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## Activities Many for 90 Boys As Camp Villa Maria Opens

**By MARY E. FITZGERALD**

Sunny skies greeted more than ninety boys as the great day for the opening of Camp Villa Maria finally arrived. With the largest local camp registration, Staff and Campers are looking forward to a glorious vacation.

A twenty-four hour hiking expedition, cook-outs, special campfires and other unusual attractions will add to the fun and increase the popularity of this Catholic supervised camp.

So also, will the daily Mass and Holy Communion coupled with the splendid leadership of the Seminary men qualified and experienced for every phase of camp life promote Villa Maria's spiritual background.

Pre-Camp Training of the Staff for the Clif's Period was continued in special sessions on Wednesday, July 30. Miss Dorothy Keown, Camp Director presided in the meetings, which were held in the Federation Building.

Staff appointments announced by Miss Keown include Mrs. Joseph O'Hara, Director of Swimming assisted by Senior Counselor, Miss Laura Costello and Junior leaders, Misses Nora Keith and Theresa Hogan. Music and dancing will be directed by Miss Marilyn Janda with Junior Counselors Misses Sharon Roche, Mary Rita Hourigan and Ellen Basler.

Misses Patricia Dwyer and Mary Claire Frawley are in charge of Sports Program and Misses Julia Norton and Jeanne Turney are their Junior Staff. Misses Lois Riley, Mary Theresa Battisti and Mary Ellen Collins with Kathleen O'Hara as Director of Dramatics promise an interesting program of surprise dentures.

The ever popular Crafts Lodge will be ably supervised by Miss Jeanne Beblis, Senior Leader. Misses Patricia Thomas and Patricia Malanowski, Camp Secretaries and News Editors are to

## 20 Windows Honoring Mary Set for Church

Rochester's old St. Mary's Church, Washington Park will present a new appearance, both inside and out, when current improvements are completed this fall. The Rev. Dr. George F. Kettell stated today, the remodeling and innovations will result in complete alteration of the front entrance of the church and in improvements in both church and school. The former high steps approaching the main church will be replaced by a modern entrance of graduated steps.

Facade remodeling is being done by Daniel J. Meagher, contractor, with James Arnold as architect. An air conditioning system of modern design and scientific ventilation of the General Electric Company is being installed by McIntyre Company of Rochester.

A steam heating plant including a new boiler is being placed in St. Mary's School building on South Street.

An innovation that will result in wide interest will be the installation of all new windows in the church to be built of the best stained glass and each to represent the Blessed Mother under one of her "queen" titles in the Litany. There will be 20 such windows designed by Herman Butler, widely known church artist, and produced in the Pike Stained Glass Studio.

The church will also have a new baptistry included in the church front remodeling. Doctor Kettell said today.

## St. Andrew Graduate Wins Rare Basselin Scholarship

In competition with students from every diocese in the United States, William J. Amann, St. Andrew's Seminary graduate of 1947 won the Basselin Foundation Scholarship at the Catholic University of America.

The winner of the prize awarded scholarship is a member of St. Boniface Parish and made his entire course at St. Andrew's Seminary, high school and college. He has attained high averages in every year of his studies. The Very Rev. Edward M. Lyons, rector, said today.

The scholarship provides Amann tuition and board for three years. He will live at the Theological College (Basselin Seminary) in Washington.

Basselin College, an integral part of the Catholic University is a house of studies for young men preparing for the priesthood. The college receives candidates who have finished two years of the classical curriculum in an American Catholic college and carries them through three years to the completion of the seminary course of philosophy. Such a student is then prepared to study theology.

A distinctive feature of the training at Basselin College in fulfillment of the will of St. Boniface, is the special attention given to voice culture, elocution and practice in public reading and speaking and to the art of writing.

The winner of the scholarship was First Prefect at St. Andrew's this year and won the Bishop's Oratorical Award in 1944, while a member of the high school senior class.

## Golden Jubilee Events Set By Hornell K. C.

Hornell—A series of events celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Knights of Columbian Council No. 243 of Hornell, will be highlighted Aug. 31 by the annual Clam Bake at Big Kinn Park, and a Columbus Day banquet Oct. 12.

Observance of Hornell Council's fifty years existence began last June 22 with the Major Degree which was accomplished on a class of 117 candidates at the 81st District, comprising Danville, Wellsville and Hornell. District Deputy Joseph J. Foley and his staff from Ulster were in charge.

On July 7 all members of Council were honored guests at the Ball Park to witness the ball game between Wellsville and Hornell.

The family picnic followed July 20 at Big Kinn Park for all members, wives, sons and friends. Among the events was a ball game between the father and the younger brother.

Judge Walsh advised the Council has invited Supreme Court Judge Michael J. Walsh, a Supreme Court Justice to address the membership at the Columbus Day event. Many other activities, including card parties and dances have been planned for the jubilee year.

A booklet covering the history of the Council from the date of its institution has been prepared by D. M. Morey for circulation among the membership.

The book is illustrated with portraits of the District Deputies, Knights and all of the 24th Grand Knights and covers the history of the Order, its principles, its growth, its educational activities, Catholic Action, World War I and II activities, the honor roll of members from both wars and other interesting data on the Council.

A history of the Fourth Degree and the local Assembly is also included.

## 72 Bl. Sacrament Break Retreat Record

With 72 men in two separate groups attending the annual retreat at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Bl. Sacrament parish established a new high record in the sixth consecutive year.

One group, under the auspices of the retreat house at the weekend, while another group attended a special midweek retreat beginning Tuesday evening and ending Thursday afternoon.

Of the total number of 72 men, 30 were in the first group, and 42 in the second. The retreat was the first since 1942 when the retreat was the "best ever."

The Rev. Augustine Anthony, C. S. C., rector, in charge, added the men for the first time in which they participated in the various exercises and especially in keeping "perfect silence."

Rev. Thomas J. Chism, pastor of Bl. Sacrament Church, paid the retreatants a surprise visit at the conclusion of the weekend retreat on Sunday afternoon. He commended the men for the starting and ending of the retreat which was a retreat in which each retreatant professed in participating in this work of Catholic Action.

Rev. Thomas J. Chism, pastor, accompanied each group to the retreat house for the opening exercises.

Frank E. Wolfe, president of the Laymen's Retreat League and a member of the Bl. Sacrament parish, reports increased attendance with many parish groups sending larger numbers this year. It is expected that about 1,000 men will make a retreat this year compared to 700 last year.

Any man who has not signed up with his parish group is urged to do so promptly. If unable to do so, he is invited to join another parish group if a vacancy is open. For information or reservations, communicate with Father Anthony at the Retreat House or Frank E. Wolfe, Laymen's Retreat League.

President Wolfe announced plans are being formulated for the first annual dinner and golf tournament.

## Pastor Married By 4th Degree

Cornwall—At a fourth degree assembly of the Fourth Degree Assembly of the St. John's Council, Cornwall, N. Y., on July 29, Father A. Smith, pastor of St. Mary's Church, was married by Rev. Thomas J. Chism, pastor of Bl. Sacrament Church, to Miss Margaret O'Hara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Hara, of Rochester.

Mr. Smith also announced that the Bl. Sacrament parish had been recommended to the local council by the local council. This was the first time that a parish had been recommended to the local council.

## Requiem Mass For Nun's Kin

Rochester—Solemn Requiem Mass for Margaret O'Hara, sister of Sister Succurus of the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse in Rochester was offered here in St. Mary's Church, Saturday, July 19.

Celebrant of the Mass was her cousin, the Rev. Mr. J. C. Carr of Buffalo.

Assisting Mass, Carr were: the Rev. Joseph McCarthy of St. Mary's Church, Corning, as deacon; Rev. Joseph E. Gullotti, St. Vincent's, Corning, subdeacon; Rev. Bernard Cleary, pastor of St. Mary's, Wellsville. Other priests in attendance were: Rev. Edward McKay of St. Vincent's Church and the Rev. Dan McCarthy of Rochester.

Miss O'Hara was one of the daughters of the late Nell O'Hara, whose family were early settlers in Greenwood.

Attending from out of town were her sisters, Sister Succurus, Mrs. A. J. O'Neill and Agnes O'Hara of New York, Mrs. E. E. Corvick of St. Louis, Mrs. G. McKibben and Cornelia O'Hara of Detroit and a brother, P. J. O'Hara of Bradford.

Others who attended were Sisters of Mercy of St. Ann's Convent and St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell. Sisters of Mercy of St. Vincent's Convent in Corning, the Misses Mary Converse and Bernice Kane of Bradford, Miss Mary Carr and Dr. C. D. McCormick of Buffalo, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Edmunds of Salamanca, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Connolly of Buffalo, Mrs. Mary O'Leary and Ella McKendry of Hornell, Mrs. John Robinson and Margaret O'Hara of Manchester, Helen Coleman of Corning, Margaret McCarthy of Rochester, Mrs. E. Regan, Mrs. C. Walsh and Mrs. Madeline Harknider of Andover.

## Arthur Pelletier Dies Suddenly

Arthur J. Pelletier, age 31, died unexpectedly at his home, 412 John St., Horns-head, Wednesday, July 23.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Van Duser Pelletier; his mother, Mrs. Alphonse Pelletier, Mapleville, R. I.; brothers, William of Providence, R. I., Charles and Henry of Mapleville, R. I.; sisters, Mrs. Eugene Verina of Providence, R. I., and Mrs. Arthur Desoyer of Providence, R. I.

Pelletier was graduated from Holy Cross College in 1921. He completed his Masters degree at Cornell University in 1930 and received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Cornell in 1934. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa and American Association for Advancement of Science. He formerly taught in New Jersey, Conn., N. Y. and in the High School and Aquinas Institute, Rochester.

Active in Legion work for 23 years, he was Commander of the Bentley-Trumble Post in 1933, served as Adjutant for many years and was a member of 40 and 8. He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and a member of the Holy Name Society.

## Elmira Deaths

John T. Collins, 67, of 483 South Ave., Sunday, July 20, 1947. Survived by wife, Mary Collins of Elmira, brother, Robert F. and Percy T. Collins of Elmira, Jerry B. Collins of Sunbury, Pa. Funeral services Wednesday at 8 a. m. from the Keefe Funeral Home and at 9 a. m. from St. Mary's Church. Burial in SS. Peter and Paul cemetery.

Margaret Cross, 96, widow of John Cross, 1717 Lovell Terrace, Sunday, July 21, 1947. Survived by son, John L. Cross of Philadelphia, granddaughter, Mrs. Thomas Keane and great-granddaughter, Miss Florence Keane, both of Elmira. Body at the McCarthy Funeral Home. Funeral at the funeral home and at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Thursday.

William Morrone of 133 W. Fifth St., Friday, July 23, 1947. A tailor for 11 years, he worked for 14 years, he later operated a tailor shop on W. Water St. Survived by wife, C. Grace, sons, William, Francis, Michael and Joseph, daughters, Mrs. Max Pabis, Mrs. Joseph Fusare, Mrs. Carmen Musico and Mary Theresa, all of Elmira, brother, Joseph, Tamilla of Bath and six grandchildren. Body was at Morris Funeral Home. Funeral at family home today at 8 a. m. and at St. Patrick's Church at 9 a. m. SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

## Rosary Group Sends Gifts for Orphans

Auburn—Officers of the Rosary Society of St. Alphonse Church recently collected 73 towels, 46 washcloths, 120 bars of soap, underwear and medals. These donations were for the Catholic orphans of Europe.

The merchandise is on its way to the War Relief Service of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Officers of the Rosary Society include Margaret Lawrence, Salzer, president; Frank Strigewald, vice president; Louise Berry, treasurer; Floyd Abrams, secretary.

Mother of 3 Nuns Dies  
Manchester, N. H. (N. C.)—Mrs. Virginia Verreonna Beau regard, 70, who died here, gave three daughters to the Community of Sisters of St. Joseph.

## Student Writers to Hear Famed English Authors

Milwaukee (N. C.)—Two famous English Catholic apologetes and authors, the Rev. Gerald Vann, O. P., and Frank J. Sheed, will address the third National Catholic School Press Conference here Oct. 31 to Nov. 2.

Other speakers listed for the meeting are Mrs. Anna M. Brady, director of the American branch of the Center of Information Pro Deo, James O. Supple of the Chicago Sun, Henry Rago of the University of Chicago, and the Rev. Paul Bussard, editor of The Catholic Digest.

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## Softball Title to St. Anthony's

St. Anthony's entry in the Elmira Catholic Church softball league has copped the pennant in a hotly contested schedule behind the stellar pitching of Father Ignatius St. George. Father was on the mound for the entire schedule and is rated highly in local sports circles as an outstanding all around player.

The runner up, St. Charles of the Heights and St. Anthony's will meet in the best 2 out of 3 games for the Knights of Columbus Trophy. The first game is scheduled for Sunday and should draw a capacity crowd to see these two outstanding teams in action.

Final league standings.

Team	Won	Lost
St. Anthony's	7	1
St. Charles	6	2
St. Casimir's	4	3
SS. Peter and Paul's	1	6
St. John	1	7

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