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55 Cub Scouts Acclaimed In Ithaca 'Cub Night'

Ithaca—With 55 Cub Scouts and their Den leaders taking part, Circus Night for Pack 12 of the Louis Agassiz Fuertes Boy Scout Council was enjoyed by participants as well as parents and friends in Parish Hall of Immaculate Conception Church on Nov. 28.

Den 4 under Den Chiefs Robert Moore and Frederick Murphy received a plaque for presentation of a sideshow.

The meeting marked the first formal gathering of the reorganized Pack, sponsored by the Parent Teacher's Association of Immaculate Conception School with John Brophy, Frank Egan, John Kelly, John Sayles and Charles Wickham serving as Pack Committee. Cubmaster George Hagin has Glen Hunt and Edward J. Moore, Jr. as his Assistants.

MRS. WILLIAM SHERMAN is Chief Den Mother and also Den Mother of Den 8. Working with her as Den Mothers and Assistants are 14 other members of PTA, supervising the work of the other seven dens.

Mrs. George Hagin is Den Mother for Den 1 assisted by Mrs. Stanley Trevits. Tommy Bossack serves as Den Chief and works with the following Cubs: Louis Cassaniti, Thomas Hagin, Joseph Cassaniti, Stanley Trevits, James R. Moore, William Vincent, James Sheehan and Thomas Bailey.

The Den Mother for Den 2 is Mrs. Anne Capogrossi assisted by Mrs. John Sayles. John Yengo is Den Chief and Ward Lowrance the assistant. Cubs in the Den are: Robert Hunt, Albert Capogrossi, Thomas Yengo, John Sayles, Richard Decker, Robert Brophy, Claude Coleyacme, Richard Brophy.

Mrs. Julian Hull is Den Mother for Den 3 with Mrs. June Peterson assisting. Ronald Ferrell is Den Chief and the Cubs are Andrew Peterson, Joseph Mars, Francis Hull and Michael Robinson.

Den 4 has Mrs. Paul Scott as Den Mother with Mrs. Sue Taber as assistant. Robert Moore is Den Chief and Frederick Murphy assistant, George Taber, James Melzinger, Terry Scott, Ronald Melzinger, Gary Ackerman, Gerald Brophy and Domenic Berardi complete the Den.

Mrs. Margaret McDonald is the Den Mother for Den 5 with Mrs. Rosa Murray assisting. Den Chief is Edward Ludgate and his assistant, Al Parente. Cubs are: Robert Townsend, David Murray, William Charron, Harry Davis, Edward Mutarelli, Peter Tierney, Donald Seacord and John Wickham.

Mrs. Rudolph Saccucci is Den 6 Den Mother. Den Chief is William Fish and Ronald Saccucci the assistant. Paul Kimple, Rudolph Saccucci and Leo Cacciotti make up the Denn

Mrs. Kenneth Fauls as Den Mother of Den 7 has two assistants, Mrs. Henry Smith and Mrs. Phillip McCarthy. Gerald Smith is the Den Chief and David Smith the assistant. Cubs are: Michael McCarthy, Frankie Prudence, William Smith, John Smith, Thomas Fauls, Michael Wimsatt and Fred Ciaschi.

Den 8's Den Mother is Mrs. William Sherman. William Sherman is Den Chief with Michael Kelly assisting. Included in the Den are the following Cubs. David Moore, Joseph Spano, Carmen DiGiacomo, John Sherman, James Moore and Paul Loveless.

PACK COMMITTEE is endeavoring to bring all Dens up to at least eight members so new boys are welcomed.

Besides completing reorganization, 27 Bob Cat pins were awarded to new Cubs. One Silver and two Gold Arrowhead Bear achievements were awarded to Cub Joseph Cassaniti, also one Silver and one Gold Arrowheads on his Lion. Wolf Cub Tommy Hagin received one Silver Arrowhead and Michael Robinson received his Wolf Badge. Two year pins were awarded to Joseph Spano, Paul Loveless, Carmen DiGiacomo and James Moore, Den Chief Cords and cards were awarded to the eight Den Chiefs.

Following the award of the plaque to Den 4, games were played and refreshments served. The Rev. James Baker was Chaplain for the night and closed the meeting with a short prayer.

Kelley-Clifford Nuptials Held In George Jr. Chapel

Miss Jean M. Clifford of 407 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn and Edward J. Kelley, 15 State Street, Corning were married Nov. 20. The Rev. Thomas K. Cleary, Chaplain of the George Junior Republic performed the ceremony in the Republic's Chapel at Freeville.

Miss Anne Clifford of Brooklyn attended her sister. U. S. Army Captain J. P. Kavanaugh of Eggertsville, a classmate of Mr. Kelley's was best man.

After a dinner for the immediate families and friends at the College Spa, Ithaca, the couple drove to Williamsburg, Va.

Among those attending in addition to the couple's parents were a sister of the bride, Mrs. Edward Desmond and daughter, Pauline of Buffalo; Gregory Clifford of Brooklyn, the bride's brother; Mrs. Louise Miles, Hawley, Pa., and Mrs. Donald Urquhart, wife of the director and daughter of the founder of George Jr Republic

Mrs. Kelley, a native of Massachusetts is the daughter of Thomas and Veronica Clifford. The bride's father a retired Army officer, is with the U. S. Treasury Department's Brooklyn Alcohol Tax Unit. She is a niece of the Rev. Edward P Doyle, O.P., chaplain of the Timberwolf Division in Europe during World War II. He is now professor of theology at Providence College and Emmanuel College Boston.

Mrs Kelley attended St John's University, Brooklyn, and was graduated from the Millard Fillmore School of Nursing, Buffalo and the University of Buffalo

She served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War II and was a head nurse at the Millard Fillmore Hospital until married.

Mr. Kelley is the son of Mrs. Anna Kelley of the Kelley Hotel and the late Thomas E. Kelley. The Kelley Quarry conducted by his father and grandfather was one of Corning's first industries.

His great uncle Edward Fitzpatrick commanded Corning area troops during the civil war

He is a brother-in-law of J Scott Gregorious, Sr., technical adviser of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Attorney Albert M. Hartung, vice president of the Railway Express Company and the late Thomas F. Rogers, noted local criminal lawyer.

An Army Air Force veteran, Mr. Kelley attended the University of Michigan, Elmira College and the University of Buffalo Law School. He plans to complete his law training this fall.

Resort Lodge

Phoenix, Ariz. — (RNS) — A swank Arizona resort lodge has been purchased by the Franciscan Order for use as a retreat house. The price was in excess of $100,000. The Kachina Lodge name will be changed to Casa Paz y Bien.

'God's Candles Flame -- Or Burn Out'

By MARY E. FITZGERALD
Executive Director, Catholic Family Service

God's candles flame brightly or burn out—when He so wills. After all, St. Joseph's is your Hospital and each Lady of Charity is justly proud of her small contribution to it.

The philosophy of life which is so characteristic of the Sisters of St. Joseph, attracts patients from every color and creed when hospitalization is necessary. To the Catholic patient, the unselfish, Christlike kindness of the white robed religious is often taken for granted. If however, the patients are not of our Faith, they are continuously surprised at the long hours, the untiring efforts and the personal interest of those who have dedicated their lives to the care of the sick.

Many people visualize a hospital as a cold, statistical institution where the aged sick await the Grim Reaper and the younger patients are given preference and special care. A few hours at St. Joseph's Hospital, however, especially at the bedside of a loved one, quickly and pleasantly dispels this conviction.

THE TIRED NUN Supervisor often steals a few minutes before the Blessed Sacrament to petition the Divine Healer for special guidance when a human hand is to weild a knife trying to save a human life. Many a time a worried mother finds that Sister shares her anxiety about the little ones who are at home. She will even suggest a plan and perhaps call Catholic Family Service about a temporary Foster Home.

Were we to enumerate the calls from our St. Joseph's over a period of one month, you would be astonished at the wide area of human needs that are given attention. You would perhaps realize that the charge for daily care in this Hospital does not even begin to cancel the patient's indebtedness.

The Ladies of Charity have, over a period of eleven years, pioneered in volunteer service at St. Joseph's. Mending, sewing, Holiday parties and friendly visits have been part of the program of this organization.

Since April, 1948 they have assumed full responsibility for Information Desk in the lobby. This service, in the words of the hospital staff, has been invaluable to the institution. More important, however, in the words of our Bishop is the individual's golden opportunity to do her share toward the care of God's sick.

THERE WAS FOR us a great amount of satisfaction in our seeming generosity to St. Joseph's until "there came the dawn." It was on the day when we attended a meeting of the Rochester Regional Hospital Auxiliary. When we heard the reports from some of the auxiliaries from our small communities and realized the magnificent contribution which many of these Volunteers make, year after year, to the non-sectarian hospitals we realized how much more we must do in Elmira.

During this Advent Season, we are concentrating on the effort to put Christ back into Christmas in 1951. Searching for new areas of self sacrifice is a fruitful quest during December days when hearts are softened at the thought of Christmas and the Infant Jesus But come January and we may not be so kindly disposed and it will be natural that we revert again to our self centered existence

Could you not expect a smile of loving gratitude from the Christ Child, when you kneel before the Crib on His Birthday, if your gifts to Him are not seasonal. If, as you voice your petitions for yourself and your dear ones, you lay at His tiny feet a special promise in regard to St. Joseph's Hospital. Do you think that He will refuse you? Surely St. Joseph and His Blessed Mother will add their pleas to yours if among your New Year's Resolutions, you give a special place to your pledge of a few hours out of each month as your part in the glorious Christlike service to God's Sick which the Sisters at St Joseph's will share with you

Christmas Party Set By IHS Committee

Members of the Immaculate Heart Society of St Peter and Paul's church, Elmira, will hold their annual Christmas party in the school hall on Monday evening, Dec. 10.

A fine program of entertainment will be furnished by Misses Patricia Lane, Mary Lane and Mary Basco. Gifts will be exchanged. Mrs. Edward Elston has been named chairman and Mrs. William Griffin, cochairman. They will be aided by Mrs. Walter Lofstrom, Mrs. Herbert Wilson, and the Misses Mary Ellen and Nora McDermott, decorations; Mrs. Joseph Woodhouse, Mrs. Howard Duffy, Mrs. Theodore Bragg and Mrs. Joseph Hentz, refreshments; Mrs. James Haw, Mrs. Robert O'Connor, Mrs. Robert Gammer and Mrs. John Dowdle, reception.

9 New Sodalists Told Of Duties At Hornell Rite

Hornell — Nine new members were received into Our Lady of Fatima Sodality Sunday afternoon in St. Ann's Church.

The Rev. Robert MacNamara spiritual advisor, conducted the reception ceremonies. He spoke on the "spiritual benefits received through special dedication to the Blessed Virgin".

"These benefits incur a corresponding obligation," the priest said. He advised the sodalists to "so live as to be examples of Christian kindness, goodness and modesty."

THE girls entered the Church carrying red roses which they later placed at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima as an outward symbol of devotion.

Services closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The entire Sodality sang hymns, accompanied by Miss Marie Pruner at the organ

Those received were Mary Lou Gaffney, Amelia Fucci, Teresa Fiscina, Catherine Dean, Louise Niedda, Joyce King, Mary Baird, Marjorie Hogue and Carolyn McCormick.

Officers of Our Lady of Fatima Sodality are Margaret Didas, president; Jane Murphy, vice president and Ann McCormick, secretary-treasurer.

The Sodality held its first Communion breakfast Saturday in the Pine Room of St. Ann's School.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be held in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Friday, Dec. 7—SS. Peter and Paul, Rochester; Penn Yan; Franciscan Fathers, Watkins Glen.

Sunday Dec. 9—Blessed Sacrament, Mercy Motherhouse, Rochester; St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira.

Friar, Pioneer of Padua High, Forced To End Work

By ARTHUR H. RICHARDS, JR.

Watkins Glen—The sun of the life of Brother Felix Kuczek, O.F.M., of the Padua High School Friars is sinking into eternity. Friar Felix, for more than 40 years a member of the Order of Friars Minor, came to Padua High long before the new Catholic School on the hill was made ready for its students.

Nearly four years ago, he came to Watkins Glen to continue his long life of sacrifices. He came to Padua with hopes and dreams of once again creating the stations of the cross, grottoes and other statuary for the grounds of the spacious school campus.

HE WITH GIFTED hands and artistic nature had worked long hours with the Tufa Rock in other places. In far away Burlington, Wis., at another school of the order, St. Francis College, he had created many shrines for the statues of the Christ Child, of the Blessed Virgin, St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of the Order, and of course the traditional stations of the cross depicting the last walk of the Saviour.

To Burlington came the devout of the Catholic faith and those of other religions in pilgrimages to view his work of 20 years at St. Francis.

Arriving at Padua, however, other things needed to be done and the dream of Sunday pilgrimages had to be set aside for the strenuous other tasks at hand.

Brother Felix had to center his attention on the making of the Altars for worship, for he too is an expert cabinet maker. There were other things needing to be done on the old Glen Springs Hotel property which houses the big school. Besides making the hand carved altars, he had desks and tables to make and numerous other pertinent duties.

And now his work is done.

NO LONGER will he create the Christmas Cribs at the Yuletide season. This was his particular joy to him for his Birthday was on the same day observed so joyously throughout Christendom. He was born in Poland 70 years ago on Christmas Day and came to America as a young man.

As it must come to all men, his life will soon cease. This he knows for his long time friend, Father Claude Zabinski, OFM, the head of Padua, told him the diagnosis made by the physicians at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, where he was a patient for a short time. His "stomach trouble" is one of the scourges of mankind—cancer!

Friar Felix has now left the school. One memento he left behind is the hand-made cane he always carried as he walked and meditated through the woods and on the hills of the campus. He gave it to Father Claude just before he left for what he knows will be his final resting place, the Motherhouse, Assumption Monastery, Pulaski, Wis.

2 Priests Address Catholic Action Unit

Auburn — A spaghetti supper, served to 65 members and guests, featured the November meeting of the Catholic Action League of St. Alphonsus Church held Tuesday evening of last week.

The Rev Clarence Gardner, assistant pastor, and Rev. Robert Meng, spiritual director of the League, spoke.

Miss Beatrice Daly, a member of the faculty of Herman Avenue School, showed slides of her recent trip to Mexico.

Mrs. Clarence McDonald, chairman, was assisted by Mrs. William Lyons, Mrs. Henry Clifford, Mrs Raymond Chrisler, Mrs. Raymond Conley, Mrs. Kenneth Rice, Mrs. James Cuddy, Miss Carline Casper, Miss Etta Darrow, Miss Betty Costello, Mrs. Richard Evan and Miss Marie Cook.

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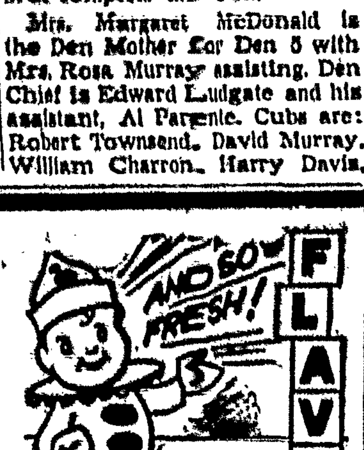
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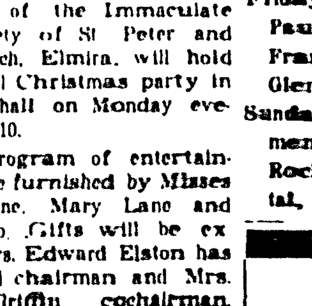
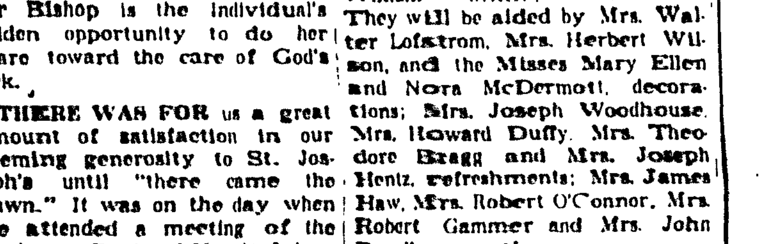
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