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benefits, Mrs. S. is supporting herself and six children ages 6 to 14. Mrs. S. has progressive arthritis which decreases her ability to do more for herself. She is grateful for the supportive services of the agency and looks forward to our providing Christmas dinner and toys for her children. Catholic Family Center.

24 Joe B: is eight years old with black curly hair and dark eyes. He is an active loving child. He is also the victim of a congenital disease that left him mentally and physically impaired. Joe would love to have Santa bring him some toys that would help him to make progress both physically and mentally. Catholic Family Center.

25 A .73-year-old lady needs a friend. Mrs. C. lives alone and has no family. Mrs. C. is an active and thoroughly delightful person but with the holidays near is beginning to get a little "low." Because of her extremely small income, she can't afford the things that make our Christmas "merry," and because of her difficulty with walking she can't get out to join others in Christmas festivities. Mrs. C. needs a benefactor for the holidays. Catholic Family Center.

26 Fony never knew his father who had left his mother shortly after his birth. Mother tried to care for Tony in spile of her poor health. As the years went by the pressures of life and caring for Tony caused mother's physical and emotional collapse. Tony is now seven and is living in a foster home. He came to his

new family with few possessions: clothing, and a few personal belongings. There are many things he could use. Catholic Family Center.

27 Mr. A. is a 69-year-old lonely man. His family live in another state and except for occasional correspondence, he feels forgotten by them. Mr. A. is appreciative for whatever the agency is able to do for him and some Christmas cheer would temporarily soothe his lonely spirit. Catholic Family Center Inner City Office.

28 Mr. and Mrs. C. came to Rochester three months ago from a migrant labor camp. Mr. C. has been diligently searching for work and he desperately wants a more stable life for himself, his wife and three children. However, he frequently becomes discouraged and needs supportive case help to enable him to keep on trying. Family is in need of clothing, and a bountiful Christmas. Catholic Family Center Inner City Office.

29 Mrs. Q. is 62. Her husband is in the hospital. To compound her problems her furnace recently broke down and the agency had to assist with the repairs as her Social Security check would not stretch over this emergency. She is expecting her husband will be home from the hospital for the holidays and hopes to provide some brightness for him during the Christmas season. Catholic Family Center Inner City Office.

30Mrs. X. is divorced and is working two jobs to support.

herself and seven children, ranging in age from 9 to 17. Her earnings take care of the month-to-month living expenses but at the holiday times she has nothing extra to provide gifts and food for herself and her children Catholic Family Center Inner City Office.

31 Mrs. B. is a young mother of 32 with six children and is separated from her husband. She misses his presence and finds it much harder to love, discipline and guide the children. The agency is providing counseling and other supportive services. A generous Christmas would lift her spirits. Catholic Family Center Inner City Office.

Mrs. A. is a widow desperately trying to support her seven children, ages 3-18. Her greatest wish is that they be prepared for a life of self-support and more happiness than she has had, Extras at Christmas will help both her and her children in their struggle for survival. Catholic Family Center Inner City Office.

33 Mr. L. is a middle-aged man Social Security disability with a mentally disturbed wife who is frequently in and out of the State Hospital. In addition to this his son is also seriously disturbed and he has a severely retarded daughter. This man is overwhelmed emotionally and financially almost every day of his life and is grateful for even the smallest of assistance from kind-hearted souls. He appreciates the friendship of the giver as much as the gift given and imponds heartily with the only thing that he can give — a generous smile. Catholic Family Center.

AMrs. P., a divorced woman, has eight dependent children and lives in a sub-standard home in need of heavy repairs. Even prior to the divorce the father had been neglectful most of the marriage and is in such a pitiful state of affairs at present that he is hardly able to care for himself. Mrs. P. has always been grateful to receive a much needed food basket every Christmas from some kind person. Catholic Family Center.

35 Mr. R. and his young son, Paul, live together without their mother who left some years back. Mr. R. is disabled and receives a small sum from Social Security to provide a very limited existence for him and his son. The boy is growing up radidly and it is almost impossible to get the things young Paul needs, let alone provide enough for the table. Mr. R. gets depressed frequently and wants desperately to be a good father. A little kindness shown them over Christmas could highlight an otherwise bleak year. Catholic Family Center.

36 Mrs. W. has four children supported on a welfare budget. The father and mother were divorced over a year ago, leaving her with the care of the children. Unfortunately, Mrs. W. has had very poor health — a weak heart which makes it almost impossible for her to keep up adquately with the responsibilities of sometimes she is immobilized with frustration, and her limited economic situation only adds more of a burden. Christmas is

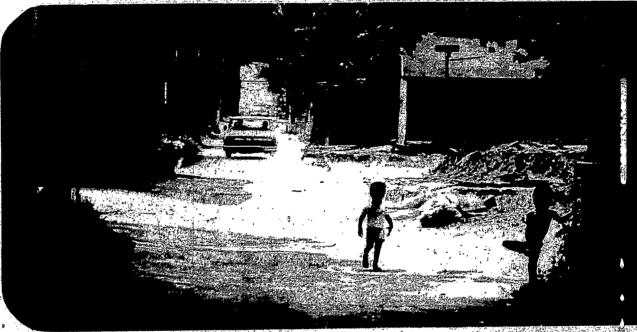
not the happy holiday for her to look forward to; however, a generous food basket or gifts for the children would bring a thankful smile from her. Catholic Family Center.

37 Mrs. B. has been stranded with two small children because of an alcoholic husband who left his family earlier this year. His own life has been pitiful and this has added an immense amount of grief to his wife. Presently, she is swamped with bills and a great deal of back rent and doesn't know what to do about Christmas. The most encouraging and moving experience strikes one profoundly when, in the midst of all her problems, she still finds enough in a day to thank God for His kindness. Certainly, God's kindness can be expressed to the courageous mother by our own giving of a Christmas gift to her and her children. Catholic Family Center.

Mr. and Mrs. B. were both mentally ill and during brief hospitalizations their four children have been cared for in Foster homes. However, the parents are recovered now and have established a comfortable, neat home for themselves, three daughters — 7, 10 and 14 and one son, age 15. The children are indeed happy to be with their parents and are eager to assist in chores around the home. They are all pulling together. Catholic Family Center.

[More cases next week]











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