

First Graduates of Elmira Catholic High School



Courtesy—Elmira Star Gazette. First to receive their diplomas from the Catholic High School of Elmira. First row (seated) left to right: Leonard Emilio Corsi, Mary Ann Dandrea, John Thomas Dowdle, Anna Rose Shortleaves, the Rev. Francis J. Reilly, principal; Valeria Elizabeth Kumasa, Joseph Ambrose Lynch, Florence Marie Kurzast, Trieste James Ponsi, Eleanor Mary Ryan. Second row (standing) left to right: Nicholas Francis Augustine, Philip Cairns Rife, Jean Elizabeth Sheehan, Leo Francis O'Mealia, Ann Mary Falsay, Harry Francis Ryniker, Anna Mary Siders, Leo Francis Ferris, Gertrude Cecelia Herrick, James Francis Nolan.

Winnipeg, Can.—(NCWC) — The Northwest Review, here, states that Lieutenant Sabelli, who, with Capt. Pond, recently attempted a non-stop flight from New York to Rome, carried a Medal of the Sacred Heart on his hazardous journey.

Cologne.—(NCWC) — Miss Edith Stein, Ph.D., a well-known German woman philosopher, pupil of Edmund Husserl, and a convert to Catholicism from Judaism, has entered the Carmelite Monastery in Lixdenthal, near here, as a novice.

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Carmelite Sisters Are Now Located In 'Willow Ponds' Residence, East Avenue

The removal of the discolored Carmelites from their residence at 151 Saratoga Avenue where they were established in June 1930, to their new home at 1530 East Avenue took place Wednesday, June 27. Rev. Leo C. Mooney, the Chaplain, officiated at the blessing of the Monastery and Chapel.

Of special interest at this time is the fact that Mother Beatrice, princess and founder of the Carmelite Monastery here, celebrated the 66th anniversary of her reception into the order last Monday. Mother Beatrice, distinguished and revered as the dean of the Carmelite Sisters in America, being the oldest member of their Community, will be 89 years of age next month. Many of Mother Beatrice's novices are now prioresses of various Carmel monasteries throughout the country.

Remodeling of "The Willows", the new Monastery location, an imposing residence formerly occupied by Charles D. Brown and purchased by the Carmelite Sisters in December of last year has resulted in a cloistered Monastery with chapel for the public.

The Carmelites whose Order dates back to Elias, the Prophet, and which was later reformed by St. Theresa of Avila in Spain, will find in their new

ing the seclusion required by their Rule. Situated on the north side of East Avenue with a sweeping approach of lawn and shrubbery with the beautiful willow pond to the right, the Monastery with its Spanish architecture, enhanced by remodeling, affords a pleasing perspective from the Avenue. The fence enclosure for the cloister garden is in the rear and is hardly noticeable from the East Avenue side.

The walk leading into the Monastery ends at the main entrance beyond which is the reception room with the "Turn", a barrel-like structure at which visitors communicate with the Sisters in the cloister. To the right is another outside entrance leading to the public chapel. The entire east wing of the house is given over by the altar. In the front the public attend Mass and novenas. Beyond in the choir the Sisters chant the Office, assist at Mass and other spiritual exercises.

Simply but tastefully decorated the chapel has colored glass windows diffusing a soft warm light. Stations of the Cross adorn the walls.

The altar is a table-like structure like those found in the early Christian churches. Above it is a metal tabernacle with a red velvet curtain. A crucifix above the tabernacle is on a sliding device revealing a golden tabernacle reaching in to the Sisters' choir and permitting exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the ostensorium for the public and the Sisters' adoration. There are grates on either side of the altar with that to the left specially constructed for reception of Holy Communion by the Sisters.

Off the Epistle side of the altar is the sacristy. A "turn" has been installed for bringing forth chalice and other necessities for the Mass. A sliding drawer is used for vestments. There is a grate for hearing Confession.

Beyond the altar is a large room for the Sisters' choir, simply furnished with benches.

To the left of the main entrance of "Turn" is a "Speak-Room" with a large grate at which relatives and friends may speak with the cloistered sisters. The main floor has a refectory and kitchen equipped for the needs of the Sisters.

The second floor contains the cells of the community. In the front is an infirmary, well-lighted with five circular windows on the east and one on the south.

The novitiate is on the third floor with seven cells available. Furniture in the cells consists of a low bed made of two planks of trestles, holding a sack of straw also a chair or stool and a small unpainted table.

In the basement there is a wash room and also a drying room with large curved glass windows offering plenty of light.

The garden in the rear extending back almost to University Avenue will afford the Sisters ample opportunity for exercise and beautiful surroundings. The grounds are artistically landscaped with flowers of varied kinds and shrubbery half-way back, and beyond a straight row of some twenty tall poplar trees, a sylvan retreat. The entire cloister garden is enclosed by a natural stained wooden fence.

Work of remodeling the home was done under the direction of Frank M. Quinlan, architect. Contracting work was done by William Freed, M. Jupp, mason, Joseph Lambert, plumber, George Hawkins, Haskin glass work.

Since moving into their new Monastery the Sisters have been recipients of congratulations and expressions of satisfaction over the new location. The new Carmelite Monastery may be reached by motor or bus on East Avenue, by Park Avenue trolley or by the subway.

St. Mary College Gives Scholarship

Miss Mary Elizabeth Leinen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Leinen of Yarmouth Road, and graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School has been awarded an honor tuition scholarship to St. Mary's of the Woods College, St. Mary's of the Woods, Indiana, according to a notification received by Sister M. Francesca, principal of Mercy High, from the scholarship committee of the College.

Each year a limited number of honor scholarships are awarded by the college to senior high school graduates throughout the United States, who have attained exceptional scholastic records during their four years in high school.

Miss Leinen has been notified that although her scholarship is for one year, it will be renewed each year during her college course provided she maintains the same high standard of work. The scholarship has been accepted by Miss Leinen, who will register during the next month and attend St. Mary's of the Woods College in the Fall.

Summer Festival For St. Patrick's Elmira Is Planned

Elmira—Committee meetings are being held to complete plans for the three night's summer festival scheduled by parishioners of St. Patrick's Church for July 17, 18 and 19.

The Rev. Leo G. Schwab and Albert Grace are general chairmen assisted by the following committee chairmen: William Manning, George Turner, Mrs. Thomas Carr, Thomas McGill, D. J. Hurley, Mrs. John T. Nugent, Miss Carolyn Ruth Doran, Thomas F. Curran.

Mrs. Edward J. Dun has donated \$100.00 as a grand prize to be awarded one night with tentative promises of gifts equal in value for the other two nights of the carnival.

MARKS SILVER JUBILEE Buloba, Africa.—(NCWC, Files)—Fifteen of the 23 White Fathers in the Vicariate of Buloba have just celebrated the silver jubilee of their ordination.

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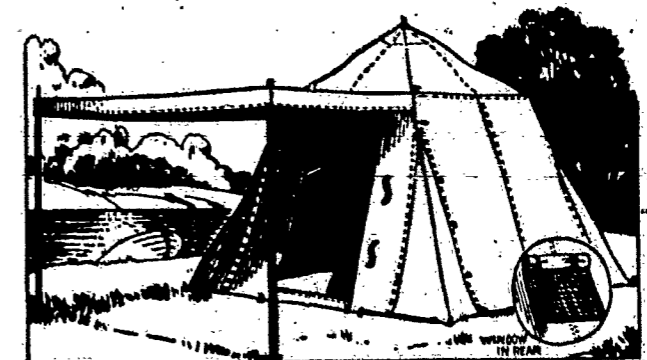
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