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BY REGINA RUSH

Senior Class of forty members will be graduated at the 11 a.m. Mass in St. Patrick's Church on this coming Sunday, June 25th. His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, will preside at the commencement ceremony. Congratulations are in order for this class which has made the grade and has awaited this day for four long years.

Class Picnics

Plans are complete for our annual class picnics and the schedule is as follows:

Thursday—The Seniors will be at Stuart Park, while the Juniors will go to Tuggeranock Falls.

Friday, the Sophomores will go to Stuart Park and this Wednesday will find the Freshmen at Stuart Park.

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Alumni Rallied In Expansion Drive

St. Bonaventure Building Fund



Plans for the St. Bonaventure Building Fund Drive which opened Sunday at dinner in Mark Twain Hotel, Buffalo are discussed by leaders. In photo (from left) Very Rev. Juvenal Lator, O.F.M., president of St. Bonaventure College; Very Rev. John Lambert Rowan, O.F.M., rector

of Christ the King Seminary; Very Rev. Thomas Plasman, O.F.M., provincial of Friars Minor, Holy Name Province; Hon. James A. Farley, national general chairman; William H. Kearney, national lay alumni chairman.

alumni secretary and Chairman Kearney.

The drive which has as its purpose the raising of \$100,000 for an overall building project to cost \$500,000 has already begun in several directions. The students of the college have raised most of their goal of \$42,000 which will enable them to establish a dormitory in the new Student Union Building. The Seminarians who are attending have contributed \$100 to the drive.

The building fund drive is expected to end in the completion of Christ the King Seminary, followed by a Science Building, followed by a new Student Union Building. Then in succession will be a Dormitory, a Business School Administration Building and a Faculty House. The campaign will continue on through the summer, extending throughout the nation.

"Give this drive the support and encouragement it so richly deserves, to help St. Bonaventure rise to take her place with the best colleges and universities in the country."

This was the message of the Hon. James A. Farley to alumni

in the Southern Tier area opening the \$1,000,000 campaign for St. Bonaventure College at a dinner in Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira Sunday night. Farley is general chairman of the campaign, alumni phase of which was opened at the dinner.

"Actually, although I am not an alumnus, I have been in close contact with the progress of the college and I am very proud of what it has done," said Farley.

He likes sports writing and would like to be a sports writer after graduation. We are all with him and hope to hear from him in the future as a great local sport columnist.

Short, our Senior girl from the country, Wellisburg claims this daring, peppy lass, referred to as Paulina Wattis, the daughter of Mrs. Norman Carpenter of Wellisburg.

From what we hear, she's quite the business student and should go far in the business field as a secretary. Always faithful to Catholic High, Paulina keeps activities rollin' in school and at the games. She likes all sports and is a faithful Pioneer fan. Good luck, Paulina and here's hoping you become an airline hostess.

Patricia Weingart, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Francis B. Weingart, 303 West Hudson Street, was presented by William H. Kearney of Syracuse national chairman.

"I KNOW THAT this present expansion program is a vital necessity, if the college is to continue its excellent work," Mr. Farley declared.

Directing his speech to the alumnus who will be doing the actual solicitation, Farley said:

"Let me tell you gentlemen that there need be no element of shame in your approach when you meet an alumnus. He is a man of

business ability.

Our other boy for this week is Raymond Winicki, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Max Winicki, 356 Millard Street. "Ray," as he is known, is just as true to Catholic High as he is to St. Casimir's and that's saying quite a bit. It was no surprise at all, when we learned that this slight, peppy lad was an honor student or that he was chosen Assistant Editor of the yearbook.

Ray is probably best known for his polka abilities at the school dances and for the nice Dodge he drives around the "Southside." Ray plans to go to work upon graduation and we wish him loads of luck.

Gregorian Chant School To Open

Providence, R.I.—(INC)—A permanently established Gregorian school of music will be opened at suburban Elmhurst under the direction of the Rev. Norman T. LeBoeuf of Our Lady of Providence Seminary, on June 29. It has been announced by Bishop Russell J. McVinney of Providence. The school will run for five weeks and the curriculum will include seven courses accenting the Gregorian chant.

O'Neil To Head Legion Magazine

Manchester, N.H.—(INC)—James F. O'Neil, prominent Catholic layman and past National Commander of the American Legion, has announced his resignation as chief of the Manchester police department to become operating head of the American Legion Magazine, with headquarters in New York City.

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Classmates At Owego Girl Rites

BY MARY C. BROSNAN
Owego—With her classmates of the sophomore class of the Owego Free Academy, attending the services in a group, the funeral Mass for Miss

battleen Skellenger, aged 14 years, was said in St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday morning June 11.

THE MASS was celebrated by the Rev. Joseph F. Hogan assistant pastor. The Rev. Michael L. Hynes, pastor, was in the sanctuary. Superintendent of Schools W. George Morgan accompanied the members of the sophomore class to the church.

Miss Skellenger, who had been ill exactly nine months with rheumatic fever and complications died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Clara Skellenger, Sunday June 11, 1950. Her father, the late Robert C. Skellenger died about four years ago.

Besides her mother she is survived by one sister, Ann Skellenger, and one brother, James Skellenger, both at home.

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Colleges Honors Precious Providence, R. I.—(INC)—Eight presidents of Rhode Island colleges and Michael P. O'Brien, New York City Police Commissioner will receive honorary degrees from Providence College at its commencement here this week. The Very Rev. Robert J.

Slavin, O.P., college president said that the awards to heads of local colleges and universities "will be a gesture of good will and friendship for our sister institutions."

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