COMMITTEE MEMBERS for the Sacred Heart Academy sophomore hop on November 15, are from the left, Kenneth Arne, Susan Bray, Dick Cottingham, Jean Gasperini, Deanna Louie, Gary Pastega, Joylene Georges and John Novak.

MRS. MARY BURGER, right, mends cassocks with a friend, Mrs. J. D. Bush, for her son, the Rev. Robert Burger.

Easy-To-Make Pinata Adds To Yule Parties

By KAY SHERWOOD
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The gaiety and suspense of the charming Latin-American pinata will be as enthusiastically enjoyed by your youngsters this Christmas as by their little neighbors to the south. A pinata is a container for gifts which are released by the children on a given signal as the climax of a special occasion.

The most familiar type of pinata is the earthenware container filled with tiny goodies and suspended above the children's heads. Sticks are used to break the pinata and shower down the gifts. But there are several variations.

Latin-American friends of mine tell me pinatas can be made in fanciful shapes from paper or cardboard often quite elaborately done. Sometimes they are used as table centerpieces with ribbons leading to the gifts. Pinatas are featured at Christmas, at birthday parties and similar special children's parties.

I've wanted to try one for my offspring but have looked in vain for an authentic pinata in our town. So I was delighted when more artistic friends worked out a simple pinata I could make from handy materials without losing the spirit of the occasion.

This is better suited to average American homes where the container will be broken indoors. Although your ingenuity will suggest other designs, this is a Santa pinata.

To make it you'll need one large shopping bag; one fold of flame-proof red crepe paper and one in white; aluminum foil; paste, ribbons, scraps of red and blue paper on gummed red and blue crepe paper.

First, cut out the bottom of the shopping bag. Then cut off a four-inch-wide strip of red crepe paper from unopened fold. Using sharp scissors, cut into the unopened strip, spacing each cut about an inch and a quarter apart and two inches deep.

Paste red strip around bottom of bag. Place second red strip two inches above the first. Cut about eight identical strips of white crepe and cover most of the bag so that only a five-inch band around the top remains uncovered. Cover this section with an uncut strip of red crepe.

Second, use staples or cellophane tape or strong adhesive tape to secure foil to bottom of the bag.

Third, curl straight ends of cut paper by rolling these ends over a pencil or scissor blade.

Fourth, paste onto white crepe the crescent-shaped eyes cut from blue paper, and nose and mouth cut from red paper.

Fifth, cut slits in foil base. Put small gifts, some tied to ribbons, in bag and pull ribbons through the slits.

Sixth, make handles from two ribbon loops stapled to the top of the bag and decorate with a pompon of crepe paper or ribbon bow.

Suspend the pinata from a ceiling fixture or small hook. When the time comes to break it open, let the children pull the ribbons.

A JOVIAL SANTA pinata filled with small gifts swings overhead to add excitement to the children's Christmas. This U.S. version of a popular Latin-American custom is made from a crepe paper-covered shopping bag. When the ribbons are pulled, the gifts shower down.

Housewives interested in top-quality frozen food may have to reverse their steps in the supermarket. Experts suggest selecting frozen packages last, have them placed in protective bags and rushed home to the freezer to preserve the quality.

Sacred Heart Sophomore Hop

"Fairyland" was the theme of the sophomore hop, held in the parish hall on November 15 from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Beneath a ceiling decorated with tinsel and blue and white streamers, Sacred Heart Academy students and their dates danced to the music of Fred Dallas and his orchestra.

Under the advisorship of Sister M. Rosula, the sophomore class carried out the theme by means of cardboard pixies, a pixie cottage, and flowery hiding places for the fairies.

Refreshments of cake and strawberry punch were served.

Chaperoning the event were Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Kempf, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gasperini, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Novak, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Wilkinson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jendrzejewski. Monsignor T. P. Casey, the Rev. Alfred Fisher and the Rev. Austin Cribbin were also guests.

Church Group Elects Officers

GRENADA — The Wingdingers Club of the Yreka Methodist Church, elected new officers and initiated three new couples into the club during the meeting on November 9 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Charles, Grenada, with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Helsley, also of Grenada, sharing host duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McBain were elected as president; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weddle, vice president; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Kernahan, secretary-treasurer; Mr. and Mrs. Veryle Hodge, one of the three newly initiated couples, as membership chairman, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Juhl, devotions. Co-host Mr. and Mrs. Helsley and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Page were also initiated into the club.

A Christmas party and installation of officers will mark the December meeting with the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weddle as hosts.

A New Life Begins At 58 For Mother Of Fourteen

By MARY KAY FLYNN

SHAWNEE, Kan.—"Mom" Burger, 58-year-old mother of 14 and godmother to many others, is closing up her big house here with its dormitory-like second floor and cherished memories.

All her children have left home, 10 to enter religious life and four to marry.

Nine years ago when Mrs. Mary Burger received the Papal Bene Merenti medal in recognition of outstanding motherhood, national attention was focused on her and her family which livened their 14-room Kansas City, Kansas, At that time, nine of the Burger children still were home.

The last three children at home have just left—two to enter a convent and the other to enter a preparatory seminary. The busy mother now is starting a more slowly paced and different kind of life - housekeeping for a priest son, the Rev. Robert Burger, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Osage City, Kansas.

She has one big apprehension in starting her new duties—cooking.

"I'm out of practice," she confided.

Most of the cooking in her household was done, she explained, in the past three years by daughters Angela and Anne Marie while she worked as a general duty nurse in the Kansas City hospital where her husband, Dr. Julius A. Burger, was a staff member until his death in 1955.

Although wistful at leaving behind her full life as a housewife, vivacious "Mom" Burger faces the future with typical courage and good humor.

She is looking forward to reading a book occasionally, explaining with a smile that reading was possible before "only while in the hospital having babies."

Mrs. Burger also expects to have more time to devote to correspondence with the out-of-town members of her family.

Included among her correspondents are a half-niece and nephew who lived four years at the Burger home and a Formosan physician who considered the Burger residence his "American home." A former college classmate of one of the Burger sons, he spent summers and holidays at the Burger home while in medical school and was feted as a son by the Burgers upon his graduation last summer.

"He lost all his possessions in the 1951 flood like the rest of us," Mrs. Burger recalled.

The diminutive mother hopes to purchase a smaller house after the family home is sold so her children and five grandchildren can spend holidays "around the home fires."

Six of Mrs. Burger's daughters have entered the Roman Catholic convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Wichita. One is a mistress of novices at a convent in Kyoto, Japan, two are school teachers and one is a hospital pharmacist.

A son, Paul, is a physician with offices in the Shawnee building which he shared with his late father.

Charles, who recently returned from a tour of military duty in Europe, married in August.

"Society needs Mrs. Burger's brilliant example and noble inspiration so much in these dark days when by so many the tinsel of time is preferred to the genuine gold of eternity," said the late Bishop George J. Donnelly upon presenting Mrs. Burger the Bene Merinti medal.

Echoing those words nine years later, a friend said of her: "With all her children gone, Mrs. Burger's role in the home has changed, but her cheerful spirit of devotion will continue to inspire all who meet her."

ALAPM OF OREGON PRESIDENT

Anna Merchant, president of the Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant Department of Oregon, paid her official visit to the Ladies Auxiliary of Canton Crater No. 7 on Thursday, November 14, in the IOOF Hall.

The evening began with a ham dinner being served to the visitors, members and their families.

President Iona May Wells, on behalf of the auxiliary, extended a cordial welcome to Anna Merchant and Velma Stolsig, Jr. past president of the association and reviewing officer of the evening; Mae Anderson, past president of the association and right aide to the president; and Arloa Andrus, guard in the auxiliary association. They were invited to seats of honor.

During the evening Ninon Nybeck, Kathleen Hepburn and Sylvia Jones were received into the auxiliary in a very impressive mustering ceremony.

Officers elected for 1958 were Vera Fritsch, president; Helen McCornack, vice president; Harriet Estes, secretary; and Mae Anderson, treasurer. Installation of the new officers will take place Thursday, January 9.

Under the direction of Drill Captain Frances Munsell the drill team presented a new drill for the benefit of the visitors.

Because the next regular meeting date falls on Thanksgiving Day, the next session will be on Thursday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. It will be adjourned early for the Christmas party and gift exchange. All members are urged to attend.

All members are asked to come in full uniform for a fraternal visit to Rebekah Lodge on Thursday November 21.

Sojourners

Sojourners Club held its regular meeting at the Willard Hotel Wednesday, November 13, with a 12:30 luncheon followed by a business meeting and cards.

During the business meeting it was decided to go back to the buffet type luncheons, which will be served promptly at 12:30.

Appointed to the nominating committee by President Ellen Jackson, were Mrs. Loyd Young, chairman; Mrs. Edward Brotherhood, Mrs. Walter Hoag and Mrs. Robert Young. Nomination and election of officers will take place at the November 27 meeting.

First time guests were Mrs. Harry B. Leedy, formerly of Bend, whose husband is employed by Great Northern Railroad; Mrs. Donald Rigby, formerly of Everett, Washington, whose husband is employed by Klamath Hardwoods, and Mrs. G. L. Crowe, whose husband is associated with OTI. Second time guests were Mrs. Chet Jines, Mrs. James Starkey and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith.

New members present were Mrs. William Graham and Mrs. Jack Warrick. Louise Hagen was a guest of the afternoon.

Prizes for bridge went to Mrs. Robert Cuendet, Mrs. John Van Doren and Mrs. Bruce Owens. High for canasta went to Mrs. Anna Cook.

FIRE BELLES

CHILOQUIN — The Chiloquin Fire Belles had a semi-annual birthday dinner Tuesday night, November 12, in the social parlor of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. Members who have birthday anniversaries from July through December were hostesses to those whose birthdays are in the first half of the year.

The hall was attractively decorated in harvest colors with large pumpkins featured in each arrangement. A large birthday cake, decorated for the event, was served following dinner.

Games were played throughout the latter part of the evening.

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OFFICERS ELECTED

Mrs. Marvin Cartwright was re-elected president of the Womens Missionary League of the First Lutheran Church at the November meeting.

Her fellow officers will be Mrs. L. L. Loney, vice president; Mrs. L. D. Asher, secretary; and Mrs. J. M. Conwell, treasurer. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. David Fidler of Mount Shasta.

"Jesus, the First Missionary" was the topic presented by Mrs. Arthur Brend. She was assisted by a panel composed of Mrs. L. D. Asher, Mrs. J. M. Conwell, Mrs. John Seed and Mrs. E. L. Benson. Mrs. Martin Schabacker gave the scripture lesson and Mrs. George Schrader, the thought for the day.

Mrs. Robert VanWormer, Mrs. Ramey Drake and Mrs. Robert Wheeler were guests. The next league meeting will be a Christmas party on December 2.

LADIES AID

Mrs. H. L. Reed, Mrs. J. M. Conwell and Mrs. Morris Plymate were appointed as a nominating committee at the last meeting of the ladies aid of the First Lutheran Church.

Lutheran Mission Week was discussed by the Rev. Martin Schabacker.

He also reported the Instruction classes started and calls on the sick.

Bazaar and luncheon plans were completed at the business session conducted by Mrs. F. T. King, president. Mrs. Al Butters was hostess for the afternoon with Mrs. J. M. Conwell assisting.

The next Ladies Aid meeting will be at the church social parlor on the afternoon of December 4.

GUILD REPORT

St. Barnabas Episcopal Guild met at the home of Mrs. J. M. Kelby, president, on the evening of November 6 to hear a report of the recent bazaar and luncheon. This event netted the guild over $300. In other business, the members voted to pick up the grocery tab for the Every Member Canvass dinner given at the church after services Sunday, November 3.

MONTAGUE

BRIDGE CLUB

The ranch home of Mrs. Glen Perry was the setting for the regular monthly gathering of the Little Shasta Auction Bridge Club on Wednesday afternoon, November 13, with Mrs. Ina Bullock as co-hostess for the event.

The party rooms were decorated with bouquets of chrysanthemums and a dessert luncheon was served prior to the afternoon's play.

Winner of the high prize was Mrs. Ora McGregor, Yreka; second prize, Mrs. Juliana Townley, Montague; low prizes, Mrs. Mildred Long, Montague and Mrs. Edna Muzzall, Yreka. Mrs. George Fiock was winner of the traveling prize and Mrs. Pearl Snyder, Lake Tahoe, won the guest prize.

Others present included Miss Jessie Coonrod, Mrs. Grace Vidler, Mrs. Effie Butler, all of Yreka; Mrs. Aldea Davis, Mrs. Shirley Haight, Mrs. John Moore, Mrs. Daisy Sullivan, Mrs. Minnie Tamisica, Mrs. Jessie Terwilliger, Mrs. Henrietta Terwilliger, Mrs. Ellen Walters and Mrs. Edith Williams.

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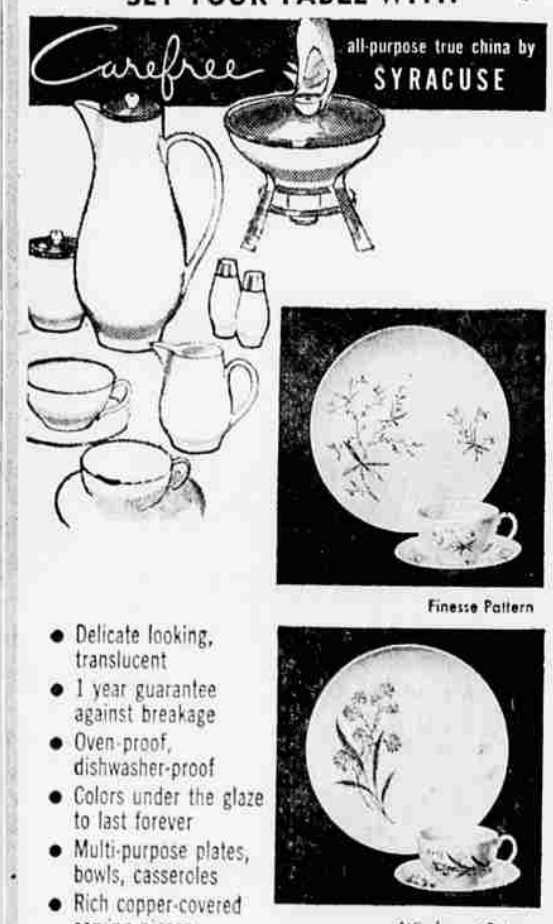

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