



Parish Gift

Father Edward Shamon, pastor of St. Aloysius Church in Auburn, receives a \$700 check for parish use from the Altar and Rosary Society president, Mrs. Herman Lingenfelter at the group's annual Christmas party.

AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

I have not seen many of the Christmas specials this year primarily because a check of the listings show that too many of the so-called "classics" are being run for the umpteenth time.

I did sit down and watch two shows with the kids, however, one of them as charming and delightful as the other was atrocious.

The first "The House Without A Christmas Tree" was first shown three years ago. It is proof that a piece thoughtfully conceived and beautifully executed can go on year after year without producing a kind of seasonal gangrene in the viewer. On the other hand I am probably unduly swayed by the art of Miss Mildred Natwick who plays the grandmother with such credibility that I find it nearly impossible to divorce her from her own characterization of the warm and wise provincial.

There also is a good lesson in restraint in this show. What the young girl, the father and the grandmother feel for each other

is handled delicately and the audience never feels endangered by excessive doses of affection.

On the whole the story set in the Forties is an excellent reminder of Christmas in a more simple era, a story that can bear repeating on a yearly basis.

In contrast the Bing Crosby Family Special would have done better not to have illuminated the small screen once.

It seems clear enough that the only excuse for this hour-long program sponsored by the Bell System was to give Bing a showcase for his annual rendition of "White Christmas."

What came before in the way of additional divertissement was enough to jade even the most insatiable viewer of Christmas shows.

With special guests Karen Valentine and singer Mac Davis plus Bing's wife and children, the writers had the affrontery to mess up some Christmas stories by O. Henry and Christopher Morley.

On top of this the transitional dialogue that took Bing from song to song was of the nature that we have been made accustomed to by other variety shows.

Only redeeming feature was the drawing room setting a large, gracious paneled room which was enough to cause envy among those of us trying to figure which piece of furniture can best go to make room for the tree.

Mooney Students Active In Community Service

The Action for People Association (AFPA) of Cardinal Mooney High School has taken steps to meet the hunger crisis. One program consists of a week every month when students contribute to a daily milk fund to aid the starving. This money is given directly to missionary personnel of the Brothers of Holy Cross, and Sisters of Mercy who administer food programs in Bangladesh and Chile.

Another plan initiated by Sister Lisette O'Brien and Mrs. Pat Sansone is the educating of students to the plight of the world's poor. Students are shown that Americans have to re-evaluate their mode of living because it affects the rest of the world.

This awareness was brought to student attention during the Dec. 12 fast day at school. Only soup, bread, and milk, at a cost of 25 cents, were served instead of the usual full hot lunch. Students were encouraged to donate their unspent lunch money to the poor.

According to school officials, reaction ranged from enthusiasm to anger. Student irritation resulted from having the money to spend, but it would only buy soup and bread.

Brother Thomas Mulryan, AFPA moderator, found this to be a helpful educational experience. "The poor and hungry are often angry at their plight," he said, "and we had a chance to share both their hunger and their anger."



MISS LACEY

Ex-Teacher Honored at Seneca Falls

Seneca Falls — Retired teacher Miss Mary Lacey was honored at the St. Patrick's 10th annual sports banquet Dec. 22. Miss Lacey taught at the St. Patrick's school 46 years.

Another highlight was the presentation of the Rev. John P. O'Beirne Alumnus award to Dave Liberatore, for athletic ability, sportsmanship and scholarship.

Miss Theresa Capacci won the Holly E. Wood award for female graduates.

Angelo Suffredini and John Pannucci were co-chairman. Other committee men include Nick Netti, John Liberatore, Mike Kelley, Cino Frappolli, Ed Patak, Fred Marciano, Frank Saracino, Dick Addona, Charley Stahl, Frank Lamanna, Mrs. Pat Li, Mrs. Dorothy Polzinetti.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Wayland — The Thanksgiving Clothing Collection at St. Joseph's amounted to 33 cartons of usable clothing.

The AFPA also has initiated a monthly clothing drive. Clean clothes, bedding and other items will be collected and distributed locally and in Detroit.

"The once-in-a-while collection may seem small," stated Brother Thomas, "but having this collection every month, the impact still be greater."

Cardinal Mooney's Child Development Class spent

Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Play Care Day Care Center, 4338 Lake Ave. Clare Cassata, child development teacher, and her class sang carols, distributed Christmas stockings and observed the procedures at the center.

"Besides giving the students an opportunity to do something positive for the children" she explained, "the day also gave them an opportunity to observe youngsters, first hand, at different stages of development."

NEW YEAR'S EVE

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Hornell Area News

LITURGY NOTES

Hornell — The Liturgy Committee of St. Ann's is composed of chairman, William Smith and his committee of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crosby, Mrs. Marie Middleton, Mrs. Genevieve Griswold, Joseph Bullock, Mrs. Corrine Prunoske, Mrs. Joan Coogan and Miss Terri Roof. Parishioners are urged to make recommendations about the manner of Sunday worship, devotional practices, and participation of the lectors, ushers and all who serve in the liturgy.

PREACHER

Hornell — Father William Spilly, associate at St. Ann's, spoke at all the Masses at St. Ignatius, Dec. 15, regarding Steuben County Churches Against Poverty.

HOLIDAY DANCES

Canisteo — The Christmas Time junior high and 9th grade dance will be held at St. Joahim's Dec. 28 from 8:30 to 11 p.m. with music by "Legacy." The St. SJY Dinner will be held at the parish center Dec. 29 at 6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hornell — A pizza party for the young men and women of St. Ann's Parish will be held Dec. 30. Names of young men and women who might like an invitation may be submitted to the following: Mrs. Jane Fahl (324-4412), Mrs. Arlene Clark (324-4365) or Mrs. Genevieve Griswold (324-3734).

CDA HOLIDAY

Hornell — Miss Michele Flansburg, guitarist, and her sisters, the Misses Ellen and Elizabeth Flansburg, entertained members of Court St. Ann, Catholic Daughters of America, at a recent Christmas supper held at the Sons of Italy Hall. In lieu of a Christmas gift exchange, the women gave cash contributions for purchase of layette garments to be sent to the Pope's Storehouse. Court St. Ann officers and trustees were in charge of arrangements. The next business meeting will be held Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall.