

12 Student Nurses Told Duty At Capping Rites

Hornell — Warning student nurses of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing of their solemn responsibilities toward their fellow-men, the Rev. Lawrence W. Gannon, pastor of St. Ann's Church, Hornell, was principal speaker at impressive capping ceremonies March 6 in St. Ignatius Loyola Church in Hornell.

"There are," Father Gannon declared, "those who would pass laws to legalize taking lives. You, members of the great nursing profession, have sworn to preserve life, so preserve it to the best of your ability. Leave to God, who alone can give life, the power of taking it away."

Father Gannon directed his talk primarily to the 12 student nurses who received their caps at ceremonies attended by a large number of parishioners, friends, and members of the girls' families. The class of 1951 was presented to the gathering by the Rev. William Tobin, assistant pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Church.

The girls dressed in student nursing uniform, proceeded down the aisle to the sanctuary where Miss Anne McKeivitt, supervisor of the School of Nursing, made the presentation of caps. Miss McKeivitt was assisted by Sister M. Valerian and Sister Elizabeth Anne.

After each student received her cap she was given a miniature lamp patterned after the traditional Florence Nightingale lamp. Holding aloft the lighted lamps the students recited the famous Florence Nightingale pledge, led by Sister Elizabeth Anne.

"There is," Father Gannon said further, "no other profession in which a laywoman can imitate the Divine Lord so well in service, care and love of humanity as in the profession of nursing."

"The lighted candle you have just received is the symbol of that title justly given Florence Nightingale and handed down to her successors, 'Angel of Mercy.' If your caps, the crowns of your profession, and your uniforms

mean what they should, you will be truly worthy of that title. "A uniform, however, does not make a nurse," the priest continued, "nor does a lighted candle mean warmth. Unless you are motivated by the great desire to serve others these are empty symbols."

Father Gannon closed his talk by quoting, "I, a nurse, am the eyes of the blind, the ears of the deaf, the lips of the dumb. I bring poor sick and suffering humanity consolation, courage and mercy. I, a nurse, am Christ-like."

St. Ignatius Loyola choir, directed by James F. Clancy, organist, sang "Ave Maria Stella," "Blessed Be God" and "O Jesu Deus Magne." In the latter hymn Miss Joan Cunningham and Miss Ann Moran were soloists. The men's choir, directed by Mr. Clancy, sang "Veni Creator" and "Ave Verum" and "Tantum Ergo" for Solemn Benediction which was celebrated by the Rev. John Healy with the Rev. Paul J. Gibbons, deacon, and the Rev. John Coonan, sub-deacon.

During Solemn Benediction, nurses recited a prayer for the ability to "appreciate the dignity of this high vocation and its many responsibilities."

Members of the class of 1951, who received their caps at the exercises are Miss Monique Marcelle Conche, Harmondport; Miss Joan Marie Dagon, Hornell; Miss Beverly Jean Davis, Whitesville; Miss Helen Patricia Dwyer, Hornell; Miss Audrey Alice Gray, Hornell; Miss Dorothy Ann Guyette, Rochester; Miss Elizabeth Jane Hall, Hornell; Miss Dolores Lorraine Heidt, Rochester; Miss Doris Estelle McCollum, Hornell; Miss Joanne Louise Moran, Hornell; Miss Marilyn Inez McMahon, Rochester; Miss Clara June Sloan, Corning.

As Knight Mark St. Patrick's Day



Traditional St. Patrick's Feastday banquet sponsored by Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus brought these principals to the speakers' table: (from left) Grand Knight Francis F. O'Brien; Very Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.S.R., rector of Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva, guest speaker; Rt. Rev. Magr. William J. Brien, V.F., Dean of the Elmira Deanery; Charles F. Kennedy, toastmaster and the Rev. David F. Gannon, S.A., Guardian of St. John's Almoner Seminary, Montour Falls.

Irish Tribute Voiced At Elmira K. of C. Dinner

Tribute to the Irish race was voiced by the Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.S.R., at the 21st annual St. Patrick's Day dinner of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus in the Mark Twain Hotel Sunday night.

FATHER AYLWARD called attention to the rise of Irish immigrants from extreme poverty to positions of prominence in government and the church. He cited Joseph Kennedy, former ambassador to England, Maurice Tobin, present secretary of labor, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, three Bostonians, as examples. They were all children of Irish immigrants, the priest recalled.

Father Aylward also pointed to the heritage of the Irish which is their great respect for the clergy. He was introduced by Charles F. Kennedy, who acted as toastmaster. Rt. Rev. Magr. William J. Brien, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick's Church, gave the invocation, and Grand Knight Francis F. O'Brien gave the welcoming address.

The entertainment program included vocal solos by Joseph Brennan and Raymond Devin, organ selection by Harry Spring et. Several selections on the marimba were given by Miss Toni Johnson. An act of card tricks and magic was presented by James Treas.

Soldier Ill at Camp Seneca Falls, Pte. James Durbin, Bridge St., who is attending Radio School at Scott Field, Ill., is a patient in the Hospital at camp recovering from pneumonia.

Day of Recollection Set By Ithaca K. of C. Council

Ithaca — Plans for a Day of Recollection have been completed by the Catholic Activities Committee of Ithaca Council, No. 277, Knights of Columbus. The exercises will be held Sunday, March 27.

Services will be conducted by the Very Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.S.R., rector of Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva. A special 8 a. m. Mass will be followed by breakfast at Hotel Clinton.

After breakfast the men will proceed to the Knights of Columbus Home. Dinner will be served in the home.

The day's events will close with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Immaculate Conception Church at 3 p. m.

All men of the parish are invited and urged to take part. Reservations are being made with Norbert Schickel or P. J. McManus or by leaving the names at the K. of C. Home.

Mission Slated At St. Anthony's

A two weeks Mission will open in St. Anthony's Church, Elmira on Sunday and will be conducted by the Very Rev. Andrew Petrallo, O.F.M., Cap., Provincial of the Italian Novitiate of the Capuchin Fathers at Orange, N. J.

The first week's Mission will be conducted in Italian, followed by an English Mission during the second week.

Masses will be celebrated daily at 7, 8 and 10 noon with services in the evening commencing at 7 p. m.

On Tuesday evening during the week of Mission in Italian, arrangements have been made to conduct a special Novena service in English commencing at 8:45 p. m.

Holy Name Men Elect O'Hara

Charles D. O'Hara was elected president to succeed John T. Reids at a recent meeting of St. Patrick's Holy Name Society, Elmira held in the school assembly room.

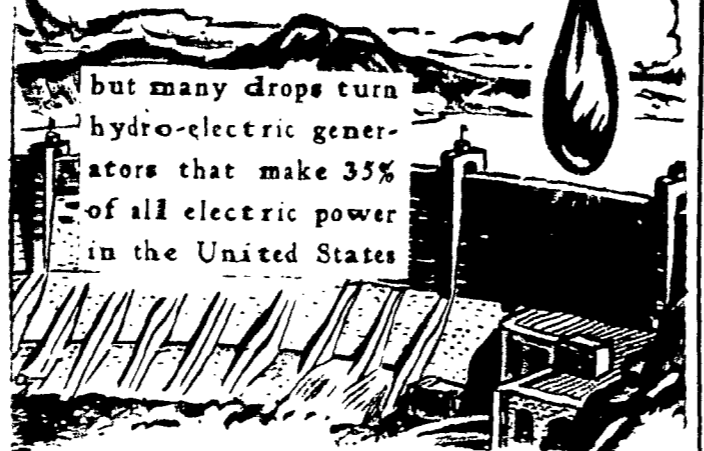
Other officers elected were: John O'Neil, vice president; Samuel F. Falteris, treasurer; James Agan, assistant treasurer; Richard Grace, secretary and John Murphy, assistant secretary.

PRIESTS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Thursday, March 24 to be conducted at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva, N. Y.

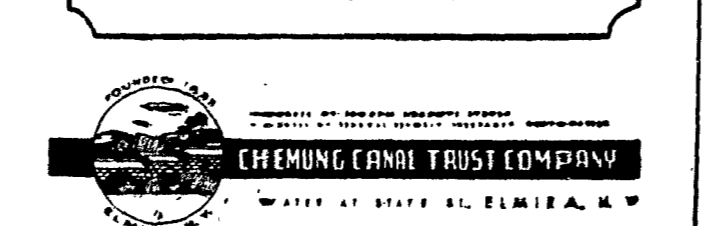
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Veterans To Run HNS Apr. 7 Meet

Frank C. Kessing, newly elected president of St. Mary's Holy Name Society, Elmira, has designated the following committees to serve during the year: Mother's Day, Capt. Eugene Gooden, Leon Hourihan; annual circus, Frederick Mulcahy, Ralph Reed; membership, Cornelius Sullivan, Joseph Lynch and Joseph Prunier; Catholic literature, Henry Kane, Robert Frawley; study clubs, Louis Saxe, Jerry Cavanaugh; program, Lt. Thomas Whitford, Edward Connelly; retreat, Edward Frawley, Louis Conidine; sick, Paul Flynn, William Supple and David Spillane; youth, John Groh, Gabriel DeMark, William Davis and Cy Richmond; outing, John Jones, Richard O'Hara, Raymond Costello and Lawrence Creighton; publicity, Daniel Donahoe and Thomas J. McCarthy.

The meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 7 has been designated, "Veterans Night" and the program will be conducted by members of St. Michael's Post, CVV under the direction of Joseph A. Lynch, Post Commander.

Following the business session, the Rev. Edwin Favler, O.F.M., Cap., will give an illustrated lecture on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Father Favler has an extensive collection of Kodachrome slides on this subject.

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Affiliation Mass To Be Offered By Bishop

Ladies of Charity are awaiting the Ninth Annual Affiliation and Breakfast address by the Rev. Maynard A. Connell, M.A., Ph.D., professor of English and Sacred Eloquence at St. Bernard's Seminary. The breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, March 27 at 10 a. m. at Elmira's Mark Twain Hotel.

Prior to the breakfast, the Ladies of Charity, new affiliates and friends of the organization will attend Mass and receive Holy Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira.

HIS EXCELLENCY, Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Mass and immediately after receive the new affiliates into the organization.

Miss Margaret Kennedy and Mrs. James E. Goodwin, co-chairmen, announced appointments of committees: Ticket committee, Mr. John F. Murphy and Mrs. John A. Gibson, co-chairmen; assisted by Mesdames Edmund B. Maloney, Francis A. Doran, Joseph Rutzki, Theresa Lynch, James H. Ruddle, James L. Flaherty, Daniel F. Kennedy, Francis D. Preston, Charles E. Lowe, Edward P. Dawes, Wilfred H. Underwood and the Misses Mary Ellen Davis, Agnes Baker, Mary Nesome, Florence O'Brien and Margaret Richardson.

Ushers are headed by co-chairmen, the Misses Genevieve and Adeline Mezur, assisted by the Misses Eleanor Keating, Theresa Hourihan, Agnes Hourihan, Marilyn Meany, Agnes Baker and Mrs. Fletcher T. McDonald. Miss Marion McCarthy is chair-

man of hotel matters assisted by Mesdames Timothy J. Cross, Raymond O. Jellie, John J. Dalley, Clara Rensel and Miss Marie Caparula.

Flower committee is in charge of the Misses Helen and Leone Ganey assisted by Mrs. Arthur McNamara and Miss Mary Blake.

Mrs. Wilfred H. Underwood has arranged a program of music for the services at the church and at the hotel.

Arrangements for the affiliation are in charge of Miss Francis Battersby and Miss Helen Rohlf.

During the affiliation ceremony, each Lady will receive from the hands of the Bishop the small silver crucifix which is the emblem of this International organization. Hearty indulgence this symbol of our salvation offers to every thoughtful Catholic woman many opportunities to improve her personal sanctification, the committee states.

Rehearsals for the new affiliation will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Friday evening, March 25 after the Lenten services. All prospective members are asked to attend.

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