



Special Christmas

"Seal," at right, and his troupe of clowns entertained recently at the Greater Rochester Spina Bifida Association's annual Christmas Party. More than 140 people attended the event at the Spencerport American Legion post.

CRS Aid to Cambodia Exceeds \$2 Million

Catholic Relief Services' aid to displaced Cambodian people now exceeds \$2 million, it was announced recently by Bishop Edwin B. Broderick, executive director of the Catholic aid and development agency.

Bishop Broderick said that more than 200,000 Cambodians have been the recipients of CRS aid since June.

He noted that relief efforts are concentrated in three areas: in nine different refugee camps in Thailand, along the Thailand/Cambodia border; and, in conjunction with groups of European

organizations, inside Cambodia itself.

He said that 95 cents of each dollar donated to CRS for Cambodian relief is used to aid the needy. Administrative and fundraising costs account for only five cents of each dollar.

The Diocese of Rochester has to date contributed more than \$90 thousand to the

effort. Locally, contributions are being collected by: Cambodian Relief 123 East Ave. Rochester, N.Y. 14604

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"Favorite Things"



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Each of us has a wealth of warm and beautiful memories we associate with the Christmas Season . . . our own "favorite things." Delicious warm smells from the kitchen . . . the fun of surprising those we love . . . mistletoe . . . holly . . . caroling . . . colored lights and all the dozens of special feelings we enjoy so much this time of year.

The beauty and warmth of the season can be even more meaningful to us if we share it with someone who may very much need our love and friendship. If someone you know recently lost a loved one, the Christmas season will be especially difficult for them. The rest of the world glows with a special warmth - at a time they feel they have lost much of their love for life and hope for the future. Your concern - and sharing of the season - can help them find renewed faith in life.

Sharing, giving, loving - these are a few of our "favorite things," and we wish them for you now . . . and during the coming year. "Merry Christmas"

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All in the Family

By Sarah Child

Life Better When You Reach Out

An elderly man I met not too long ago told me that when he was still quite young he learned a valuable lesson.



Sarah Child

He noted, not without pride, that while still a boy, he had realized that if he never put himself forward with people then he would never be rebuffed.

It galled him, he said, to see how some individuals "played up" to others, particularly to those people who were "better" than they were.

And it afforded him quite

a little amusement, he cackled drily, on the occasions when such "social climbers" were put firmly in their place with either a snub or a scathing remark.

The old man was absolutely right, of course. It is impossible to be rejected if you never step forward.

The trouble with that premise, however, is that the poor soul may have missed out on some of the best moments life had to offer him. Not in material gains from the contacts with those whom he considered his superiors, but in the richness and diversity of personality, of character, of spirit they might have shared.

There is probably some of the old man in all of us. It is relatively easy to be gracious to someone we consider inferior to us either in economic wealth, education,

appearance, even spiritual maturity.

When the shoe is on the other foot, we are besieged with doubts, worrying that the other will speculate as to our motives.

Many years ago I read an essay on getting along in this world. Extending oneself was the answer, speaking to people you didn't know, people you knew only by name, people you stood in awe of. If you weren't getting five rebuffs a day you weren't trying hard enough.

Five rebuffs a day seemed a bit much but I thought my ego could handle one put-down every 24 hours. I gave it a try.

I'm sure I've had some rebuffs over the years but when I try to pinpoint them I can't remember any. On the other hand the warm exchanges I've enjoyed, some of them lasting 30 seconds or less with individuals whom I've never seen again, loom vivid and clear.

At Your Parish . . .

St. Thomas More, Rochester

Mimi Kennedy, stage and television actress, and Matt Rinaldi, of WOKR TV, will entertain at a benefit supper on Friday, Dec. 28, at St. Thomas More School, 2617 East Avenue. Money raised at the event will go to the St. Thomas More Refugee Family Fund for assistance to three Asian families sponsored by the parish in 1979.

The supper, courtesy of Staff Markets, will precede a performance by Mimi Kennedy, a former member of

St. Pius V, Cohocton

St. Pius V Church in Cohocton recently completed a fund drive to pay all parish debts. The drive, dedicated to the memory of Father John Kleintjes, pastor of St. Pius until his death, on Nov. 21, 1979, raised some \$5,000 and completely paid for improvements and repairs to the church which Father Kleintjes had started.

The money was raised in a three hour period on a recent Sunday afternoon under the leadership of Lee Edmond, parish council chairman.

Kennedy, whose TV credits include "3 Girls 3" and "Just Friends," and who has appeared on Merv Griffin and Dinah Shore shows, will be featured in a series of NBC Sunday Night Specials beginning in late December.

A limited number of reservations are available through Patricia Kennedy (586-8301) or Mrs. Charles Gertner (442-4797), or tickets may be purchased at St. Thomas More Church lobby, 10: AM to 1 PM, Sunday, December 23. A donation of \$8.00 per person is requested. St. Thomas More parish. Ms.

St. Louis, Pittsford

St. Louis Church, in Pittsford, has scheduled a Charismatic Mass for Jan. 8, at 7:15 p.m.; Father John Reddington, pastor, and

Most Precious Blood

A history of Most Precious Blood parish is being compiled by the anniversary committee to commemorate the parish's Golden Jubilee.

The committee has requested that anyone having information on parish history



Mimi Kennedy

Father James Connolly will concelebrate the Mass. The parish has invited all prayer groups to attend the Mass.

that might be helpful or anyone who would like to be included on the anniversary mailing list contact the rectory, 458-6079. They may also write to the parish anniversary committee at Most Precious Blood, 219 Stenson St., Rochester, N.Y. 14606.

Seniors Slate Move

The Senior Citizens' Social Club, the popular Sunday afternoon program of entertainment and dancing that has operated for a long while on Andrews Street, will change its meeting place come Jan. 6, 1980.

According to Lee Williams, organizer of the club, seniors will gather at the Waring Baptist Church on that day for the formal opening of the new club location.

Ms. Williams said that a number of city dignitaries also will be present for the festivities which include dancing to the music of Joe Kady and his orchestra and refreshments.

The Waring Baptist Church is located at 1921 Norton St. and parking is available on the church grounds.

Reunion Call

The 1930 graduating class from Blessed Sacrament School is planning a reunion for early June. Members of that class have been asked to contact Margaret Marconi at 271-7864, or Andrea Kuhn at 473-1344.

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