

# The Neediest Cases

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Karen, a young, expectant mother is determined to make a home for her baby who is due in a few months. She is aware of the problems she will face rearing her child alone but with the guidance and moral support of her caseworker she is willing to cope with these problems. The generosity of unknown friends contributing to the Christmas Fund will help Karen get ready for her baby.

Michael, a bright, personable young man was encouraged by his teachers and counselors to enter college. Scholarships were available to him and he had no problem being accepted in the college of his choice. He is doing well in his chosen field but the strain of trying to meet his daily expenses is great. He comes from a broken home and receives little support from either parent. An extra remembrance at Christmas will encourage Michael to continue in his struggle to achieve his educational goal.

Kathy, a 15-year-old foster child, is an excellent student and her marks are well above average. She would like to be able to accompany her Spanish Class on a trip to Spain this Spring. A small portion of the total expenses will need to be contributed by each student. The rest will be raised by the class in various fund raising projects. Kathy's family is unable to help her with her portion of the expenses. She is trying to save the money she earns baby-sitting but it will be difficult to save the amount she needs before the deadline for reservations. Also, opportunities for baby-sitting in her neighborhood are limited. Kathy's life is already different because she is a foster child. If she is able to participate with her class in this project it could lessen her feeling of being different.

Mrs. T. has struggled to support and rear her six children since her husband deserted them. One of the children has a neurological problem that requires frequent medical attention. Her burden has become more difficult since she is now

ill and unable to work. She hopes the generosity of others will help her children enjoy a Merry Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. have recently returned their five children from foster homes in Louisiana and are trying to make a home for their family here. Consequently their greatest need is for winter clothing to face the Rochester cold—winter boots, coats, sweaters, ect. Also they could use any food or special items to brighten up the holiday. There are two boys, age 14 and 6; two teen-age girls and a 9-year-old girl.

The M.'s, a low income family of seven have had a very difficult year. Mother had to quit her part-time job which helped meet expenses in order to devote all her time to her children. One of the children was hospitalized for eight weeks. Father recently was admitted to the hospital for surgery. They had to move due to Urban Renewal. The family was involved in a serious car accident. This family definitely needs some "Christmas spirit" to help them start the New Year. There are five boys, ages 14 to 7.

Mrs. C., an elderly woman, had been living in her son's home until the flood destroyed it in June. She is on Social Security and is having a difficult time replacing personal items. She is presently living in a mobile home and is trying to make plans for relocation.

Mrs. B. is a widow with a teenage son. Their home was destroyed beyond repair in the flood. Mr. B. died of a heart attack after the flood. She is still quite upset and at a loss as to future plans. Her financial status is complicated by the fact that she cannot be employed at this time.

Mrs. C. is a widow of 78. She had about five feet of water in her home which was coming along well in the rebuilding process. Two days after her furnace was installed, there was a gas leak in her house which caused the house to blow up beyond repair.



## Papal Audience

In early October, Mauro Schifino, president of Rochester Radio Supply, and his wife, Alice, were granted a special audience with Pope Paul VI. Their visit to the Vatican was part of General Electric Corporation's Electronic Distributors' trip to Europe, and the arrangements for the papal audience were made by Msgr. J. Patrick Carroll-Abbing, founder of Boys' Towns of Italy. The Schifino's attend St. Thomas More Church.

## Msgr. Honan Dies in Maine

Msgr. Daniel J. Honan, 62, of the Diocese of Portland, Maine, died in Portland on November 28, 1972.

A man of great versatility, Msgr. Honan successfully combined rural parochial duties with musical programming and comment on radio broadcasts of classical music in New England. He was closely associated with the Boston Symphony, and especially with its late conductor, Pierre Monteux, whom he brought into the Catholic faith a few years before his death. An able poet and Latin scholar, Msgr. Honan was the translator

of St. Augustine's "City of God" in the Fathers of the Church Series.

Msgr. Honan was widely known in the Rochester Diocese, where he regularly visited his two classmates, Father John A.

Reddington of St. Louis Church, Pittsford, and Father Robert F. McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary. An able retreat master, in 1966 he gave the annual retreats to the seminarians at St. Bernard's and to the Rochester diocesan clergy.

## First Graders Go Shopping

Twenty nine first graders from Mt. Carmel School will go gift shopping for their families on Saturday, Dec. 9 at Long Ridge Plaza on a trip sponsored by the Rochester Jaycees.

Santa will come with a gift for each child at a party provided by Woolworths after shopping.

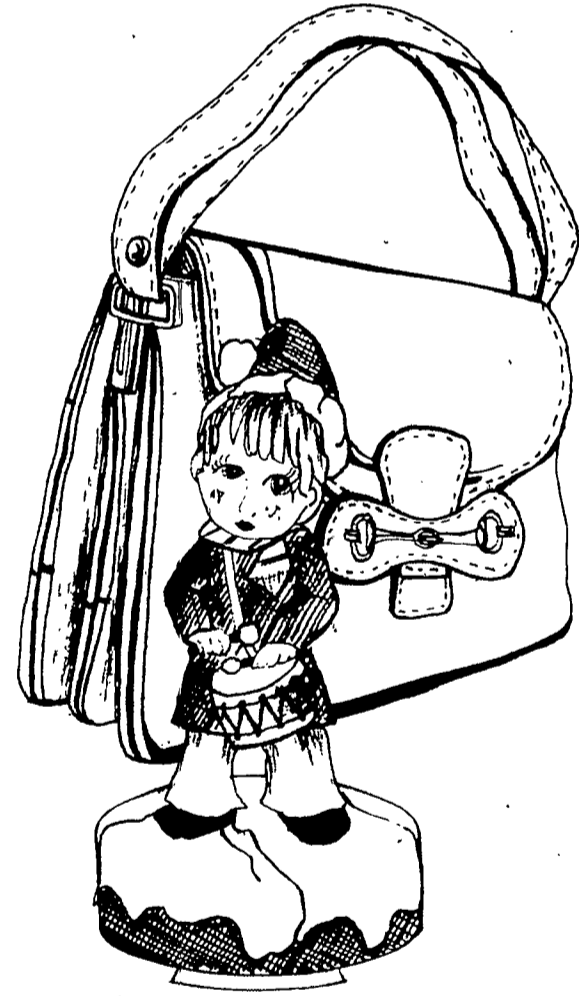
Co-chairmen of the annual project are Mrs. Andrew Meloni and Mrs. Gene Wheeler.



## 'Operation Rebuild'

Father Bernard F. Dollen, pastor of St. Andrew's Church saws into paneling, which Msgr. George W. Eckl (right) nails into place at the home of Nicholas Buchko in Corning. The two priests were helping with St. Andrew's "Operation Rebuild" project recently for flood ravaged Corning. At the end of the day of carpentry, Msgr. Eckl, one of the oldest active priests in the country, served as guest speaker for a Boy Scout mother and son dinner at the parish.

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