

A Christmas Potpourri



Welcome to Our Home At Christmastime

The following is a song written by Elizabeth Creary of this diocese. Mrs. Creary writes, performs and records her own music, including "Where's Christ in Christmas?" which appeared earlier in the Courier-Journal.

By Elizabeth M. Creary

It's nineteen hundred years beyond;
A season for all men;
Come join us in our Christmas bond,
The Christ Child is born again!

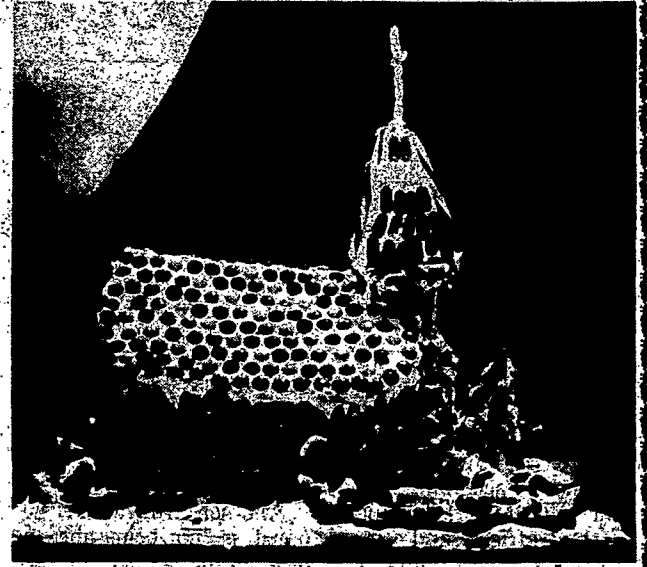
Welcome to our home at Christmastime;
Welcome to our home, Christmas sublime;
There's a pine tree sweet with scent,
Of cones adorned as ornament,
But most of all, there is a manger,
A lowly manger!

Welcome to our home on Christmas Eve;
Welcome, dear old friends, and do not leave,
There are candles bright with glow,
But most of all, there is a manger,
A lowly manger!

Near the hearth, warmed by the fire,
Is a stable that we desire
An angel surrounds us, announcing with joy,
The birth of a baby, a dear little boy!

The birth of a baby, a dear little boy;
Mary and Joseph kneel at his side,
Watching him fondly, with quiet pride,
The animals! there's a star in the East!
Telling the world of this beautiful feast!

And that infant lying there,
For this child, the world must care,
He's the Prince of Peace,
The Prince of Peace!
In his manger,
Mankind's manger!



Prize Winner

Hope Tenney of Williamson, a senior in applied music at Nazareth College, won first-prize in the college's annual gingerbread house contest. Her detailed rendition of an old-fashioned church was in the finest German Christmas tradition.

At the Cathedral

Christmas services at Sacred Heart Cathedral will begin at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24, with a Christmas Eve family Mass for younger children and their parents.

Also on Christmas Eve, at 7:45, a folk Mass for young adults will take place, and at 11 p.m. a Christmas Carol Concert, performed by

the Sacred Heart Choir, will take place.

The concert will be followed by Midnight Mass with Bishop Matthew H. Clark as chief concelebrant.

On Christmas day the 7 a.m. Mass, with spoken participation, will be followed by the 8:30, 10, 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses with congregational sung participation.

Holiday Entertainment

The Brighton Symphony Orchestra will perform scenes from Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" and selections of traditional Christmas music at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the Rochester Museum and Science Center's Eisenhart Auditorium.

Conducted by Dr. John Marcellus, the program will include performances by singers from the Easman School of Music and dancers from the Ballet Art Center.

Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for RMSC

members, senior citizens and children.

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" will be presented by Das Puppenspiel troupe at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Eisenhart Auditorium. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for Rochester Museum and Science Center members, senior citizens and children.

Reservations are required from 271-4320, Ext 67, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Crass Christmas

The ultimate in something — perhaps commercialization! Anyway, a company is selling mini-plots of land on Shepherds Field in Bethlehem near the Church of the Nativity as last-minute Christmas gifts for the person "who has everything."

If you have a strong stomach, read on: "For the first time," this company claims, "shares of land, each representing one square centimeter on Shepherds Field in the outskirts of Bethlehem, where the Heavenly Host appeared to some good shepherds, are being made available to Americans."

Yes, dear friends, at this holy season, this company will sell you a tiny bit of land near Bethlehem for \$19.95, complete "with a handsome, frameable Document of Land Ownership which bears on its face a copy of an original deed, dating from the time of Jesus."

We enter this for the crass item of the year award. Can anyone top it?

Doing Their Bit

At Kearney High

Since the opening of Bishop Kearney High School in 1962, the school has followed a special Christmas tradition — the collection and distribution of Christmas baskets to needy families in the community.

During Advent, each homeroom prepares baskets of food for two needy families. Father Lawrence A. Gross, school chaplain, organized the effort with the help of Mrs. Judy Finn,

moderator of Students Reaching Out and senior members of the group. Pat Russi and Anne Florack are the student coordinators.

The project calls for many hands and Father Gross estimates that more than 60 carloads of seniors will deliver the baskets on Dec. 18.

The school works with the Catholic Family Center on the project. —B. Hurysz



Christmas Show

The Rochester Academy Performing Arts Children's Theatre Company will present "Eeyore's Christmas Present" at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 20, and at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 20 at the RAPA Playhouse, 97 South Ave., Webster. Members of the Children's Company will head the production and technical staffs, and will handle the lighting, stage management, props, music, choreography and costumes. Director will be Judi Andreano. Above, Charles Buckpitt, center, takes a break with his stage crew, from left, Sheila Fleckenstein, Maura Fleckenstein, Jeff Regen and Erich Werner. For further information, 265-9855.

Carolers

The Spiritual Singles Community will join in an evening of Christmas caroling at nursing homes beginning at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21.

The caroling will be followed by a party. Further information is available from Patty Genco, 663-3990; Patty Lipka, 254-4286, or Tony Scuderi, 288-4399.

Volunteers Needed

Sixty drivers are needed by the Christmas Bureau for the annual delivery of cheer baskets and special gifts to the elderly and infirm of the Rochester area between 8 and 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 19.

Each volunteer will take about 11 homes which will take about one hour. The telephone is 271-0868.



Debbie Bierworth and Donna Guly help prepare baskets at Nazareth.

At Nazareth Academy

This year, the freshman class at Nazareth Academy is preparing Christmas food baskets for families which average five members. Each of the eight freshman homerooms will prepare one basket for families whose names are provided by Catholic Charities.

Freshmen will accompany Sister Donna Marie Cucci, class moderator, in delivering the baskets, which

will contain presents in addition to food, shortly before Christmas.

To raise the finances, freshmen held a baked-food sale, Dec. 2 and 3 and each student baked a cake, pie or cookies.

Freshmen consider it a worthy project and want to continue the tradition at the school.

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