

# Sisters Teach Homecraft at House of Loretto

## 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 Christian and their three children, Mary Alice, 7, Anna Marie, 4, and John Joseph, the baby, live only in the imaginations of teachers and pupils of the mission school, their influence is quite real.

The idea of a model home project where homecraft classes could be taught in the most practical way originated construction of a log cabin, completely equipped for housekeeping. This dream was not realized in the lifetime of Mother Stanislaus.

Eventually an old, unused garage building on the mission grounds was converted into a two-room house. The students named it "The House of Loretto." Here home economics was to be taught. Work on the project was cut short by the death of Fr. V. P. McNabb, S. J., and the transfer of Fr. Arnold L. Custer, S. J., and Sister M. Limana, who had furthered the project following the death of Mother Stanislaus.

So matters stood in 1948 when the project was revived by Sister Giswalda, who now supervises high school instruction at the mission school. Fr. E. F. Simoneau, S. J., the present pastor at St. Paul's, heartily indorsed the project.

Remodeling of the old garage building was resumed. More partitions were added and the structure was converted into a neat, compact little home with large kitchen, smaller living room and two bedrooms. Kitchen cabinets and a modern range were installed. Business

firms in Havre and Harlem contributed wallpaper and enamel for the entire house.

Girls of the school had just finished papering the house when Sen. James E. Murray and Mrs. Lohman German of Chinook visited the school. Senator Murray contributed toward furnishing the home and Mrs. German promised some old furniture. After she had outlined the project to her mother, Mrs. Andrew S. Lohman of Chinook, and to her sister, Mrs. George Roberts of Great Falls, they decided to furnish the entire home. They supplied a complete outfit of unfinished furniture, which the pupils finished. Now the "House of Loretto" is completely furnished to beds with coil springs and innerspring mattresses.

The students pretend that the little house is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christian and their three children. This game of make-believe is so real to girls and boys of the mission school that recently, when Anna Marie had an imaginary birthday, pupils of the typing class sent congratulatory telegrams, girls of the homecraft baked a birthday cake, frosted it in white and decorated it with pink roses and four tiny pink candles.

Girls of the homecraft class take turn in enacting the role of Mrs. Christian, presiding over the little household for a week at a time. The girls even take turns in spending weekends in the little "House of Loretto."

Sister Giswalda supervises the homecraft classes in which the pupils learn how to prepare meals, how to set an attractive table, how to make beds and all the other

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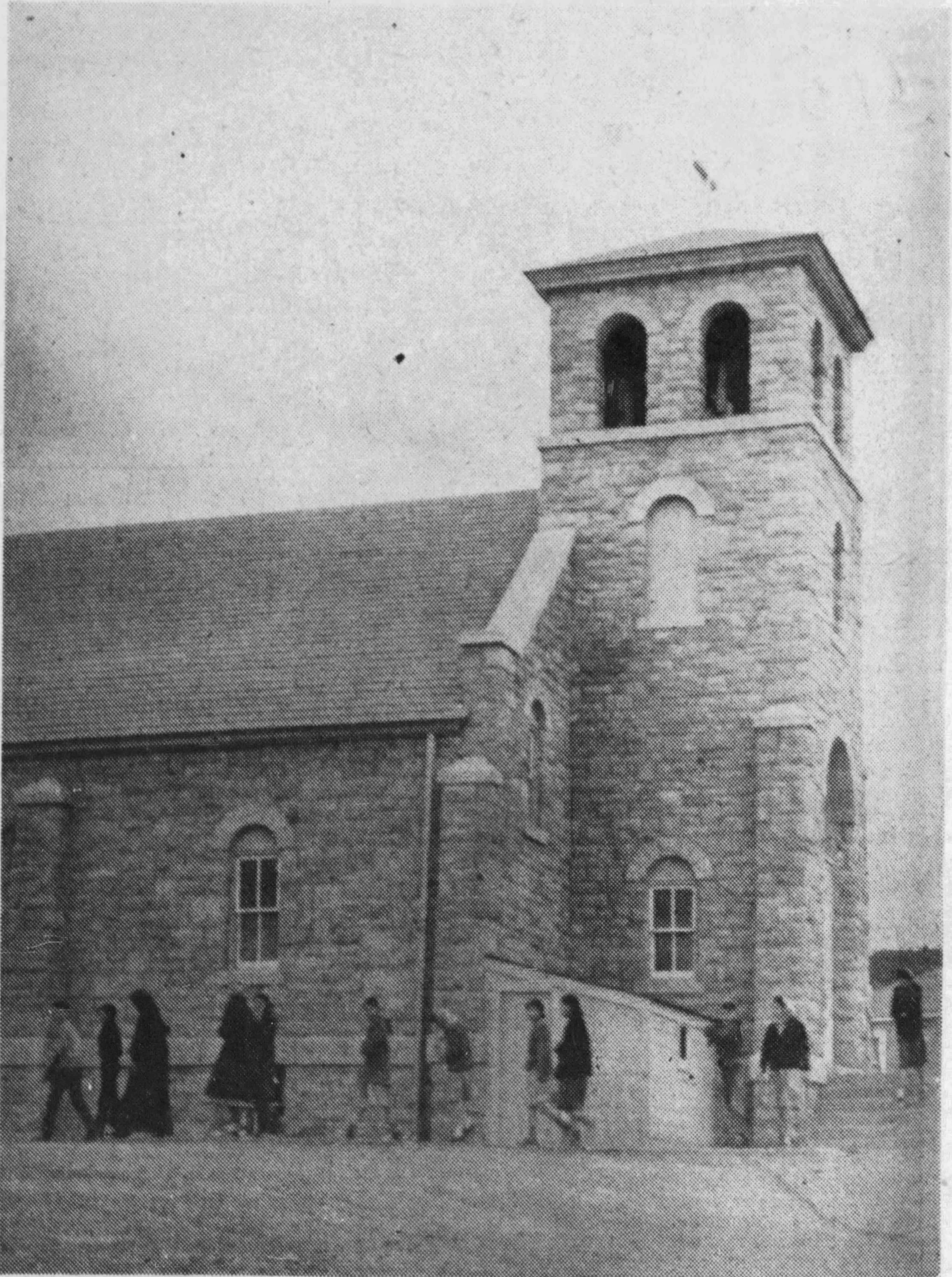
—Tribune Photos

**HOME OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY**—Indian children attending the St. Paul's mission school near Hays are learning how to administer a happy, efficient Christian family at the "House of Loretto", a home economics establishment on the mission grounds. Here all the students of the school have established the "Christians," a father, mother and three children. Above, a garage has been remodeled into a four-room house. Friends of the mission have helped to furnish the home and the girls have decorated it themselves under the direction of Sister Giswalda, high school supervisor. Below, the students leave the mission's stone church.



—Tribune Photo

**BOYS HELP TOO**—While girls in the homecraft class at St. Paul's Indian mission school were living in the "House of Loretto" 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 will plant a garden and the girls plan to can the products this fall.



# 'Christians' Live in Modern 4-Room Home



—Photos by Pullmer's Studio

**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, con-

tributed 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 special events as birthday parties.



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June 9-10—York Rite Grand Bodies of Montana, Billings.  
June 9-10—Saddle Club Horse show, Missoula.  
June 9-10—United Commercial Travelers Tri-State convention, Billings.  
June 9-11—Montana Flower Growers Assn., Great Falls.  
June 11—Boy Scout Circus, Great Falls.  
June 11-12—Montana Gideons Society, Great Falls.  
June 11-12—Rodeo, Darby.  
June 11-12—Rodeo, Hardin.  
June 11-12—Bloom ranch rodeo, Wibaux.  
June 12-26—Montana national guard encampment, Missoula.

### 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 140-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.

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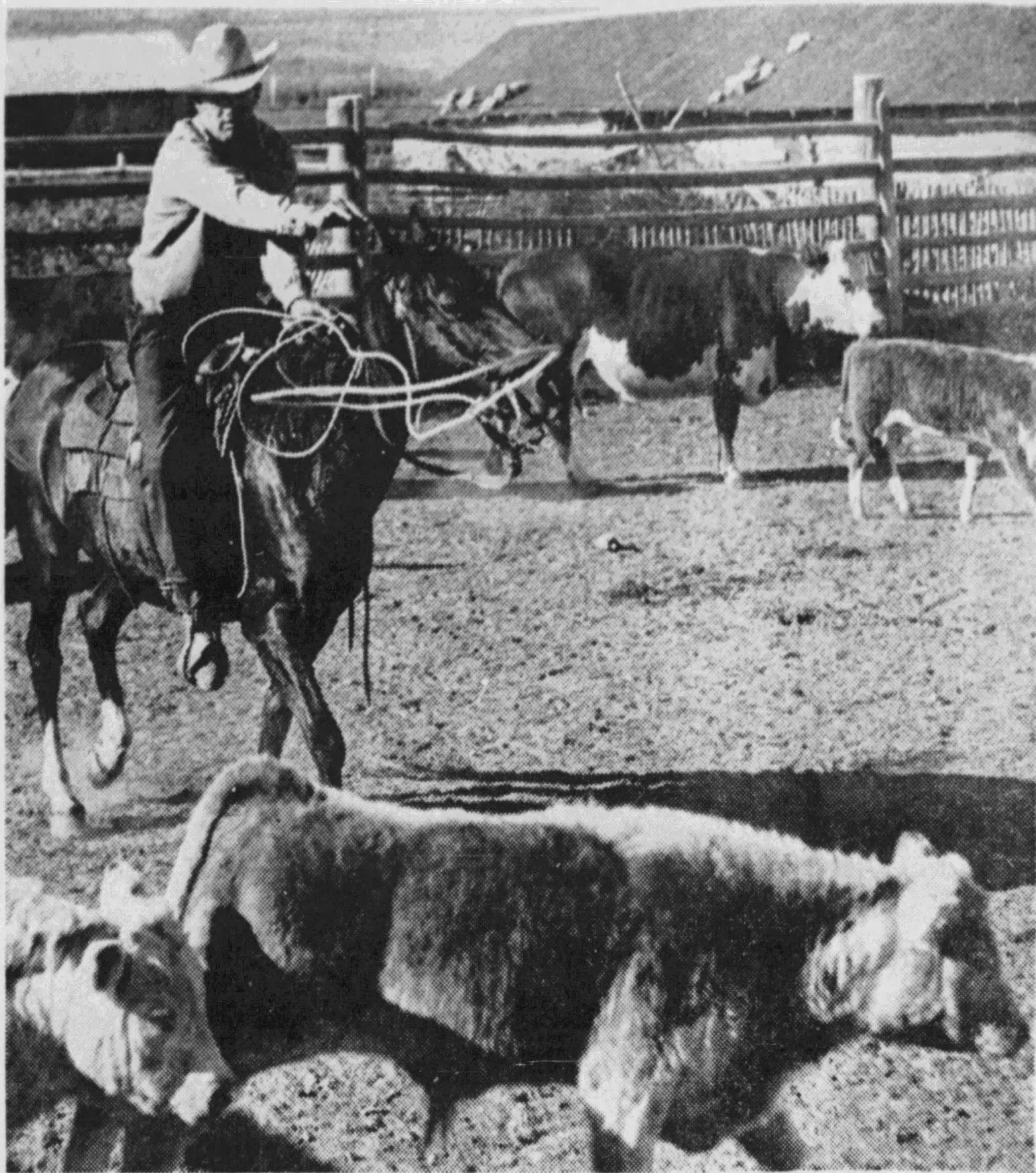
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**WESTERN ART**—The cowboy above is typical of the versatile type of ranch hand found on western dude ranches. He can rope a calf or horse; entertain the visiting tourists on long horseback trips; cook a square meal over the campfire; teach a novice 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 naturalists' lecture as he swings along the trail.

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routine duties of a capable house-keeper.

"Photographs" of each member of the Christian family, clipped from magazines, are on the wall of the living room. The homecraft class is divided into three groups of five, the groups 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 Giswalda. Grocery bills for the "House of Loretto" are made out to "Mr. Joseph Christian," and the pupil currently representing Mr. Christian pays these bills.

While girls of the homecraft class naturally have the largest share in conducting affairs of "The House of the Loretto," boys of the mission high school built a neat picket fence in front of the little home and this summer are raising a garden behind

the house. Next fall girls of the homecraft class will can some of the garden produce.

Although St. Paul's mission is reached by a dirt road from Harlem, 35 miles northward, many visitors have made the trip this spring after hearing of the remarkable success of Sister Giswalda's homecraft class and "the House of Loretto." Few of them leave without the impulse to bid farewell to the imaginary—but 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 3 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 Assn. rules and horses entered in the class will be judged only on performance. Lists of the 11 basic rules of the NCHA may be obtained from Miss Dowlin.

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

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