

B'field Country Day

By INGRID BECKER
Special Writer

On Dec. 16 at 5 p.m. the girls of Bloomfield Country Day School will hold their annual Christmas service. The Glee club, under the direction of Miss Sharon Burmaster, music teacher, will sing the traditional carols of the Christmas season. Other carols to be included in the program are the all-time favorites: "Silver Bells," "The Little Drummer Boy," "O Holy Night," and "Christmas Song." Sharon Kripke, the Glee Club's lead soprano, will sing the solos: "Lo How

a Rose ere Blooming," and "Jesu Bambino." Bonnie Martin, a sophomore, will sing the second verse of "Silent Night" as a solo. "There's a Song in the Air," a duet, will be sung by Ingrid Becker and Carol Haneline.

In accordance with another tradition, Christmas readings and a program in which many of the girls will participate will be part of the program. Sandra MacPherson and Marcia Kallush will read passages from the scriptures; Carol Haneline will read an essay on the origin of Christmas trees; Beatrice Botick, an essay on the origin of Christmas lights; and Candy Surcher will explain the use of the Christmas greens and lights in relation to Hanukkah. Lisa Knudsen will read an excerpt from "The Bird's Christmas Carol" and Susan Judd will read an essay entitled "Let's Keep Christmas." Brooke Briggs will close the readings with a prayer.

Those participating in the Christmas pageant are: Marty Fiech, Jeanne Davidson, Susan Friedman, Susan Franklin, Dianne Richardson, Dorothy Wilson, Virginia Lagares, Hene Saperston, Alison Gram, Dale Hower, Brooke Briggs, Beatrice Botick, Nora Koskinen, Robin Turner, Pat Richter, Jocelyn Woods, Angela Kountoupes, Barbara Stirling, Ginger Booth, and Nancy Nicholie. Maria Kountoupes and Carol Nicholie will play the lead roles of Mary and Joseph, respectively.

December 15 is the date of our annual Christmas dance. The semi-formal affair, called the "Tolly Ball," will be held at the school from 8:30-12 p.m. Couples will dance among holly and greens to the music of the Redemars, a five-piece orchestra from Cranbrook. The social committee and Miss Marjorie Sallis, headmistress, have invited the following couples to be patrons: Mr. and Mrs. John Popplestone, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vandekloof, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Foren, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Judd, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nicholie.

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Brother Rice

By JOHN McGUICKIN
Special Writer

The faculty and student body of Brother Rice High School are eagerly awaiting the return of Mrs. Eileen Keenan to the school library. Mrs. Keenan is the school's chief librarian. She was in a serious automobile accident on Wednesday, Nov. 28. Mrs. Keenan is now, however, convalescing at her home.

Brother E. D. McKenna has been handling the library during Mrs. Keenan's absence. He is aided by the well organized and efficient Library club. The boys in this group are spending their study halls helping Brother McKenna maintain the library. They and the entire student body and faculty of Brother Rice hope that Mrs. Keenan will soon return to her office in the library.

Brother Rice observed Vocation Week during the week of Dec. 3 through Dec. 7. During this week, which is held annually, the emphasis is placed on vocations; in particular, religious vocations. This special week is sponsored by the

Christian Brothers of Ireland. There have been, however, several talks on the religious life in cooperation with the Archdiocese.

The theme of Vocation Week met the Brother Rice student the minute he entered the school. Many classrooms had their own vocation displays. Some of the displays were posters, others pictures, pamphlets, and photographs. The bulletin board near the school library pictured several aspects in the life of a Christian Brother.

The various phases of a religious vocation were dealt with during religion classes. Each class was addressed by its regular religion teacher and by several other Brothers in the school community of 16 men.

The majority of the Brother Rice student body had a free day last Friday, Dec. 7. This holiday was earned by those boys who either worked on the Brother Rice-Saint Columba's Players musical, "1928 And All That Jazz," or who sold seven dollars worth of tickets to the show.

The Brother Rice Glee Club performed last night before the

Kingswood School

By PEGGY PRANCE
Special Writer

On Sunday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 in the evening, the seventh and eighth grades are presenting their annual Christmas musical. The entire program is under the direction of Miss Bertha Seifert. This year there will be a musical scripture reading.

Brother Rice Mothers' Club. In its annual Christmas program the Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. John Callaghan, presented a collection of Christmas carols. These carols were both secular and religious. Among the secular selections was "The Little Drummer Boy." The highlights of the religious portion of the concert were Johann Sebastian Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," and the Introit from the Midnight Mass on Christmas morning. This latter piece begins with the words "Dominus dixit ad me." "The Lord said to me." This Introit is regarded as one of the most beautiful pieces in simple Gregorian chant.

The "Story of Bethlehem," composed by Healey Williams, and another piece that will be sung is "Lo, I Bring Tidings," a seventeenth century composition by Johann Vierdanck.

Some of the girls who are singing solo parts from these pieces are Mary Gerisch, Penny Crocker, Alexa Kachinko and Chalcyne Brown. There will be student accompaniment on flute and violin by Kathy Wild, Kathy Shinnick, Chalcyne Brown, Rebecca Fleischman, and Brenda Ebersole (a member of the 10th grade). Throughout the Christmas program is the theme of Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol," and there are one or two scenes from this Christ-mas tale. Two of the girls who are playing parts in this are Mary Lovett, as Mr. Scrooge, and Serena Simmons, as Mrs. Ragsles.



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