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The Neediest Cases

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brother moved in with the family and has helped Mrs. M. a great deal — both financially and emotionally. However, the M family still needs help.

56 Mr. S. is a devoted father who, when his wife died, was forced to place his five children in foster care. As Mr. S. described it, the death of his wife caused him "to go to pieces." Mr. S. now feels that he is over the shock of his wife's death and is working to make a new home for his children but the family needs help.

57 Mrs. F. and her six children are depending on the community for a happy Christmas. Because of their limited income, their holidays will not be happy without help.

58 Mrs. A. is a young 20-year-old mother with two children, a son, four and a daughter, four months. Mrs. A. is unemployed and hopes to return to school to complete her high school education. This young mother and her children live alone and lack such basics in their home as stove and refrigerator. The mother's limited income is needed for trips back and forth to hospitals and clinics.

59 Miss C. was a lively intelligent 16-year-old near the head of her class until an accident involving the bicycle she was riding and a motorist put her in the hospital earlier this year with a severely broken leg. She will not walk for at least another year and then with a limp. This young girl is one of seven fatherless children.

60 F's family just hasn't caught on to the Christmas spirit yet. His parents arrived in Rochester out of the migrant stream from Florida in 1972. By 1975 they had saved enough money to purchase a home. After signing an agreement with the owner, his father was laid off from work as the company closed up shop in Rochester. This did not discourage the father however, but on route to a very promising job interview, F's father was in an automobile accident and subsequently spent four months in the hospital in traction. Because his previous medical insurance had lapsed and he was not eligible for Medicaid, his hospital bills were paid with the savings for his home. The deal still hasn't found work. The real estate deal fell through — with F's parents being sued for breach of contract and they are contemplating bankruptcy.

61 Mr. and Mrs. L. celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary this past month. A sad commentary on citizens who spent the best years of their life helping develop our nation only to reap the benefits of \$221 per month Social Security retirement. Mrs. L. is very ill and should have a live-in nurse. However, finances are not adequate and Mr. L. silently sleeps nightly in the rocker next to her bed.

62 Mrs. R. is a senior citizen who lives alone in a housing project

and has no family. Her most frequent visitor is the community health nurse.

63 Mrs. R. has three small children and is on Public Assistance. She is in desperate need of living room furniture and clothing.

64 Mrs. W. is separated from her husband and has one small child. She is in need of numerous household articles which she cannot afford because of her limited income.

65 Mr. C. is 76 years old and has recently lost his wife, age 86. Mr. C. is alone and would like to return to Delaware for a visit with his family but cannot afford it on his Social Security.

66 Mr. R. is a hard working man who does all within his power to support his wife and six children. Yet they cannot afford anything extra during the holidays as it will over-burden the tight budget they must follow to meet their basic needs.

67 After the sudden death of her husband, Mrs. M. has been going through a lot of hardship and pain emotionally, financially and physically. This Christmas is going to be a hard time for her.

68 You can make Mrs. L. and her 11 children have a more joyful Christmas. At the present she is staying with a sister who hardly has room for all of them. Her income is very limited.

69 Mrs. W. and her three children are on Public Assistance. Mrs. W. is very sick with a kidney disease. She has been hospitalized several times this year. Mrs. W's mother, an elderly woman, must take care of the children at such times.

70 Mrs. R. had a baby a few months ago and shortly after, Mr. R. got laid off. With the new addition in the family and medical bills, etc. this Christmas will be a bit tight.

71 Mr. D. suffered an accident which left him with a disabled hand. He's undergone three operations in hope that the hand will get better. The pain is severe and now being unable to work his wife and four children rely only on his disability check and partial public assistance.

72 Mrs. S. lives alone in a very humble dwelling. She is a senior citizen experiencing many problems — physical disorders, emotional setbacks and very limited income.

73 Mr. T. is an elderly person with numerous disabilities. His living conditions are subhuman and his only companion is his dog, his dearest friend.

74 Mrs. R. is over 90 years old and is most appreciative if someone touches her loneliness.

75 Mrs. F. is over 70 years of age, lives alone and is trying to live day to day on very little income.

Her family is either too busy or disinterested to bother with her. Needless to say, she is a very lonely person.

Madrigalia Debuts Here

Madrigalia, a new Rochester group dedicated to the performance of a capella vocal music, will present its first public recital on Saturday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m., at the Interfaith Chapel on the University of Rochester River Campus. Admission is free and open to the public.

The recital, under the direction of Music Director Robert Dwellley, will include seasonal music from many traditions, ranging from that of England and America to that of Russia, and from the sixteenth century to the present. One work, "From the Prayer of St. Francis," by Robert Dwellley, will receive its premier performance.

Pope: Reunion With Orthodox His Desire

Chambesy, Switzerland [RNS] — Pope Paul says he hopes "the day may soon come" when Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox "can all finally celebrate the one eucharist together."

In reply, Metropolitan Meliton presiding at the conference, said the Orthodox leaders assembled here are grateful for the pontiff's prayers. They expressed hope that their meeting would be a step towards promotion of Christian unity and a hastening of the day in which Christians in full communion could thank the Lord and offer the world a joint witness of common faith.

In December 1975, in a surprise gesture, Pope Paul knelt and kissed the feet of Metropolitan Meliton during a service at the Sistine Chapel. At the time the pontiff expressed hopes for speedy Orthodox-Catholic reunion.

Also on the conference agenda are intra-Orthodox relations, the Orthodox position in the ecumenical movement, and an effort to obtain agreement among all Christians on setting the date for Easter.

Death

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not opposed to the definition of death, but that it does oppose writing it into law.

"The path to follow is to educate, not to legislate," he said. He noted his group's concern that the matter of defining when death occurs should be left to physicians.

Dr. Salamone told the group that to effect legislation defining death would severely restrict the physicians' clinical judgment and would potentially open up a Pandora's Box of abuses.

Speaking for the definition was Dr. Sidney Anthonie of Buffalo, a general surgeon who does transplant surgery. He said that defining death as brain-death would help "naturally" to facilitate organ procurement for transplantation.

Polito, speaking for the New York State Right to Life Committee, Inc., cited cases where brain-death had been declared and the patient recovered during the surgery to remove his or her organs for transplant.

Fund

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