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News and Views

In White Plains, N.Y., a motion for an injunction to bar a civic group from erecting a Christmas Crib on the public high school lawn was denied. The objection: a crib there constitutes a violation of the principle of separation of Church and State. The judge ruled: "It is not necessary that the State be stripped of all religious sentiment, or the eradication of all vestige of the Creator's existence."

But out in Sierra Madre, Calif., fuzzy thinking prevailed -- with the result that Christmas plays were banned in the schools! Thus, the land of the Mission Padres, whose villages were largely named after the saints -- whose post offices sound like a litany -- now deprives the younger generation from portraying the story of Christmas. Hereafter, we'll think of the community largely in terms of oranges and lemons -- especially lemons!

In Dunn, N.C., radio station WCKB banned all religious Christmas carols sung by Elvis Presley. Reason: it doesn't seem to be in good taste to have him singing such religious recordings.

In Bethlehem, Pa., twenty churches, Catholic and otherwise, entered floats in the first city-wide Christmas parade. The parade was devoted entirely to stressing the religious significance of Christmas. It was sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Hymns and carols were rendered by choral groups and brass choirs along the line of march.

In Delaware Township, N.J., the board of education rescinded its recent order forbidding the presentation in public schools of Christmas pageants which depict the Nativity story. The board maintained that people may not use tax-supported school property to aid religious groups to propagate their Faith. Parents and ministers countered: "It's an established historical fact, and part of the teaching of history."

Pray For Ray Bulleri

Remember how swiftly and eagerly you took off for the Christmas vacation! So did Ray Bulleri of Sorin hall -- along with 4 other students in a station wagon, bound for Phoenix, Arizona. They got only as far as Lincoln, Ill., when an accident overtook them, and God took Ray off suddenly into Eternity. Seniors will recall that Ray was the Bulletin carrier for their halls. Juniors will recall that he is the first to die since the Class Mission, and therefore took with him all their prayers, Masses, and Communion offered during the Mission for "the next one of us to die." In your own prayers, these days, remember him and his bereaved family. Remember also:

Deceased: the mother of William Kilminster, '53; Stanley Link (famous cartoonist and good friend of the University); Dr. John Prendergast; Michael McCormick, '55; father of Andrew ('56) and Theodore ('56) Lum; Edward D. Kelly, '23; Edward J. Murphy, '55; the mother of Andy Pilney, '36; mother of Junior Stephens, '52; Alphonse Schano; grandfather of Warren Baker of Morrissey; James Judie, '87; brother of Rev. Regis Riter, CSC; father of Rev. Stanley Parry, CSC; uncle of James O'Leary of Cavanaugh; father-in-law of Joe Galloway, '51. Ill: friend of Bill Brzezinski of Farley; James W. Price; cousin and friend of Joe Pietrus of Farley; mother of Ed. O'Donnell of Stanford; brother of Joe Ryan of Dillon; Tom O'Donnell, ex '58; Tony Van Roy, ex '58. Thomas Butler, '07; Colonel Fehr, '87; Dave Cowdin, Jr., '50; grandfather of Mike O'Neil of Dillon; Neil Hurley, '32.

Tonight at 5:10: Daily evening Mass resumes in Sacred Heart Church.