

Migrant Workers Leave Auburn Area

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — Where have the children gone? Within a few hours, the children of the Spanish speaking migrants are packed and have left as unobtrusively as they had come. The cabins and trailers of migrant encampments are starkly abandoned.

Families, with their personal belongings stuffed into cartons and assorted baggage, climbed into the backs of trucks to travel south, non stop, to follow the crops. Cold cuts and soda pop purchased en route sustain them along the way. A very few of the more affluent may have their own cars. Many have been here since April.

When the crops began to diminish and there were too many hands for the work, some migrants, hearing rumors of work still available, left for Michigan and Ohio, only to find they were not needed.

For the children there are the memories of a few weeks at a day camp to break the monotony of looking out at rows of furrowed dirt; for adults, the boredom of Sunday afternoon, watching the people drive past with some place to go and something to do.

Some of the farm workers are heading for Florida hoping the promised employment will be a reality. Some are en route to new camps, wondering if they will have a room to house their family, or perhaps a house with several families sharing the kitchen and outside bath facilities. Some are



On the move again... into an uncertain future.

returning to homes which neighbors fortunate to have employment have been keeping an eye on for them.

Texas is the home base for many Spanish speaking families. They expect to find work in the fruit groves of Texas.

For the Mexican-American migrant family, life is lived against a backdrop of moving, frequent changing of schools and a continuing search for work. The Mexican laborers will return to their country, with a little money saved to help them exist until next season. Many of the Mexicans are men separated from their families.

The families had been expecting to leave, but departure is postponed day to week, while the weather gets colder. Suddenly, the crew leader announces, "We go tomorrow." Children enrolled in local schools for a few weeks are pulled out.

Many a farmer's family says good-bye to the workers with deep affection. Crops are a gamble for both the farmer and his migrant helper.

Church Design Discussion Set

Auburn—New diocesan guidelines for church interior design and renovation will be discussed at an open meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Holy Family school hall.

Father Robert McNamara, chairman of the sub-committee on liturgical art and architecture for the diocese, will speak. Special attention will be given to problems of integrating "temporary" altars facing the people into the total church design. Questions regarding the meeting may be addressed to Father Gerard Hafner, Holy Family Rectory.

Coming Events At Port Byron

Port Byron — The Thanksgiving clothing drive is scheduled for Nov. 14-16 at St. John's parish to allow ample time for packing. Miss Jennie Verdi, chairman, announced.

The parish Altar and Rosary Society will have its Christmas bazaar Dec. 4, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Robert Seamans. The annual Christmas party will be held as usual at the home of the Misses Marie and Theresa Van Detto, on Dec. 15.

Plans for these events were discussed last week at the rosarians' regular meeting, with Mrs. Harold Keenly presiding. New officers approved by the group are Mrs. Anthony Guidone, president; Mrs. Ronald Falsey, vice president; Mrs. Betty Sprague, secretary, and Mrs. Gilbert Baker, treasurer. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Laura Gibson served refreshments.

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Columbian Squires Celebrate 38th

Peter Vicarelli, third from right, accepts an engraved watch from Leo A. Pinckney, at the 38th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Columbian Squires of Rt. Rev. Frederick G. Straub Memorial Circle #112 at St. Alphonsus school hall. Vicarelli served as coach from its founding in 1933 until 1958. Looking on from left are David Rice, Fred Salzer, Jack Clifford and David Bellnier.

Auburn Area Notes

Owasco—An "over 18" dance sponsored by the Youth Club will be held at the Sacred Heart parish Nov. 19, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets \$2 per person; music by the "Carnage."

Montezuma—St. Michael's bazaar and food sale will be held Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Montezuma Town Hall.

Red Creek—On Tuesday, Nov. 9, the women of St. Thomas Parish met to plan Rosary and Altar Society activities.

Ovid - Seneca Falls - Waterloo. The final session in the "Themes for Adult Christian Education Series" will be hosted by Holy Cross church in Ovid, on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. The topic: "Where Are We Going?"

Red Creek — Coordinators from the Christian Education Department, Auburn Region, Sister Ellen Ward and Miss Barbara Schmucker, spoke at all the masses at St. Thomas's Parish, Nov. 7. Parents were invited to confer with them at the coffee hour sponsored by the ladies of the parish following each mass.

College Players To Present Dark of the Moon

The Nazareth-St. John Fisher Drama Club will present Dark of the Moon in six performances beginning this Friday night, Nov. 12.

The play, described as an American folk fantasy, is by William Berney and Howard Richardson. William Fletcher of the Nazareth College faculty is the director. Nina David of Brighton and Jerry Arena of Honeoye Falls have the lead roles.

Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday and Tuesday and Wednesday. A matinee is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13. All performances will be in the main auditorium of Nazareth Arts Center.



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'Theology' of Christmas Shopping?

The mention of Christmas shopping can cause opposite reactions. Some hate to think of it; it's a hassle; rushing around crowded streets and stores; indecisions about what to get for whom; spending more money than intended; last minute purchase and wrapping — grateful that Christmas "only comes but once a year!"

On the other hand, many people enjoy Christmas shopping. They enjoy the decorated stores; carols heard everywhere; the excitement on the streets; the friendliness of people; and the special care in choosing and wrapping a present for a special person.

The difference between these two dispositions is the difference between being, or not being, in the Christmas "spirit." The person who "has the spirit" overlooks the "hassle" or sees it in a different way . . . to think that all these people are out buying gifts to give to other people . . . that "giving" to others is foremost in their thoughts . . . and that peace and joy among men really seem present at least once a year. Even the sacrifices of our finances, time, and energy are worth it because we love the Christmas season.

If we could talk about a "theology" of Christmas shopping, certainly it would stem from what we call being in this Christmas spirit. Christmas, first, is our celebration of Christ's birth — of God giving Himself to us as a man because He loves us, and continues to give His love, His peace, Himself, to others through each of us. If the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of Christ's birth, the buying and giving of gifts is a beautiful expression of His love within us.

The point we are trying to make is that Christmas shopping and "giving to the missions" are very similar. For those with the "mission-spirit," giving to help the suffering-poor of the world is a joy; it may be a sacrifice, but it's worth it, because they see beyond the sacrifice to the love their gift expresses.

Like the Christmas spirit, the Mission spirit expresses God's giving Himself to others through us. Even more like the first Christmas, today's missionaries are showing Christ to the POOR of the world who need to know that people care, that the spirit of giving (the Mission spirit) is the Spirit of Christ that knows no time or season!

Will you please join with us this year in our "Christmas shopping" for the Church's missionaries? Your special gift for them, however large or small, will provide the most basic human necessities for the people they serve. But even more, it expresses the life (the spirit) of Christ within you reaching out to others with His love, His "peace on earth," His "joy to the world!"


Please put the poor of the missions on the top of your "gift list." Clip the coupon below and send your generous sacrifice to me today. Gifts of old gold, jewelry, and unneeded insurance policies are also welcome. Remember, too, all donations to the Society are tax deductible and promptly acknowledged.

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