

Operation Santa Claus Underway in Hornell

Hornell — Some 2,500 children and 1,200 adults are to be served this year through the sixth annual "Operation Santa Claus" which began recently in Steuben County.

Patricia Eaton, director of the community organization of the Steuben County Economic Opportunity Program (SCEOP) Inc., said the goal this year is greater than last year because of the flood.

Last year, 3,120 persons received gifts and the costs of the

552 food baskets distributed was \$13,800 she said.

Cooperating agencies in the project include the Salvation Army, the County Social Services Department, the county Public Health Nursing Service, schools, churches and youth groups.

Miss Eaton said efforts have been made to prevent duplications of the efforts of other programs and names of needy persons are obtained from school officials and other agencies concerned with them.



Photo by Laurence E. Keefe

Scenic Nativity

The unusual nativity scene above was put up by students at the Church of the Annunciation school, and takes up all the windows on the side of the school. Seen below the display are members of the girls' choir.

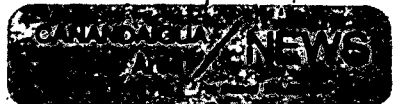
Hornell Area Notes

Hornell—There will be a Penance Service tonight, Dec. 20 in St. Ignatius Church in preparation for Christmas.

Hornell—On Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. in St. Ann's Church, high school freshmen will present 2001 B.C.—Man's Odyssey, a play based on the Old Testament. Following the play, all present will join in Christmas caroling in the neighborhood. Following the singing, all are invited to the school hall for cocoa and cookies by the 10th graders.

Dansville—St. Mary's will have a 5:15 Christmas Eve Mass as well as the Children's Mass at 7:30 p.m. There will not be a 7 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

Prattsburg—First Penance for children in grades 3-6 who have not yet made their First Confession will be Saturday, Dec. 23 at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church.



Elderly Helped By St. Mary's

By PAT BOLAND

Canandaigua — Father John Hart celebrated Mass at the Elm Manor, a home for the elderly in Canandaigua, Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 10:30 a.m. Priests at St. Mary's are saying Mass weekly at one of the five nursing homes in the county and the Ontario County Jail. Students from St. Mary's School act as servers and some people of the parish, together with a group of high school sophomores prepared Mass booklets with large print for those patients with eye difficulties.

A double feature was presented to parents and friends of St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, Dec. 19. At 8 p.m. the school band gave a Christmas Concert and the Junior High Students performed Dickens' ever popular Christmas Carol.

St. Mary's School auditorium will be the site of the only blood bank held on Dec. 22 within the 12 county Rochester Region. It will also be the last blood bank to provide platelets — a component of whole blood — needed to keep leukemia patients alive. Donors are asked to come to the auditorium between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

NEWARK CELEBRATION

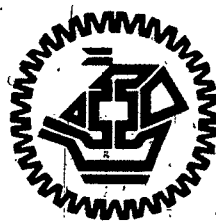
Newark — A special family Mass at St. Michael's last Saturday morning was followed by refreshments and a film on the liturgy. A Christmas party was held Sunday for parents and children associated with the religious education program.

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