



### Opera Theatre Prepares 'Lucia'

Sister Barbara Staropoli, right, of the Nazareth College music faculty looks over the score of Lucia di Lamermoor with some of her students who will sing with her in the chorus. They are Lloyd Peaseley of St. Augustine's parish, Barbara Foley of Sacred Heart and Timothy Thomas. The Opera Theatre production is scheduled for 8:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, in the Eastman Theatre.



### ALL IN THE FAMILY Sarah Child

A recent letter to Ann Landers from a disgruntled reader complained that Christmas was dead, done in by commercial greed, artificial silver trees and raucous office parties.

It reminded me of a column I wrote 14 or 15 years ago on my first job on a small Pennsylvania daily newspaper.

I have no copy of that column but I remember it well because I discovered then, that first year out of college, that Christmas is not a matter of externals but something that happens inside.

As best as I can recall I wrote:

The shopping is done, the house is filled with green boughs and red ribbons and the kitchen is fragrant with the smell of the Christmas cookies my mother has made and decorated with the help of the younger children in our family.

But I feel no joy, only a sense of being out of step with the rest of our happy household.

## Deaths

### Sr. Frances Bott

Sister Frances (Emma) Bott, SSPS, formerly of Rochester, died in Alexishafen, Papua, New Guinea, on Dec. 5, 1973, in her 52nd year as a missionary on the island. Sister Frances would have been 89 on Dec. 26.

She was the daughter of the late August and Mary Bott of Rochester. She entered the Congregation of the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters in Techy, Ill. in 1919, at the age of 34. When she and three companions stepped on New Guinea soil on Feb. 22, 1922, they were the first American sisters on the mainland of northeastern New Guinea.

The first schools in the area were opened by Sister Frances and her companions. Classes were held in the mornings and visits to the homes of the pupils were made in the afternoons.

Although Sister Frances was offered a trip back to America, she declined to accept it, saying, "The people of New Guinea are my people. Here I've lived and here I want to die."

Sister Frances is survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary E. Bott, a resident of St. Ann's Home, and several nieces and nephews, among them, Sister M. Angela, O.P., Mother General of the Dominican Sisters in Hawthorne.

# Knights Take Honors

BY PAT BOLAND

Canandaigua — The Knights of Columbus, active in both church and community activities, were recently recognized state-wide for their many contributions. Anthony Caramelo, state deputy, presented past Grand Knight Mike Goodman, the award for outstanding council in New York State for church activities.

The knights have sponsored many Right to Life programs.

## Center Sets Fund Drive

Auburn — The Auburn Hospitality Association recently announced the start of its 1974 fund-raising campaign for the center which helped over 3,500 visitors of inmates to the Auburn Correctional Facility this year.

The center, the only organization in the state providing services to visitors of inmates at a state institution, offers assistance with transportation and housing, information, referral, baby sitting, emergency assistance to visitors, and a lounge area.

Keith Batman, center director, indicated two major problems encountered during the past year were transportation and the lack of information about the prison. In 1974 the association hopes to expand charter bus service from metropolitan areas and to develop an informational handbook with relevant material about the prison for visitors.

Additional information may be secured by calling the center or writing Hospitality Center, P.O. Box 427, Auburn, N.Y., 13021.

## LAAOH Slates Essay Contest

The New York State Board of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, will award prizes to the first and second place winners in each category of its 1973-74 Irish History Essay Contest.

Prizes of \$50 and \$25 will be given in each of the two grade groupings for essays on "The Folk Lore of Ireland" (grades 6-8) or "The Abbey Theatre" (grades 9-12).

State winners will be notified through their sponsoring LAAOH historians, and winning essays will be entered on the national level.

All public, private, and parochial school students are eligible. Postmark deadline date is Feb. 1, 1974.

For further information, suggested research and rules sheets, available before Dec. 31, contact Mrs. Marian Cuff, 115 Ontario Place, Liverpool, N.Y. 13088.

programs to foster vocations, including an "Honor the Clergy" night for all area clergy. They have also sponsored numerous persons within religious communities in the form of scholarships and contributions. The knights are participating as individuals within the church, serving on many committees and as lecturers, ushers and Parish Council members.

They organized the Squires, whose activities range from social to spiritual.

The knights, together with the City District, also sponsor an annual Charlie Brown kite flying contest and an annual Easter Egg

Hunt. And years before ecumenicism was popular, the two annual social events of the Council were, (and still are,) a steak roast and a dance, both co-sponsored by the Knights and the Canandaigua Masons.

The result of this year's dance was a sum of \$1,000 donated to the Canandaigua Emergency Squad.

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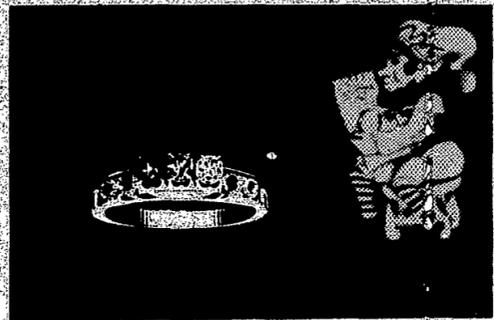
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