

Remember Jim Corcoran
(St. Ed's) who still needs
many prayers.

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Liquorless and Sane.

Shortly before Christmas the following superb editorial appeared in the Fort Wayne News Sentinel under the caption, "Cheer, Cheer for Notre Dame!";

"All parents--and not a few others--will be glad to cheer, not the Notre Dame football team, which always gets its full share of applause, but the Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne for the policy which it has adopted to govern its annual formal Christmas dance, Saturday evening, December 26, at the Catholic Community Center.

"The Club, comprising undergraduates, graduates, and former students of the University of Notre Dame, has advised the Most Rev. John Francis Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, and also officers of the Catholic Youth Organization here, that its annual Christmas dance will begin at 9 o'clock, instead of at 10 or 11; and that it will come to a close promptly at midnight, instead of at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning as has become custom at too many holiday dances.

"In addition to this entirely commendable rule, moreover, the Club has announced that it will request patrons not to bring liquor to the dance, and that Catholic Community Center officials will be enjoined that no 'set-ups' be served.

"It is quite widely felt that customs regarding holiday dances in recent years have been growing much too rapidly in a decidedly wrong direction--due largely to bad examples set by organizations of older men and women.

"Some difficulty has been experienced in obtaining the cheerful acquiescence of boys and girls of high-school age in requests to follow a certain pattern of hours and habits when their older brothers, sisters and friends of college age (as well as their parents, in many cases) see fit to follow another pattern.

"The Notre Dame Club, therefore, deserves an expression of cordial approval for its common-sense effort to start a swing toward more decent and sensible rules and regulations governing social affairs.

"We have had enough expressions from hundreds of readers to convince us that there is a quite general public opinion in support of the proposition that there is little or no logical reason for dances to begin near midnight and to last until 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning--and that certainly there is no logical reason whatever why dancing cannot be enjoyed without drinking.

"It appears to be agreed by a large majority, indeed, that the hours between 9 and midnight are actually the best for dancing, whether the dancing is being done by high-school pupils or by their older brothers and sisters or their parents.

"Furthermore, there is no admissible excuse for requiring those attending school affairs to risk the evils of drinking.

"In all, the Notre Dame Club has set a fine example--one which many other organizations contemplating holiday parties might very profitably accord their cheerful emulation."

Here is an instance of Notre Dame leadership that merits applause everywhere in the United States. May all university clubs adopt for their social affairs the admirable policy of the Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne.

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of Joe Casasanta, '23; wife of Mr. Theo. Peterschmidt, West Point, Iowa; Albert L. Hoff, ex '07, cousin of Fr. N. C. Hoff; father of Prof. John Scannell; George Heiler, friend of Jimmy Mutschell (Morr.), Ill, father of Art Woods (Lyons); Richard Burke (Sorin), erroneously reported yesterday as Francis Burke; sister of Bert Smith (How.); father of Arur Jarrett (Dil.). Three special intentions.