

EVERYONE IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

OPEN HOUSE

at the Sacred Heart Convent

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 -- 1:30 TO 5 P.M.



The New Home For The Sisters of Sacred
Heart Grade and High School



Sisters of Charity, B.V.M. Honored At Recognition Program On 125th Anniversary

The Order of The Sisters of Charity, Blessed Virgin Mary, who have taught at the local Sacred Heart School for the past 71 years, received a special tribute Sunday afternoon, November 23rd, at the Parish Hall in observance of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Order at Mount Carmel, Dubuque, Iowa. The recognition program and "open house" was sponsored by the Sacred Heart Altar Society, of which Mrs. William Bauler is president, and the Parent-Teachers Association of which Mrs. Roy Thede is president.

Arrangements for the afternoon were in charge of various committees from both sponsoring groups, assisted by others in the parish. A large group of members and friends of the parish, including St. Mary's and

neighboring parishes assembled at 2 o'clock to pay tribute to the eight Sisters of Charity B.V.M. now teaching at Sacred Heart.

At 2:30 a program was presented with an alumnus, Dr. T. Kane, as toastmaster. Interspersing his introductions with appropriate observations and quotations, Dr. Kane presented the following program:

Opening remarks and a tribute of appreciation to the Sisters by the pastor, the Rt. Rev. Monsignor J. J. Ryan, "History of the Sisters of Charity, B.V.M. since its founding 125 years ago at Mount Carmel, Dubuque, Iowa," Miss Helen M. Stevens, hymns, "Our Lady of Fatima" and "Mother Beloved," by a group of alumnae members of Sacred Heart, Miss Deloris Headley, Mrs. Roy Thede, Mrs. Richard Riordan, Miss Madonna Mestdagh, Miss Eileen Ryan, Mrs. Robert Wickman, Mrs. Myron Elsberry and Mrs. Raymond Snyder, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Frances McDonald, selection, "Let the Rest of the World Go By," by the Fitzgerald family, John Fitzgerald, and his sisters, Mrs. Richard Riordan, Mrs. Myron Elsberry and Mrs. Raymond Snyder, accompanied by Mrs. McDonald.

Early-day graduates were introduced as follows, Mrs. Mary Murphy, of the first graduating class of 1890, Mrs. Joseph Flannery, class of 1893, Mrs. Nora McDermott, 1900, Mrs. Harry Nelson, 1896 and Miss Nellie Fox, 1891, Miss Fox being unable to attend. Regis Duffy read the history of the Sacred Heart School.

Speaking in behalf of the parents and expressing appreciation to the Sisters was Richard Jordan, Boone Attorney, Mrs. McDonald played a medley of piano numbers, and Steve Chance, representing the school students, presented the Sisters a spiritual bouquet from all of the school children, and a large basket of flowers from the high school students.

Mrs. Roy Thede, representing the P.T.A., and Mrs. Henry Judge, representing the Altar Society, presented a "money tree" composed of 125 dollar bills, to the Sisters as a remembrance from the societies.

Concluding the speaking program, Sister Mary Aquilina, B.V.M., the Superior of Sacred Heart, expressed appreciation in behalf of all of the Sisters for the many courtesies extended on the occasion. The program closed with the showing of colored films taken at Mount Carmel, shown by the Sisters. During the afternoon, a complete list was read of all of the Boone young men and women who have entered religious orders, and greetings were read from alumni members, former assistant priests, Monsignor C. J. Ivis of Storm Lake and others unable to attend, including a message from Mother Mary Consolatrice, B.V.M., Superior General of the Sisters of Charity, B.V.M., Mount Carmel, Dubuque. Father Francis J. Illg, pastor of St. John's Catholic church in Ogden, was introduced. All of those participating in the program were grad-

uates of Sacred Heart.

In the history of Sacred Heart, it was recalled that in 1887 the late Father Lenihan established the local school, at which time four Sisters of Charity, B.V.M. were sent to Boone, with Sister Mary Barromeo as the first superior. From that small beginning, the parish grew to its present properties, including a new school and convent. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. J. Ryan, who was appointed pastor here in June, 1931, started a fund for a new school building, and later a new convent building, which have been completed through the years.

In the course of the years, Sacred Heart Parish has had five young men become priests and two more are now studying for the priesthood, and 29 young women have entered religious orders.

Following the program, a social period was enjoyed and refreshments were served. A celestial blue and white color note was featured in all of the beautiful decorations throughout the hall. The gift table, covered with a lace cloth over blue satin, was centered with a white chrysanthemum plant and lighted with blue and white candles in crystal candelabra. At one end of the table was the "money tree," fashioned of blue and white, with branches "blooming" with dollar bills. At the other end of the table were two large decorated baskets of frozen foods and canned goods, gifts from the St. Mary's members of the parish.