Sisters Teach Homecraft at House of Loreto

Imaginary Family Aids Indian Mission Students

By Tribune Staff Writer

HAYS—An imaginary family is helping to teach pupils of St. Paul's Indian mission school, near here, the art of administering a happy, efficient Christian home.

Although Joseph and Mary Chris-
tian and their three children, Mary Anne, Marie, and John—had furnished the house, the baby, live only in the hearts of the German missionaries who carried on the work—-the children had often imagined how they would furnish the house when they were to take their place in it.

Girls of the school had just finished painting the house when they were invited to visit the house of Mrs. James E. Murray and Mrs. Lehman German. Chromes of the school, Senator Murray contributed furnishings, Mrs. Lehman German promised some old furniture, and the pupils finished the task, completely equipped for the few pupils that finished the task.

The idea of a model home project came from Mrs. George Roberts of Great Falls, where home economics classes could roam, they decided to furnish the house in the most practical way possible. They supplied a complete construction of a log-cabin outfit of unfinished furniture, books, and all the materials for which the pupils finished the house.

So far, the homekeeping has been an interesting experience. The students formed into the group that is the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Lehman German.

Eventually an old, unused garage was transformed into a small kitchen, and the building was converted into a small dining room. The students named it "The House of Loreto." Here home economics was taught by the St. Paul's home economists, who were invited to join the project.

The project was revived by Sister Giswalda, who now supervises high school instruction at the mission. Fr. E. F. Simon, who heard of the project, has heartily endorsed the project.

Boys help, too—While girls in the homecraft class at St. Paul's Indian mission school were living in the "House of Loreto" and learning the arts of cooking, housekeeping and home management, the boys were getting interested in the imaginary Christian family too. Above, they build a fence for the Christian home. They also plant a garden and the girls plan to plant the products this fall.
'Christians' Live in Modern 4-Room Home

HOUSE COMPLETELY FURNISHED—When Sister Giswalda revived the homecraft project originated by Mother Stanislaus at St. Paul's Indian mission school near Hays, friends of the mission helped in furnishing the four-room home, remodeled from an old garage building on the mission grounds. Sen. James E. Murray contributed to the home after a visit to the mission. Mrs. Lohman German of Chinook; her mother, Mrs. Andrew S. Lohman, Chinook, and her sister. Mrs. George Roberts, Great Falls, contributed unfinished furniture which the homecraft classes finished. Pictures of the Christian family were clipped from magazines; meals are prepared and served; special events entertain the student body; girls live and practice the home arts in the "House of Loretto." Above, left, shows the dining section of the kitchen; right is the bedroom, and below, the home economics students clean up the kitchen. The younger children participate in such social events as birthday parties.
This Week In Montana

June 9-10—York Rite Grand Bodies of Montana, Billings.
June 9-12—United Commercial Travelers Triennial convention, Billings.
June 9-11—Montana Flower Growers Assn., Great Falls.
June 11—Boy Scout Circus, Great Falls.
June 11-12—Montana Gideon's Society, Great Falls.
June 11-12—Rodeo, Darby.
June 11-12—Rodeo, Hardin.
June 11-13—Bloom ranch rodeo, Wibaux.
June 12-13—Montana state fair, Great Falls.

Premium List Ready For October Fair

By Tribune Correspondent KALISPELL—The premium list for the 1949 Flathead county fair and youth festival to be held in October will be ready by June 1. Winston Borgen, secretary, stated. This 160-page list will be available at the chamber of commerce office and will be mailed to civic groups in all neighboring cities. They will also be available at the county agent's offices in Flathead, Lake, Sanders and Lincoln counties.

WESTERN ART—The cowboy above is typical of the versatile type of ranch hand found on western dude ranches. He can rope a calf or horse; entertain the visiting tourists on long horseback trips; cook a square meal over the campfire; teach a novice to ride, and lead the gang in singing the old western songs. He's a "dude wrangler." But he is an efficient ranch hand as well. He knows the country as well as the boss and he can give a naturalist's lecture as he swings along the trail.

Imaginary Family Aids Indian Study of Homcraft

(Continued From Page 8)

routine duties of a capable housekeeper.

"Photographs" of each member of the Christian family, clipped from magazines, are on the wall of the living room. The homcraft class is divided into three groups of five in the group alternating in representing the Christian family. Every Friday, the group representing the family that week serves a party luncheon to other members of the class.

Following these Friday luncheons, the class gathers in the living room to discuss the week's reading with Sister Giwaldt. Grocery bills for the "House of Loreto" are made out to "Mr. Joseph Christian," and the group currently representing Mr. Christian pays these bills.

While girls of the homcraft class naturally have the largest share in conducting affairs of "The House of Loreto," boys of the mission high school built a nest picket fence in front of the little home and this summer are raising a garden behind the house. Next fall girls of the homcraft class will some of the garden produce.

Although St. Paul's mission is reached by a dirt road from Havre, 35 miles northward, many visitors have made the trip this spring and last year of the remarkable success of Sister Giwaldt's homcraft class and "The House of Loreto." Few of them leave without the impulse to bid farewell to the imaginary—yet influential—Christian family.

Forsyth Show Opens Entry List to All

FORSYTH—The Forsyth Horse Show executive board voted at a recent meeting to open the third annual event, to be held here July 1 and 4, to any amateur showman and horse from Montana and neighboring states.

The board also will open membership to the Forsyth Horse Show committee, which will allow participation in election of officers and executive board membership. Twelve halter classes, 12 riding classes and a calf roping event are listed and one horse may be entered in any three classes and the calf roping event.

The cow cutting class will be judged under National Cutting Horse Association rules. Any horse entered in the class will be judged only on performance. List of 17 basic rules of the NCHA may be obtained from Miss Dorothy.

Other classes include the western color class, family, stock horse and western gaited classes. The list of requirements may be obtained from Frank Winning, secretary of the show, or the Forsyth Commercial Club.