancy Bramante, a graduate of Geneseo State University. She also will be instructing the kindergarten in the morning.

A sequential type of program will be offered in the school beginning in the nursery and building on this for the more formal kindergarten. "Rhythm and number concepts, coordination, social adjustment—these will be our basic areas of concern. Hopefully, in terms of the two years in the program, these children will have an excellent background for learning to read in the first grade," the principal stated.

"A very real hope, of course, is that the children will remain at the school through the primary years. Our ultimate aim—in which the school board concurs—is to have these children remain for their fourth, fifth and sixth years at St. Mary's," he declared.

Mercy Schedules Movie, Music

By ANN KALASKA
Mercy Correspondent

"Cool Hand Luke" and Todd Turner will be special attractions at Mercy High School Friday night, Oct. 22.

The movie and music by a young performer will be presented as an alternative to the usual school-sponsored dances.

The Student Council will present the movie, "Cool Hand Luke", from 7 until 9 in the auditorium. Afterward, the Christian Action Movement, headed by Mary Ann Donovan, will host a coffee house in the gym. Soda and pizza will be available, and Todd Turner will entertain until 11.

Proceeds from the coffee house will be used to buy food for Christmas baskets that the CAM distributes. Advance tickets for the evening are available at \$1.50. The cost at the door will be \$1 for each attraction.

K of C to Honor Aged Members

Rochester Council 178 Knights of Columbus, celebrating their 75th Anniversary during the month of October, will honor members who are residents of Saint Ann's Home Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m.

Father Raymond Moore, chaplain of St. Ann's, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. in the chapel.

A social hour will follow in the recreation room. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided.

Deaths

Mary Freemesser

Miss Mary Freemesser of St. Michael's parish died Oct. 7, 1971, at the age of 91.

Her nephews, Fathers Paul and George Freemesser, celebrated the Mass of the Resurrection Oct. 9 with Fathers John Reif and Peter Deckman.

Miss Freemesser was a member of the Daughters of Mary and the Loyal Christian Benevolent Association. She is survived by two brothers, Fred and Louis Freemesser.

SARAH CHILD

All In The Family



The Attica prison riot may not seem subject matter for this column but I think it is. I feel that the conditions surrounding it, namely crime and its treatment, reach into every segment of life and therefore into what I feel is the most important unit of our society—the family.

As the dialogue on its causes continues, a sense of frustration grows. To expressions of sympathy for prisoners forced to live in terror and degradation we hear the response, "But they are not in prison for a good time."

At a loss for words for some time I came across a condensation of former Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark's book, "Crime in America." Clark proposes a bill of rights for prisoners as a practical step in the war against crime.

From this book we learn much of what is wrong with our penal system and more important how we can correct it. Several of his statements leaped up at me.

And I quote him:

● Four out of five of all serious crimes in the United States are committed by people who have been convicted before. We know who these individuals are, a majority of all those who go to prison will commit crimes after they leave prison.

● We know that prisons are factories of crime, that there is no educational institution in America that equals our prisons as a teacher. But prisons teach the wrong lesson: inhumanity.

● Demagogues appealing to fear, hatred and ignorance decry a gentling influence on offenders. They speak of "coddling criminals" when in fact we brutalize.

● They would have us believe you can beat heroin from the bloodstream of an addict with a club or distill whisky

from the brain of an alcoholic in the dryout tank of a city jail or bring understanding to a retarded person in a warehouse of human degradation we call prison and by those means, solve problems.

● Prisoners have lived in the main without rights all their lives. This is a basic reason they have so little respect for the rights of others.

● Prisons manufacture crime by overcrowding hundreds of thousands of men into uninhabitable places where violence, powerlessness and sickness are their constant companions. They have no way of protecting themselves or of securing fairness, safety, health or growth.

● If prisons are to rehabilitate, the government must have a duty to provide certain essential services to prisoners and prisoners must have a right to obtain those services.

● The meaning of the right to health is enormous in terms of solving the problem of crime. In the 1980's nearly a third of all persons arrested for non-traffic offense were under the influence of alcohol at the time of arrest.

● If America effectively addressed itself to these three phenomena, alcoholism, addiction and mental illness, we would enormously reduce the incidence of crime in America.

● As many as one of four prisoners may be mentally retarded. They can be trained to produce and to support themselves.

● Prisoners need other rights. Right to safety and freedom from assault, decent place to live, food that is healthful and order in their lives, family visitation, conjugal visits, freedom of communication, access to the press.

We cannot fear the truth, nor can we assume that the public will not be able to judge the truth.

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