

GAZETTE NEWSIES HAVE ROYAL FEAST

Bishop's Cafeteria Scene Of Annual Christmas Dinner Last Night; 150 Boys Entertained By Stoddard.

Nearly 150 newsies of The Evening Gazette went marching down the street double file last night, singing, shouting, talking and laughing. Evening shoppers turned to look and to smile. The boys were happy and they let others know it. For they were on their way, led by Alex Fidler, street circulation of The Gazette, to the Bishop cafeteria where Carl Stoddard the manager, was host at the annual Christmas dinner given the newsboys.

The boys were happier than ever when, at 8:30 they emerged from the cafeteria, each bearing a red apple. They did not move so fast—they did not shout so loudly. They literally were full to utterance except those sincere, boyish gasps of "Gee, that was a swell feed!" "Gosh, but I'm full!" "He's a real guy!" and similar exclamations.

It was the meal of the year for many of the boys. Some of them had attended other Christmas feasts while for some of the younger and newer boys an Alex' selling force, it was a new experience.

Chicken And Mashed Potatoes.

At the door of the cafeteria, the boys lined up in single file and hurried down the line getting their trays and giving their own orders. Just as regular patrons of the cafeteria do. Their eyes shown as they looked at the appetizing salads, the steaming soup and the warm meats. The trays of foodstuffs almost dazzled them. But without pushing and shoving, and with rapid service on the part of the counter men and women, the boys were soon served. They grinned in anticipation as a girl took their tray and guided them to a table.

The menu chosen by the boys was interesting. Most of them took chicken and of course mashed potatoes with it, although not a few splined the brown sweet potatoes a little farther along the counter. One of the first things was lots of bread and butter and then some of them took a salad. Most of them passed up pie for ice cream and with the exception of the older boys, milk was the most popular beverage. Olives and pickles were especial treats to some of the youngsters, some getting "seconds" on those relishes.

The boys hardly took time to remove their overcoats. One lad ate the whole meal with his coat buttoned up and then opened it and loosened his belt. Some had washed their hands and combed their hair. More of them went as they were when they finished selling papers. Heaping plates of wholesome food were emptied in a hurry. Those who did not get enough the first time had "seconds"—usually it was an encore helping of ice cream. Another glass of milk or an extra dish of mashed potatoes.

There Were Spectators.

Drumsticks were gripped in tiny, lean hands; knives and forks were in motion from start to finish while over all was a bubbling hum of happy chatter. The few late diners enjoyed the scene and on the Allison hotel lobby side, the window was lined by folk who smiled as they watched the boys devour the food. Some of them maybe were recalling when they were newsboy merchants of the street and looked forward to the holiday spreads.

The employees of the cafeteria entered into the spirit of the occasion and waited on the boys as assiduously as they would patrons of the place. Though it kept many of the employees overtime, they gladly stayed and helped, taking a real

pleasure in the event. But Carl Stoddard who has made it an annual custom to give the newsies a Christmas or Thanksgiving dinner whenever possible, perhaps got the most "kick" out of seeing the newsies so happy. Before they finished eating, a photographer appeared and "shot" the diners in a flashlight photograph. Many of the diners came to Mr. Stoddard and thanked him personally, while their justice to the food, their hurrahs for Bishop's and for Stoddard made known their appreciation.

PRETTY PAGEANT GIVEN AT TRINITY

A pageant of the nativity of Christ, "The Adoration of the Kings and Shepherds," was given by the Trinity Methodist Sunday school in the church auditorium Sunday night. The opening exercise began with prayer by Dr. Fischer, superintendent of the Sunday school. A song by the primary girls, a carol by the Junior department, a carol by the High School and the primary classes, followed by the offering, "O Holy Night," by the chorus, comprising the opening numbers.

The pageant, written by Mildred Emily Cook, began with a scripture reading by the Rev. F. C. Wittigman, pastor. It was divided into four scenes, the angel procession, the manger scene, the adoration of the shepherds and the adoration of the wise men.

The soloists were Arlene Jones, Melba Mentzer, Ralph Owen, Nedham Young and Harold Halfhill. About two hundred folk participated, including the entire church choir. Leading roles were taken by Catherine Collette, as Mary; James Bennett, as Joseph; Stewart Shunk, Richard Bell and Frederick Frigman, as the shepherds; Charles Collett, shepherd boy; Robert Ure, James Williams, Forrest Underhill, the wise men; Charles Shakespeare, Ben Miller and Eule Hindenach, attendants; and the angels, portrayed by Eunice Dill, Bernice Evans, Doris Winne, Claudie McCauley, Margaret McCormick, Selma Frink, Vivian Shakespeare, Flora Hindenach, Geraldine Green, Lois Martin, Ardye Louise Woodside, Winifred Wittigman, Janice Lancaster, June Holland.

Arrest Sailor For Sending Threat To Rich Persons

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(By International News)—Bern Sirro, a farmer boy of Fresno, Calif., who turned sailor to see the world, was being held in the toms today, accused of attempting to blackmail Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, jr. and Philip Kip Rhineland, both of whom are listed among New York's social elite.

Sirro was arrested in Battery Park after receiving from a messenger boy "with a red ribbon on his cap" a package supposed to contain \$20,000. This was the sum demanded of Rhineland, father of Leonard Kip Rhineland, who is seeking a divorce on grounds that his wife has Negro blood in her veins.

The letter of Mrs. Vanderbilt demanded \$50,000, police said, but they gave no information as to what action Mrs. Vanderbilt took.

"I was homesick," Sirro is quoted as saying. "Gee! it's tough to be 4,000 miles from home on Christmas. I just wanted money enough to get home. I wouldn't harm a kitten, let alone Mrs. Vanderbilt or Mr. Rhineland."

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POOR FAMILIES TO GET CHEER ON CHRISTMAS

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her smile wistful, and laid it down, again: "Goodbye," her eyes said to the love of her childhood, as she turned to go.

There are now enough toys at the Toy hospital to furnish two Social Welfare League as many as needed to include in the Christmas baskets, and still to furnish two or three to every child on the list which the "hospital" has compiled.

Members of the Gyro club have volunteered to give several hours on Wednesday to their delivery.

It is requested that if anyone knows of children who have not been included on the list, and who should be remembered, that the names be turned in at once to the Toy hospital, by phoning 1007 or calling at 317 Second avenue.

About 200 Christmas baskets are to be delivered in the city, present figures indicate.

The Social Welfare League will supply about 125, possibly more. The Salvation Army, it was reported yesterday, had fifty-five names and the list was constantly growing. By clearing the names, these various institutions are avoiding useless duplication.

Baskets of Good Things

The baskets will contain everything, from the meat, to all the "fixings," besides the toys where there are children. The storeroom at 229 Third avenue was the league headquarters for packing the baskets, which will take place Wednesday morning. From 2 to 5 p. m., they will be delivered.

The response to appeals in The Evening Gazette, for men and cars to deliver these baskets, assures that they will reach the homes for which they are destined.

Yesterday members of the Rotary club offered to deliver about 100 baskets. A large number of other auto owners have indicated that they would help deliver, also.

Money and supplies for the baskets have been received by the Social Welfare League, including about \$1,000 raised by the Kiwanis club, Group, clubs, classes and individuals have been furnished names in cases where they wished to pack and deliver the baskets personally.

Men of the Co-operative club have undertaken a Christmas charity for which there is a serious need. In view of the severity of the weather, they will furnish coal to about a dozen families whose names they have obtained from the Social Welfare League.

This afternoon folk of Sunshine mission made their annual pilgrimage to the County home, taking good cheer to the 160 old people who are inmates.

Francis K. Ward, although he is almost ill with cold with which he has been afflicted for three weeks, could not be persuaded to remain at home. He rode in the new enclosed car which was presented to him and his son, Frank K. Ward, by citizens of Cedar Rapids.

Motto cards and calendars, and a package filled with fruit, nuts and candy for each of the 160 folk at the home were taken by the mission visitors, who gave a short program of music, prayer and scripture reading.

"I tell folks God has been good to me. He let me get the money and presents all ready to provide the old people their treat, before I came down with this cold," explained "Sunshine" Ward.

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