



Christmas Giving Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

On Thursday, Dec. 22, William Lee, chairman of Sibley's department store, presented Dorothy Alger (far right), president of the Association for Retarded Citizens' Board of Directors, with the proceeds, in the amount of \$11,688, from the Buy an Angel, Be an Angel project. On hand, representing the Association's workshop groups who assembled the angels were Marilyn Feeley and Craig Cielinski. "Never has the community responded with such warmth and love," proudly declared Lee in referring to the thousands of consumers who donated to the cause by buying the gold and red holiday angels.

GEM Signers Rap Death Penalty

Noting that during the season of Christmas and Chanukah Christians and Jews celebrate the precious value of life, an interfaith group of local religious leaders has issued a statement urging resistance to "the temptation that is abroad in our land to bring back the death penalty."

society that encourages rather than deters the commission of violent crimes."

"The angry cry for blood revenge," they state, "must be cherished by God's love and redemption. Human life must be cherished."

The appeal by the denominational executives calls upon "the New York State Legislature and all officials of government to affirm our society's reverence for human life" by "all attempts to reintroduce the death penalty in our State."

There is no convincing evidence that the death penalty deters murder, and the possibility of executing an innocent person is always present, the statement says, adding that it is mainly poor people and members of minorities who receive the death penalty.

The religious leaders warn that "it is our firm belief that the death penalty itself will contribute to the climate of violence in our

Singers of the statement include Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Bishop Robert R. Spears Jr. of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester and Rabbi Judea B. Miller of Temple B'rith Kodesh.

Others who endorsed it are Mrs. Dorothy Borden, president of Church Women United; the Rev. Margrethe B.J. Brown, executive presbyter of the Genesee Valley Presbytery; Mrs.

Isabel Calkins, president of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries; the Rev. Richard Harrington, superintendent, Rochester District United Methodist; the Rev. Dan Kuhn Jr., Disciples Union of Western New York; the Rev. Virginia Mackey, coordinator of the Judicial Process Commission.

Also, the Rev. Hugh Q. Morton, executive minister, American Baptist Churches of Monroe Association; Dr. James Oldshue, Rochester Classis, Reformed Church in America; the Rev. Frederick Reissig, dean of the Genesee Valley District, Lutheran Church in America, and the Rev. Lawrence E. Witmer, executive director of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries.

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ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

As this is being written Christmas is just a few days away. The typewriter and I are situated at one end of the dining room table (Christmas projects have given the sewing machine priority at the desk) and the sixth grader is at the other end working on a collage for a social science project. Her Topic is American culture.

I do not realize it at first but I too am working on a collage, albeit a mental one-of-Christmases past.

It began with the setting up of the creche, stationing the tree so its lights will shine through the window, lighting the candles every night illuminating the little wooden infant on the mantel.

Sight and sounds and smells of Christmases forever gone crowd in. Printed words, snatches of song, textures are all a part.

Not all the memories are happy but the unevenness adds only to the richness of this particular tapestry.

"Christmas won't be Christmases without any presents." That is how "Little Women" begins, one of two books I received when I was eight. The other was "Treasure Island" which I started 20 times and never finished. The March sisters, however, inspired a loyalty that has withstood the test of some 30 years.

But this is just one picture in the collage. The pungent aroma of tangerines, the bowl of nuts on the kitchen table that signaled it was Christmas week, the red wreaths with candles that hung from the windows I remember them as being red velvet. My mother says they were a fuzzy kind of cardboard.

Down the street was my grandparents' house. More red wreaths in the windows, old world treats, oak tables covered with crocheted lace. Crispeddi and pinalati glazed with honey next to a decanter of grandpa's own red wine.

To the country to my mother's family. A Christmas tree decked with real candles, ice cream in a hand cranked freezer.

Another year, a move to a new town and a Christmas tragedy. A good family friend is killed on Christmas Eve. Childhood is left behind.

We approach Christmas from another direction. It has not really changed. We have. There is still hope, renewal, promise.

More years, more Christmases. Some are lonely. The gift-giving diminishes in importance. The significance of The Birth begins to grow.

Marriage, a companion to share the joys of the season. Children, a whole new experience. Their excitement is contagious and coupled with the deeper feelings of adult awareness it is a rich bag indeed.

The sixth grader is finishing her collage. My mind goes on and on as some new nub in the season's fabric recalls yet another time, another thought. It is a gift to be treasured.

College Gets Bequest

A \$283,213 bequest from the late Mamie Zwielerin Hoefler will help pay for the new Learning Resources Center at Nazareth College, President Robert Kidera announced last week. The \$700,000 project, which will double the size of the present library, is expected to be finished next spring.

Mrs. Hoefler, who died in September, 1976, was a sister of the late Father Frederick James Zwielerin, onetime professor of Church History at St. Bernard's Seminary.

Adoration Rites Set

Prayers for fidelity to the Magisterium, and especially to the teachings of Pope Paul VI, as well as for all priests will be the theme of adoration rites before the Blessed Sacrament at Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday, Jan. 5.

The afternoon-long devotions, which begin at noon and end at 5 p.m. are a monthly occurrence at the church. Rosary is recited at 12:15 p.m. and the rites conclude with benediction and Mass at 5 p.m.

PARADIS NAMED

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — Msgr. Wilfrid Paradis, project manager of the recently completed National Catechetical Directory (NCD) and associate secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference's research, policy and program development office, has been named USCC Secretary for Education. The 55-year-old priest of Manchester, N.H., diocese was episcopal vicar for Christian formation when he was selected to head the NCD project in 1973.

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