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# The First Annual Report, Elmira Catholic Charities, Shows Importance of Work

## Help and Care Were Given to 307 Families, Involving 1,063 Individuals, During 1930—Tribute To Miss Fitzgerald.

Elmira, Feb. 13.—The first annual report of the Elmira Catholic Charities, covering the operations of that body for the year 1930, has just been submitted to the Board of Directors by Attorney Cornelius O'Dea, chairman of the Board. It tells that 307 families, involving 1,063 individuals, were cared for during the year. A general resume of the work is given, and sincere tribute is paid to Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, executive director, for the excellence of her work and the kindness with which it was done.

### Summary of Report

The following is a summary of the report:  
"Social service work was begun on January 23, 1930, and an office was opened in the Federation Building with Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald in charge. The need for larger quarters soon became so pressing that the office was moved to the present location in the Keeney Theater Annex Building on May 8, 1930.

"In seeking to meet the purposes of the society to assist the needy and relieve distress all doubts were removed in favor of the unfortunate and all cases were considered with the kindest sympathy and Christian charity without in our opinion, any imposition upon us or granting of unnecessary relief. In an emergency, temporary aid was immediately extended and investigation as to the necessity and cause subsequently made. Every endeavor was undertaken after careful investigation and study, to remove the cause of distress and to rehabilitate the cases economically, socially and, if needed, religiously. It has been our belief that our obligation was not met until this was accomplished.

### Many Serious Problems

"Many of the cases were brought to our attention because of unemployment but even these often involved many other serious problems. It is our hope that a greater benefit than temporary economic relief was furnished in most cases. It seems needless to add that the work was done as quietly and unostentatiously as possible.

"Three hundred and seven families involving 1,063 individuals were under the care of the society and were furnished food, clothing, fuel, furniture, living quarters, or medical attention to the value of \$8,714.30. In rehabilitation employment was secured in 179 cases, family disagreements were adjusted, children were kept in school, 21 religious problems were corrected, church affiliations were strengthened or restored and every effort was made to replace pessimism with optimism and a healthy mental attitude.

### Special Care for Children

"Special care was given when children were involved and no effort was considered too great to protect and provide them with the proper food, medical attention, educational and spiritual advantages, as well as recreation.

Four children were placed at the Federation Farm, and hospitalization was arranged for a number of others. Twenty-nine were outfitted for school. Catechism instructions were arranged for and recreation was supervised in 105 cases. The society received \$7,687 from the Community Chest, \$140 from the Elmira-Binghamton football game and other sources for the value of \$4,144.35, which consisted of shoes, clothing, food stuffs, bedding and household furniture. Seventy-seven Thanksgivings and Christmas baskets were furnished as well as toys for the children.

"Several volunteers materially assisted with their time and labor in carrying on the work of the agency. Special mention should be made of the work that has been done by the Misses Mary and Dorothy Martin of Elmira College. These young ladies have taken complete charge of supervised recreation for a group of children that have been selected from various schools in Elmira. These children are divided into classes, according to age, and are being trained in dramatics, sewing and every form of indoor sport, including basketball and a number of other games in which older boys are interested.

"Some idea of the labor involved may be obtained from these statistics showing 2,012 visits made to homes, 2,437 office interviews and that for every dollar of relief granted there was an overhead cost of thirty-nine cents. This covered every item of expense including labor toward rehabilitation which was done in an effort to eradicate the cause and accomplish a cure.

### Bishop O'Hern Commended

"We wish to accord our appreciation of the inspiration furnished by the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester. He has

maintained an unflinching personal interest and has closely supervised the work of the society throughout the entire year. He deserves the gratitude of the community for whatever good may have been accomplished by the organization, not only in the role of its founder but because of his zeal and efforts as its leader.

"We are also grateful for the kindly guidance and counsel of the Rev. Walter E. Feery, Diocesan Director of Charities. He, too, has given our requests and problems his first consideration. Rev. J. J. Lee of St. Peter and Paul's Parish, our spiritual advisor, has given unstintingly of his time and efforts. Rev. John G. Killeen, formerly of Horseheads, Rev. Leo Schwab of St. Patrick's Parish, Rev. Erwin Sullivan of St. Mary's Parish, Rev. A. J. Richards of St. Anthony's Parish, Rev. Joseph A. Balcerek, St. Casimir's Parish and Rev. V. B. Groden of Horseheads deserve special mention for their work in connection with the religious problems.

### Praises Miss Fitzgerald

"The society was very fortunate in having the services of Miss Fitzgerald, who has the temperament, patience and sympathy necessary to fit her ideally for social service work. She has carried a heavy case load and worked long hours without any daunting of her ardor or bring help and relief to those in need and this report would not be complete if it failed to call the fact to your attention.

The Board of Directors of the Elmira Catholic Charities is composed of the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, Bishop of Rochester, president; Rt. Rev. Mons. J. J. Bloomer, first vice-president; Rev. John J. Lee, second vice-president; Cornelius O'Dea, chairman and Mrs. Edward J. Dunn, vice chairman; William Flannery, treasurer; Martin T. Purcell, secretary; Dr. John F. Lynch, George W. Sheahan, John J. Connelly, Mrs. Ruth B. McCann, John C. Murphy, Harry J. Lagonegro, Paul Rozival, Paul G. Kingston, Clarence H. Kennedy, Daniel Sheehan, Thomas B. Fitzgerald, Thomas A. Malone and Mrs. F. W. Causser.

Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald is the Executive Director. The society has accomplished splendid work since its organization and has made for itself a safe and appreciated place in the charitable work of the city of Elmira.

### R. I. P.

Many are the things I shall remember  
While your casket still lies open:  
The heartiest words I should have  
Heard, not so wildly spoken.

The needless crosses that I laid on you,  
Unconscious of your pain,  
Oh, cherished one, could you return  
again.

No word of mine would hurt your  
heart,  
No hint of trouble touch you,  
Our earthly test is past, and I have  
fallen—

Oh God, had I been true  
I could look upon your upturned  
face  
In holy calm;  
Instead, I must be asking Heaven's  
balm.

—Marie LeRoy Leahy.

## A. O. H. Division Changes Place Of Its Meetings

Division No. 7, Ancient Order of Hibernians, will hold its meetings hereafter in the United Square Hall, 198 Main Street, W. The society meets on the first and third Thursday of each month, and its meetings are always interesting and instructive. The meeting hour is 8:15.

The first meeting in the new hall will be next Thursday evening, Feb. 19th. Some important business matters will come before this meeting, and all members are urged to attend.

# Around the Diocese

## AUBURN K. C. Gives \$250 For Unemployment

Auburn, Feb. 13.—The Mayor's Unemployment Committee fund, almost a dime to the last dollar, was given a fine boost this week by a check of \$1,070.02, the net receipts from the Charity Ball, and a check of \$250 from Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus. The K. of C. check came unsolicited, and caused deep joy to the committee.

The Charity Ball receipts have gone to the Auburn City Hospital heretofore, but the hospital authorities this year requested that the money be given to the Unemployment Committee. This kindness is greatly appreciated by the committee.

More money is badly needed, and members of the Committee are hopeful that many people will send in contributions. A large number of families need help, and the committee will be glad to give it if it is provided with the means.

## Week's Mission Held at St. Mary's

Auburn, Feb. 13.—Father Bonaventure of the Passionist Order is conducting a mission of St. Mary's Church all this week, for men and women. The services are being held, morning and evening, by capacity congregations. The instructions by Father Bonaventure are practical and helpful, and his work is greatly appreciated by the people.

A mission for the children of the parish was opened on Sunday and closed on Wednesday, with large attendance. The Very Rev. Dean McGrath of St. Mary's Church, will attend the dedication of St. Patrick's Church in Seneca Falls Sunday, with many other priests from Auburn and vicinity.

DANIEL O'MEARA, SR.  
Auburn, Feb. 13.—Daniel O'Meara, Sr., died at the City Hospital Monday evening, following illness from an operation on his chest, which had been in progress since he was admitted to the hospital on Sunday. He is survived by five daughters, Mrs. L. J. McCarthy, Mrs. J. B. Donohue, Miss Irene O'Meara of this city; Mrs. Frank Eich of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. G. A. Ryan of Andover, Conn.; one son, Daniel of this city; one sister, Mrs. Katherine McCarthy of Rochester, and one brother, Dennis O'Meara of this city. The funeral was held Wednesday morning in Holy Family Church at 9 o'clock, many friends attending.

JOSEPH DAMBUTO  
Auburn, Feb. 13.—Joseph Dambuto, 22 son of Mr. and Mrs. Camille Dambuto of 29 Garrow Street, died suddenly after a few days' illness of pneumonia. His survivors are his father and mother, his wife, and two children, Mrs. Mary Dambuto of Auburn for the past 14 years. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Francis Church.

## MOUNT MORRIS

MRS. MARY LONG  
Mount Morris, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Mary Long, aged 95, and widow of Adair Long, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long in Elm Street today. She leaves six children: Mrs. Thomas Pierce of Buffalo; Joseph of Elmira; Mrs. J. C. Winters, Jr., Mrs. John McCarthy, Frank J. and Charles Long of this village. Her funeral was held in St. Patrick's Church at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, and many friends were present.

## PHELPS

D-CANN—MINET  
Phelps, Feb. 13.—Miss Angeline Minet, daughter of Mrs. Angeline Minet and Irving DeCann, son of Jacob DeCann, both of Phelps, were married Saturday morning at St. Francis rectory by the pastor, the Rev. Edward B. Simpson. Attendees were Valerie Minet, brother of the bride, and Mrs. Francis Walters. Mr. and Mrs. DeCann will reside at the Phelps-Gilston Springs Road. Their friends will wish them a world of happiness.

## MACEDON

MRS. JOHN J. REYNOLDS  
Macedon, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Mary Howe Reynolds, wife of John J. Reynolds, died at her home here Tuesday. Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. John Farney, a son, Harry; a brother, Edward Howe of Naples, and two grandchildren. Her funeral was held Friday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Patrick's Church, and many friends were in attendance.

## Suggestions for Lent

- Go to Mass every morning.
- Receive Holy Communion at least every week.
- Visit the Blessed Sacrament every day.
- Observe the letter and spirit of Lent in your daily life.
- Attend the special devotions in your parish church.
- Start the day with a ten-minute meditation.
- Read Catholic books, Catholic magazines, Catholic newspapers.

## OVID State Hospital Supervisor Dead

Ovid, Feb. 13.—Monday morning, Holy Cross Church in this village. James Ryan, aged 63 years, was buried. Many friends attended the funeral, and there were many floral tributes and Mass cards. For more than 40 years Mr. Ryan had been supervisor of the Willard State Hospital. He was capable, dependable and likeable, and had many friends. He was born in Seneca Falls and lived here for many years. He was a member of Waterloo Council, Knights of Columbus.

## GENEVA Georgetown Man Named to Office

Geneva, Feb. 13.—The many friends of Thomas K. Kane of this city were pleased when they heard of his appointment a few days ago by Attorney-General John J. Bennett, as prosecutor of violations of the agricultural and market laws in Ontario County.

Attorney Kane is a son of the late Thomas A. Kane and a nephew of the late Daniel Kane, for years chief of the Geneva police department. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and has practiced law here since his admission to the bar. He is a well known and capable young man, and a loyal worker for the Democratic Party.

## CLYDE

MISS HELEN DAPOLITO  
Clyde, Feb. 13.—Miss Helen Grace Dapolito, aged 20 years, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Dapolito of this village, died Friday of influenza, and was buried Monday morning from St. John's Church. She was a well beloved young woman, and her death is deeply mourned. She is survived by her parents; three sisters, Mrs. John F. Salerno of Clyde, Mrs. Howard Finzer and Miss Louise Dapolito of Rochester, and four brothers, Joseph J. of Washington, John J. of Albany, Peter F. and Alexander Dapolito of Clyde. Twelve members of the June, 1931, graduating class of Rochester General Hospital were honorary bearers at the funeral, which was held in Holy Family Church at 9 o'clock, many friends attending.

## PHELPS

LEWIS DAUGHERTY  
Phelps, Feb. 13.—Lewis Daugherty, aged 47, died Tuesday. He leaves his wife and one daughter, Miss Mary Daugherty, both of Phelps; one son, Loyde Daugherty of Lyons; two brothers, William Sullivan of Wherry, Pa., and John Sullivan of Renova, Pa., and four sisters, Mrs. F. Lehman of Renova, Mrs. Catherine Devers of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Elinor Wurster of State College, Pa., and Mrs. Mary Murray of Lock Haven, Pa. His funeral will be held in St. Francis Catholic Church at 9:30 o'clock Saturday. Mr. Daugherty was a well known citizen and had many friends who will mourn his death.

## HORNELL

MRS. FRANK MCCORMICK  
Hornell, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Margaret Birmingham McCormick, wife of Frank McCormick of 414 Oak Street, died Sunday at her home, and was buried Tuesday morning from St. Anne's Church. Many friends were present at the funeral.

Mrs. McCormick is survived by her husband; two sons, Daniel and Leo, both of Hornell; three sisters, Mrs. Michael Grumley of Rexville, Mrs. Rose Dempsey of Troupsburg, Mrs. John Nugent of Hornell; six brothers, Alexander and Thomas of Jasper, John of Cleveland, Patrick of San Francisco, Leo of Rexville and P. J. Birmingham of South Bend, Ind. She will be kept in a memorial home by many friends who loved her well in life.

## WEBSTER

EDWARD BISHOPING  
Webster, Feb. 13.—On Wednesday morning this week the funeral of Edward Bishoping, aged 37 years, was held in Holy Trinity Church. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends. Mr. Bishoping died Monday morning, mourned by many people. He is survived by his wife, Martha Kordofski Bishoping; four children, Martin, Mary, Anthony, and Dorothy; his father, Anthony Bishoping, all of Webster; five brothers, Frederick of this city, Frank, Colwater, Albert, Joseph, and John; two sisters, Mrs. Anthony Bush, and Mrs. Theresa Bishoping, all of Webster.

## WEBSTER

REYNOLDS—WAHLE  
Webster, Feb. 13.—Miss Geraldine Wahle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wahle of Webster, and Mrs. Mary Reynolds of Brockport, were married Thursday, last week by the Rev. F. J. Hoelen in Holy Trinity Church. They were attended by Miss Mildred Burns of Rochester and James Burch of Hamlet. They will live in Brockport, and will have the best wishes of many friends for a happy married life.

## ELMIRA St. Mary's Church Sodality Meeting

Elmira, Feb. 13.—The Rev. Francis B. Burns of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, addressed the members of the Young Ladies' Sodality of St. Mary's Church, Friday evening in the parish hall. Father Burns strongly emphasized the good which Catholic girls can do as members of our Lady's Sodality. His talk was greatly appreciated by the members of the sodality.

Rev. Irvin G. Sullivan has been officially affiliated with Briauna Bripiana in Rome, and formal presentation of the diploma will be made at the Communione breakfast of the Sodality in the near future.

Miss Olivia Shannon was in charge of the arrangements and was assisted by Misses Helen Van Atta, Helen Rogardus and Anne Sullivan. Miss Miss Kathleen Hayes and Miss Anne Sullivan pleased with several vocal selections, and Miss Mary Catherine Welch played several piano selections. About 40 members of the Sodality were present. At the conclusion of the entertainment refreshments were served in the school dining hall.

## THE GRADUE BISHOPING

Elmira, Feb. 13.—On Wednesday evening last week the seventh grade pupils of the SS. Peter and Paul's school held a delightful, with Mrs. Thomas Beras as champion. Following the ride, refreshments were served at her home, 113 Washington Street. The following took part in the happy event: Robert Cook, Fred, Mary Rose Rice, Ellen Rice, Betty Madell, Mary Lockert, Helen Fredebeck, Mary Ellen Smith, Anna Mae Birmingham, Sara Biabe, Maudie Duppel, Mary Catherine Fitzgerald, Beatrice Wick, Edwin Spahn, Margaret Williams, Kathleen, Fred, Florence Jenkins, Alice Mahow, Edna Ferris, Norma E. Bernas, Joseph Lynch, William Keeney, Leo Ferris, John Dowds, John McGann, Homer Wilson, James Cummings, Myron Supple, Edward Supple, Michael Keeney, Robert Cook, William Grady and Robert Holloran.

## Sodality Party Monday

Miss Olivia Shannon, president, announced the following committees for a dance to be held Monday evening, February 16th:  
General chairman, K. A. Riley; Hostess, Miss Helen Van Atta; decorations, Virginia O'Leary; hall chairman, Mary O'Brien; checkbook committee, Mrs. Van Atta and Joseph Shilling, Shannon; Usher, chairman, Mary Catherine Welch.

## ELMIRA—HORNKA

Elmira, Feb. 13.—Miss Agnes Hornka of Antrim, Pa., and Michael Lyons of 118 Niagara Street, this city, were united in marriage Monday morning last week in St. Casimir's Church by the Rev. Joseph A. Daberek, pastor. The bride was gowned in white satin, inset with lace. She wore a tulle veil also trimmed with lace. Her bridesmaids, Wronkowiak, bridesmaid, wore a dress of green crepe satin with brown suede slippers. Frank Lepa, brother of the groom, acted as best man. A breakfast and reception followed at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lepa of 118 Main Street. After a brief wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Lepa will reside in this city.

## SOME RECENT DEATHS

Elmira, Feb. 13.—Friends will sympathize with Mrs. Patrick Mason of 155 1/2 Fifth Street, in the death of her infant son, Patrick, who was buried from St. Anthony's Church—Saturday morning.

## PENN YAN

REED—MOSHAN  
Penn Yan, Feb. 13.—Miss Helen M. Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed of Penn Yan, and John J. Moshan of Schenectady, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Moshan of Penn Yan, were married Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 o'clock in St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan, Rev. John G. Killeen performed the ceremony.

The bride wore powder blue Irish linen lace with a hat and slippers, to match and carried a shower bouquet of Opahia roses and sweet peas. Miss Mary V. Reilly was bridesmaid and wore royal blue chiffon with a hat and slippers to match. She carried Columbia roses. The best man was Albert Kenville. Following the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents.

After an Eastern trip, Mr. and Mrs. Moshan will live at 70 Robinson Street, Schenectady, where the bridegroom is employed by the General Electric Company.

## AVON

GEORGE F. DOHERTY  
Avon, Feb. 13.—George F. Doherty was buried here on Tuesday morning, his body being brought here from St. Ann's Home, Rochester, where he died on Sunday. His funeral was held in the chapel of the Holy Family Church, Avon, at 10 o'clock. The Rev. M. Bennett of St. Patrick's Church, Rochester, and Mrs. James Monaghan of Elmira.

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