



### Happy Thanksgiving

Photo by Laurence E. Keele

Children at St. Salome's school prepared for Thanksgiving by studying the early history of the colonies. Shown with an Indian village they built are Joey Fritz, Sharen Stokes, and Karen Curtis.

## Black Theology Not a Fad, Fr. Farier Tells Students

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Black Theology is not a fad, but a necessary "critic and corrective of a theology which ignores the black man's existence," according to the first black pastor in the diocese.

Father Stanley Farier of St. Lucy's told St. John Fisher students, "Black theology will already have served a very valid purpose, if only to expose the weakness of much of theology which has not only ignored the black situation, but contributed through its language and symbol system to the feeling of inferiority of black people."

But the black theology which was introduced into theological circles about 1969 with James Cone's book, *Black Theology and Black Politics*, is not all negative.

"It has to bring a positive

change of theology, liberation, hope, and faith."

"If theology is to be effective," the native of St. Kitts, West Indies, continued, "it must begin to answer questions that are my questions, it must speak to my particular situation."

As for the future of black theology outside of theological circles, according to Father Farier, it will be discussed in sermons at St. Lucy's and in "rap sessions" in people's homes possibly.

But the task of making Black Theology really more than a fad, Father Farier said, "throws off to black students."

He sees the rise of interest in theology among the young as a trend and believes, "Students themselves will force theology to go in this direction to answer their questions on God."

### AMAHL OPERA

The Rochester Civic Music Association will present in two performances the Opera Theatre of Rochester in Gian Carlo Menotti's opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 4 and 7:15 p.m. at the Christ Church Cathedral at 141 East Avenue.

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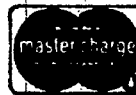
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## Retreat House Lists Schedule of Events

Canandaigua — The following schedule has been released for Notre Dame Retreat House.

Nov. 26-Dec. 3. A "Better World" Retreat will be held. This is a retreat for priests, religious, and lay people. Clergy from Washington will be conducting this retreat. Reservations may be made by calling Father

Robert Collins at the Pastoral Office.

Sunday, Dec. 3, there will be a meeting of the Retreat League Officers of the diocese. A business meeting will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. and a buffet supper from 3 to 4 p.m. Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty will be the guest speaker. Any retreatants are also welcome. They can make reservations by calling the retreat house.

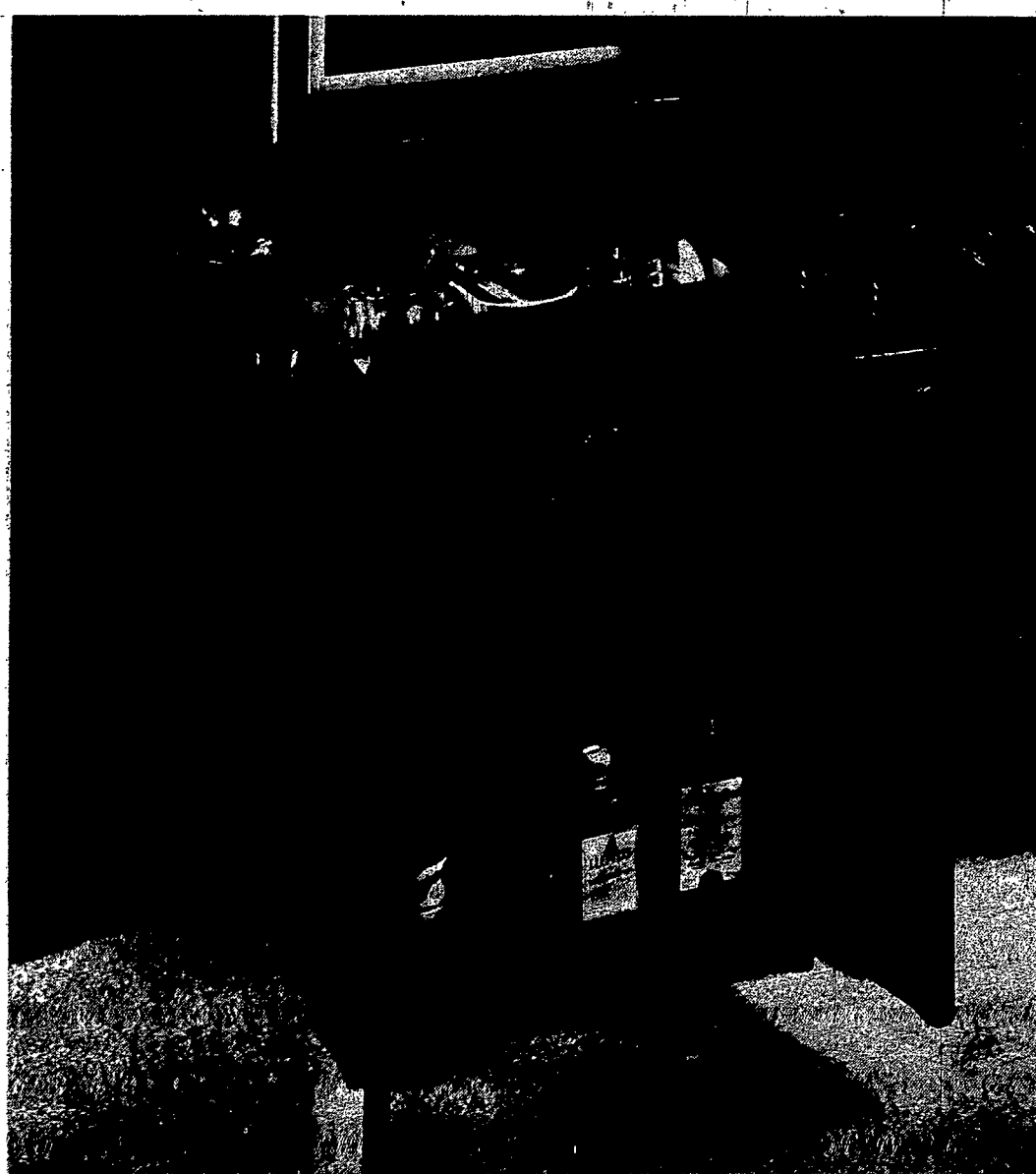
## Canandaigua Area Notes

Canandaigua — Turkey sandwiches and coffee were given away at St. Mary's annual Turkey Party, Nov. 18 in the school hall. The annual event is sponsored by the Holy Name Men's Club.

Canandaigua — Sister Mary Lourdes, chairman of the Theology Department at Nazareth College Journal

College, was the guest speaker at St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society's recent meeting.

Canandaigua — Mrs. Allen MacGregor was the guest speaker for the St. Mary's Home School meeting, Nov. 16. She spoke of the experiences both she and her husband encountered in raising foster boys.



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