

Marian High

By CAROL JURICA
Special Writer

The annual Christmas drive at Marian will get under way on Dec. 14. This year the drive, lasting until Dec. 20, will be carried out in a slightly different manner from the past. Rather than being handled on a school-wide basis, each homeroom will be in charge of organizing a merry Christmas for its own individual family. These families were selected from St. George's parish in Detroit. Committees have been selected within the homerooms by the student council and student spiritual council, which are co-sponsoring the event. These committees have been chosen to include: publicity, clothing, food, packing, transportation, wrapping and decorating and toys. So this year the success of each family's holidays will rest upon 25 homerooms. Preparations are in progress and already donations are coming in.

The Marian choral entertained

Derby Dragons

By KAREN PRITCHARD
Special Writer

There was a change made, this year, in the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade science curriculum. Last year all three grades, with the exception of the advanced biology students, had a course in general science, not going very deeply into any one topic. This year the seventh graders will be studying only geology. The eighth grade course of study includes astronomy, meteorology, and space travel. Chemistry, physics, and biology are the topics that will be studied by ninth graders.

The theme for the 1963 variety show, to be presented sometime in the spring, is "Gay Nineties Review." It is desirable, but definitely not necessary, that the acts revolve around this theme.

As of Nov. 15, the Physco's, a bowling team composed of Gary Quackenbush, Gary Holcomb, Brian Walker, and Terry Voehl, were in first place in Derby's bowling league. The highest game bowled by a boy is Bob Ellis' 212. The highest game bowled by a girl is 190 by Sandy Pollis.

Derby's basketball team will play their first game of the season on Dec. 5 at Lederle. After weeks of practice the 16 boys that now make up our team were chosen. They are Doug Bacon, Barry Bates, Chris Chener, Randy Dunkel, John Hilly, Steve Hopper, Jim Kirkwood, Tom Lourie, Phil Lyman, Paul Murphy, Jack Nelson, Ralph Seafuri, Jim Shryock, Tom Starr, Rick Vosler, and Buzz Watson.

(the aged) at Carmel Hall in Detroit, Sunday, Nov. 11. Their program, under the direction of Sister Georgey of Marian's music department, included selections from "The Sound of Music" and various patriotic and religious songs. Featured was Marian's new "a cappella" choir.

On Tuesday, Nov. 20, Maryknoll's Sister Del Rey, world traveler and author of several books, spoke to the student body on her work in the missionary fields of the far east, where she has devoted much of her life. Sister offered us an excitingly interesting and different phase of religious work and the possibility of missionary vocations abroad.

The second year drama class at Marian entertained the Marian Drama club at their bi-weekly meeting Tuesday, Nov. 13. They performed two scenes from the Greek tragedy, "Electra." The cast, under the direction of Miss Nancy Essler, Marian's drama teacher and club moderator, included these girls: Gene Bahr, Shelley Greiner, Donna Bratt, Teresita Canal, Mary Lou Grinnan, Marilyn Black and Pat Pillers.

Eighteen Marian seniors journeyed to Monroe, Mich. on Sunday, Nov. 18, for an inside view of the I. H. M. Motherhouse. The program, organized by Mother Anna Marie, general superior of the order, included participation in Vespers in the Grand Chapel, meetings with novices and postulants, and a trip through the cloister and college department.

More vocational development is on the agenda in the form of a closed retreat on Nov. 27 and 28 for 50 seniors. This year the retreat will be held at St. Mary's Retreat House in Oxford, Mich., under the direction of the Dominican Sisters of Oxford.

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, Rev. George Browne came to Marian as a representative of the vocation office of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Fr. Browne, from Precious Blood Parish, gave informal lectures all morning to the four classes at various times. Father handled an old topic in a novel way which many people, Father says, have called "very different." Father's dry humor and witty remarks sparked up his interesting talk on the subject of the religious vocation.

How, fast do migrating birds travel? Most small birds have cruising speeds of from twenty to forty miles an hour. They can fly a bit faster in an emergency, but not for long. The rate of travel and, to some extent, the routes, depend a good deal on the weather. Most species fly only about a hundred or two hundred miles in one night or in one day. Then they rest up and feed for two or three days, or even a week, before resuming the journey south.

Brother Rice

By JOHN MCGUCKIN
Special Writer

With the emphasis now found in college on large reading assignments, a student must be able to read quickly and comprehensively. Speed reading is now vital to a student's college life. To provide this skill, Brother Rice High School has initiated the Craig Reader course. This course is designed to increase a student's reading rate without sacrificing comprehension. This is done by means of a special machine, which directs the student's eyes across the printed page. Twenty juniors are now participating in the course. These students receive one lesson a week during the regular school day.

Brother Rice's second sock hop was held on Saturday evening, Nov. 17. The dance, like its predecessor of last month, was held from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The attendance included of Brother Rice boys, and girls from surrounding high schools.

A well-established tradition at Brother Rice is the annual oratory contest. The contest was instituted in the spring of 1960-61 school year, the first year of the school's occupancy. Since the school only held freshman at that time, only one contest was held. Last year both a sophomore and freshman contest were held. This year Brother C. A. Conerney hopes to have three separate contests — a freshman, sophomore, and a junior contest. For this reason preparation has already begun on the junior contest. A definite date has not yet been set, but the most likely time is early December.

In past contests the speeches have been either prose or poetry, humorous or non-humorous. The three first-place speeches have ranged from Marc Antony's funeral oration from "Julius Caesar" to Patrick Henry's "Give me Liberty or give me death" speech to "You've Got To Be Able" from "The Music Man." This year, however, Brother Conerney, who coaches the Brother Rice debating team, hopes to limit the junior contest to serious prose.

The Brother Rice yearbook staff has been and will continue to attend special yearbook classes. These

classes are held in various locations in the Detroit area on Saturdays. They are sponsored by the Modern Yearbook Company. Under the direction of Brothers G. A. Grimaldi and P. N. Morris, the staff attend a session given at L'Anse Creuse in Mount Clemens. The class was addressed by the Rev. Fr. James Magner, S. J. Fr. Magner is head of the journalism department of the University of Detroit. He gave three lectures on yearbook layout, copy and design.

Will Tax Cut Come in '63

(Special to the Eccentric)

NEW YORK, Nov. 12—Will the taxes that Birmingham residents pay to Uncle Sam be reduced next year? Will the Government find it possible, under present circumstances, to enact a cut of any appreciable size?

Personal income tax returns from Birmingham this year, covering 1961 earnings, were close to \$22,824,000, according to a breakdown of the official figures. Present indications are that they will be cut somewhat next year.

The existing tax structure constitutes a drag on the economy. The rates are at a point where the average person must work all day Monday and a good part of Tuesday just to pay his Federal taxes.

THE RATES ARE equally oppressive to business corporations. They must turn back to the Federal coffers 52 percent of every dollar they earn.

Recent public polls have shown, however, that in these times of unrest in our foreign affairs and of uncertain economic conditions that of home, people are more anxious than

the Government keep its books in balance than that it go further into debt by cutting taxes without, at the same time, reducing its rate of spending.

Some \$9,353,000 of the money that was paid into the Treasury by Birmingham citizens is being spent this fiscal year for non-defense purposes, according to a study of Government reports and an analysis of domestic spending programs made by the Tax Foundation.

The outlays are for aid to agriculture, veterans, health and welfare, commerce, education, labor

and housing, space research, national resources and so on.

THE TAX Foundation reports \$26 billion in such domestic outlays scheduled for this fiscal year. That is \$14 billion more than in 1954. The growth in defense spending was only \$7 billion over the same period.

"Thus," it finds, "it is not national defense but civil spending" that is causing the big increase. Continuous deficit spending in Washington, it adds, has been possible only by going deeper into debt. Our national debt is now over \$298 billion.

Birmingham's proportionate share of that obligation is \$1,616 per person, a total of \$44,602,000.

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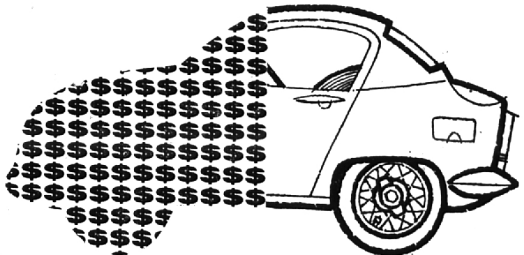
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