



Local Priest Gets Award

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, left, admires an award for distinguished theological achievement received by Rochester priest, Father Charles E. Curran, a professor of moral theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. The award was given by the Catholic Theological Society of America. In center are Father Curran's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Curran, who attended the November 15 presentation in Washington.

Be Safety Conscious Choosing Gifts

Albany — Toys, bicycles and fondue pots are among items that safety-minded consumers should purchase with care this Christmas shopping season, Dr. Hollis S. Ingraham, state health commissioner, said.

Dr. Ingraham noted that the Child Protection and Toy Safety Act of 1969 authorizes the Food and Drug Administration to remove from the market toys and other children's products with electrical, mechanical or thermal hazards and that, as of September of this year, more than 600 toys had been banned. Despite this fact, he said, some of the banned toys may remain on store shelves. Data supplied to the FDA by the State Health Department in the form of a market survey of hazardous toys was instrumental in the establishment of the federal toy standards.

Dr. Ingraham said the Health Department's Burns Care Institute and the Emergency Health Services bureau is checking major stores in Albany, White Plains, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo for toys with electrical, thermal and mechanical hazards, at the request of the Attorney General's Office.

"Consumers should be particularly careful when purchasing toys for smaller children," the commissioner said. "Toys small enough to be swallowed and those with detachable parts that can lodge in the windpipe, ears or nostrils should be avoided."

Dr. Ingraham said that some other characteristics of banned toys to watch for are sharp edges or points, parts which can be easily broken to expose wires, nails or pins, items made of breakable glass or brittle plastic, parts which can pinch fingers or catch hair and flimsy electrical wiring. He noted that all electrical toys should carry the Underwriters' Laboratories seal of approval and that cloth toys should be made of fire-resistant materials.

"Bicycle buyers should check for sharp edges and rough metal surfaces and to see that reflective material is used on fenders, pedals, handlebars or rims," Dr. Ingraham noted. "Pedals should be sturdy and designed to prevent foot slippage. Gearshifts or other devices should be located so as to minimize injury in case of a fall.

Fondue pots and sets have come under the scrutiny of safety experts. Dr. Ingraham noted that the State Health Department's

Burns Care Institute has received a number of reports of persons burned while using fondue apparatus.

He urged consumers to buy only products with safety features such as tight-fitting covers to extinguish the flame, variable flame adjustment openings and firm bases. He said the sets also should be checked to see that a complete set of instructions for their safe operation is included.

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Programs for Parents Planned in NW Region

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Northwest region principals have decided to regionalize two hard to organize educational programs.

Parent information sessions on parochial school sex education programs and the enlistment of high school students to develop sacramental preparation for Spanish and Italian speaking parents will be the first two areas of educational co-ordination in the northwest.

Sister Virginia Steinwachs, principal of Holy Rosary and chairman of the Catholic schools sub-committee of the region's education committee, chaired the meeting attended by 16 principals and Father Thomas Reddington, regional coordinator, last week at Sacred Heart's convent.

In its second meeting since the region was organized last year,

the principals met to plan sharing and cooperation of programs, buildings and manpower.

At the suggestion of Msgr. George Cocuzzi, pastor of Holy Family, and Father Peter Nobili of Most Precious Blood, language students of the region's three high schools, Nazareth Academy, Cardinal Mooney and Aquinas will develop foreign language film strips and tapes to be used to educate immigrant parents in the sacramental preparation their children receive.

The principals agreed that the most efficient way to handle informational meetings on the schools sex education curriculum for parents of new students, and new teachers in the system is by one large regional meeting.

The principals also decided to meet every other month to continue regional planning and further the cooperation efforts.

Preservation Hall Band Scheduled for New Year's

The world famous Preservation Hall Jazz Band will appear in a concert at 8:15 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31, in Rochester's Eastman Theatre.

Each of the members of the New Orleans group has memories of the days when jazz, or jass as they spelled it at the turn of the century, was taking form and shape and becoming a separate kind of music.

They were in the bands that marched to and from the cemetery for funerals; they were in the wagons that drove up and down French Quarter streets and battled it out when two bands met at a corner; and they were on the river boats, in the saloons and dances.

The band that will appear here includes Kid Thomas Valentine on trumpet, Alonzo Stewart on drums and vocals, Charles Hamilton on piano, Joseph Butler on bass, Emanuel Paul on saxophone and Albert Burbank on clarinet.

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