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First Day in St. Anthony's School



A scene in the modern kindergarten in St. Anthony's new school, Elmira, opened Tuesday for the first time since the fire in 1947. Designed by Leo Considine the kindergarten like other rooms in the school has had the latest features incorporated. The kindergarten is homelike in design.

New St. Anthony's School Opened With Flag Rites

Strolling and eager, 213 pupils of St. Anthony's Parish school entered their new school building on West Washington Ave. Tuesday to find it entirely remodelled following the disastrous fire of February, 1947.

Return of the students was eagerly watched by the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor, the Rev. Ignatius St. George, his assistant and Leo Considine architect.

To mark the school's reopening, the pupils at 9:05 a. m. Tuesday filed from the magnificently equipped school to gather about the flag pole in the front yard.

Honor of serving as flag bearers fell to Blas Coletta and Joseph Gale. As the students sang America they hoisted the colors and children from lower grades waved small flags.

Back in the building older pupils sang a hymn before the statue of St. Anthony and then marched to their classrooms to begin the first day's study.

SINCE THE FIRE pupils and Sisters of St. Joseph have been

late room is being equipped for an increase in instruction according to the most advanced techniques.

Although the classroom portions of the building are ready for use, the work remains to be done and the public inspection has been delayed until the dedication ceremonies Dec. 5.

The school's safety patrol is led by Nicholas Montello, captain, Anthony Christofaro and Anna Marie Luchiaro, lieutenants and Arthur Marie Louis Fossas, Anthony Savino, Amadio Nason, Rosemary Pirozzio, Theresa Viora and Rosemary Cantando, members.

In the kindergarten are small tables and chairs for children getting their introduction to school and the room is abundant in stocked with toys and games. Part of the room is finished in pine and there is a safe fire place to impart a feeling of home. Adjoining the classroom are restrooms with miniature fixtures.

All the classrooms are linked to the principals office with a communication system. One

Annual Fall Card Fete Set Tuesday At Lourdes Hall

Annual fall card party sponsored for the benefit of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Elmira, will be held in the church hall on Tuesday evening, Nov. 16, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Peter Perotta, general chairman, announces individual table awards will be distributed. Those assisting Mrs. Perotta are Mrs. Edward Bremer and Mrs. William Donovan, tickets, Mrs. Alvin Lockwood and Mrs. William Schiefel, serving, Mrs. Joseph Fitzpatrick and Mrs. A. W. DeFallo, refreshments, Mrs. Donald Flett, and Mrs. Clarence J. Beckerman, awards.

Table hostesses are requested to bring their own cards.

Members of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rosary, Altar and Holy Name Societies will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday. Following the Mass, Holy name members will hold an informal breakfast in the hall.

Francis T. Woods will be breakfast speaker and will talk on the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

A meeting was recently held in Our Lady of Lourdes parish for the purpose of forming a Girl Scout Troop and Boy Scouts.

Miss Eileen Beardsley, a local school teacher will take charge of this project. Miss Beardsley has had considerable experience in this type of work.

A representative of the local Scouting organization assisted in the formation of the two parish groups.

Vets Asked To Memorial Mass

Annual Memorial Mass dinner sponsored by St. Anthony's Post (C.W.V.) will be held at the Mark Twain on Sunday noon following the annual Mass in the College Chapel offered for the 19 deceased veterans of the parish.

Marion Q. McCall, public relations director of the post, R.R. 104, N.Y. 14851, will speak on "Minute Men in the World War."

Elmira KC Set Dance

The annual Thanksgiving eve dance sponsored by Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus will be held in Columbus Center.

Grand Knight Francis F. O'Brien has designated Justin F. Bonasser and Samuel A. Falletta as co-chairmen. Those assisting are Robert L. Fazio, Thomas F. Coggins, Jr., Thomas O'Brien, David Janda, Gerry Seight, Andrew Trosnik, Mirwin Evans, Gerard Nelson, Pat. M. Donovan, Bernard J. Lochner, Joseph N. Germain, Joseph Fisher and Frank Beigotti.

Music will be furnished by McPherson's Orchestra. A luncheon will be served.

Reservations may be made by calling the Secretary at Columbus Center.

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Archbishop John Panico, Apostolic Delegate since 1935 to Australia, New Zealand and Oceania plans to go to Peru, his native country, before assuming his new post as Apostolic Delegate to Peru.

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Elmira Charities Dinner Attracts 400

Elmira — Social service work should be "baptized into the true Christian spirit and lifted to the supernatural plane of Charity," the Very Rev. John J. McClafferty, dean of the National Catholic School of Social Work Catholic University, Washington, told more than 400 persons at the 13th annual dinner of the Elmira Catholic Charities on Tuesday in the Mark Twain Hotel.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney shared the speakers' platform with Father McClafferty, who emphasized that the Catholic social agency "has a definite place in, and an appreciable contribution to make to productive interpretation of need and sound community planning."

Noting the "privilege" that social workers have in alleviating the suffering of their fellowmen, Bishop Kearney declared that "life is measured in terms of not what we can get out of it but what we put into it." No matter how much social workers are paid, he added, "there are so many things they cannot be paid for."



Their interest and concern for the Elmira Catholic Charities program was evidenced by the above in addresses at the 13th Annual dinner Tuesday in Mark Twain Hotel. Speakers were (from left) Very Rev. Msgr. John J. McClafferty; His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney, Monsignor William J. Brien, V.F. and Attorney Paul M. Donovan, dinner chairman.

Increased support of the Elmira Community Chest was urged by James Burke, chairman of the Elmira Catholic Charities board of directors and toastmaster, and by Gerald Loughlin, a member of the Community Chest board. Expressing the gratitude of the Chest directors for monies already received, Loughlin declared:

"If the people of the community could see where some of their money is being used, the Charities workers would not have to agonize over where the money is coming from every year."

Individuals are turning more and more to the social agency, Father McClafferty pointed out, to help with the intangible problems of family living and the emotional problems in the relationship between husband and wife parent and child.

"Christianity," he stated, bids social workers to regard persons in need not as "cold cases" but as sons of God. "To administer relief adequately and constructively," he said, "there must be a belief to meet successfully and competently a need, there must be a creed."

Social agencies, he added, are "exercising social statesmanship" in the tensions of today's living. "Charity in its most exalted motivation, he said, will 'love man for God's sake' and 'see Christ in every individual case.'"

Included among those at the speakers' table were the following:

The Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, diocesan director of Catholic Charities; the Rev. Arthur E. Rutigan, diocesan director of the Family and Child Welfare Divisions; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, dean of Elmira; Deaneery and honorary vice-president of the Elmira Catholic Charities, the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, moderator of the Ladies of Charity.

The Hon. Emory Strachen, Mayor of Elmira, the Hon. John A. Mathews, Judge of the Chemung County Surrogate and Children's Courts; A. Lyman Wright, County Commissioner of Public Welfare, and Raymond C. Holburn, chief probation officer for Elmira and Chemung County.

Paul M. Donovan was general chairman of the annual dinner.

'Diary' Reviewed At CDA Book Tea

Cornell — A review of Henrietta Nesbitt's book, "White House Diary" given by Mrs. Lawrence P. Weis of Rochester, was the feature of the annual Book Tea sponsored by Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America at Baron Steuben Hotel Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Weis, Diocesan chairman of the Family Life committee of the National Council of Catholic Women, was introduced by Mrs. Leo McKinney, co-chairman of the event.

The program was opened by Mrs. Edith Griffin, grand regent, who welcomed the audience of about 200 members and guests. She then turned the program over to Mrs. McKinney.

Others taking part were Mrs. Edward Orcutt, soloist; Mrs. A. Kelsey Carleton, readings; Alfred Miller, Al Jolson impersonations; Mrs. Joseph Clancy was accompanist for Mrs. Orcutt and Frank Antonacci accompanied

Mr. Miller on his accordion. Group singing of the National Anthem and God Bless America was led by Mrs. Orcutt with Mrs. Clancy at the piano.

Also introduced by Mrs. McKinney were Miss Mary McCabe, librarian of the World Memorial Library, and Miss Irene Keenan, assistant librarian. Miss Keenan, with the cooperation of Miss McCabe, had on view a special book display.

Assisting Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Leo Krebs, co-chairmen, were: Mesdames Reynolds Everett, William Henry, Thomas Tunney, John O'Brien, Angelo Buffamonte, Walter Steele, William Gernon, John Hogan, Joseph Valente, Martin Koebel, Eva Murphy, Lynn Egan, M. Mizzoni, Preston Reynolds, William McMahon, Clyde Baker and the Misses Pauline Rothman, Mary O'Neill, Ruth Warner, Helen Sokira and Mary Arthur.

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