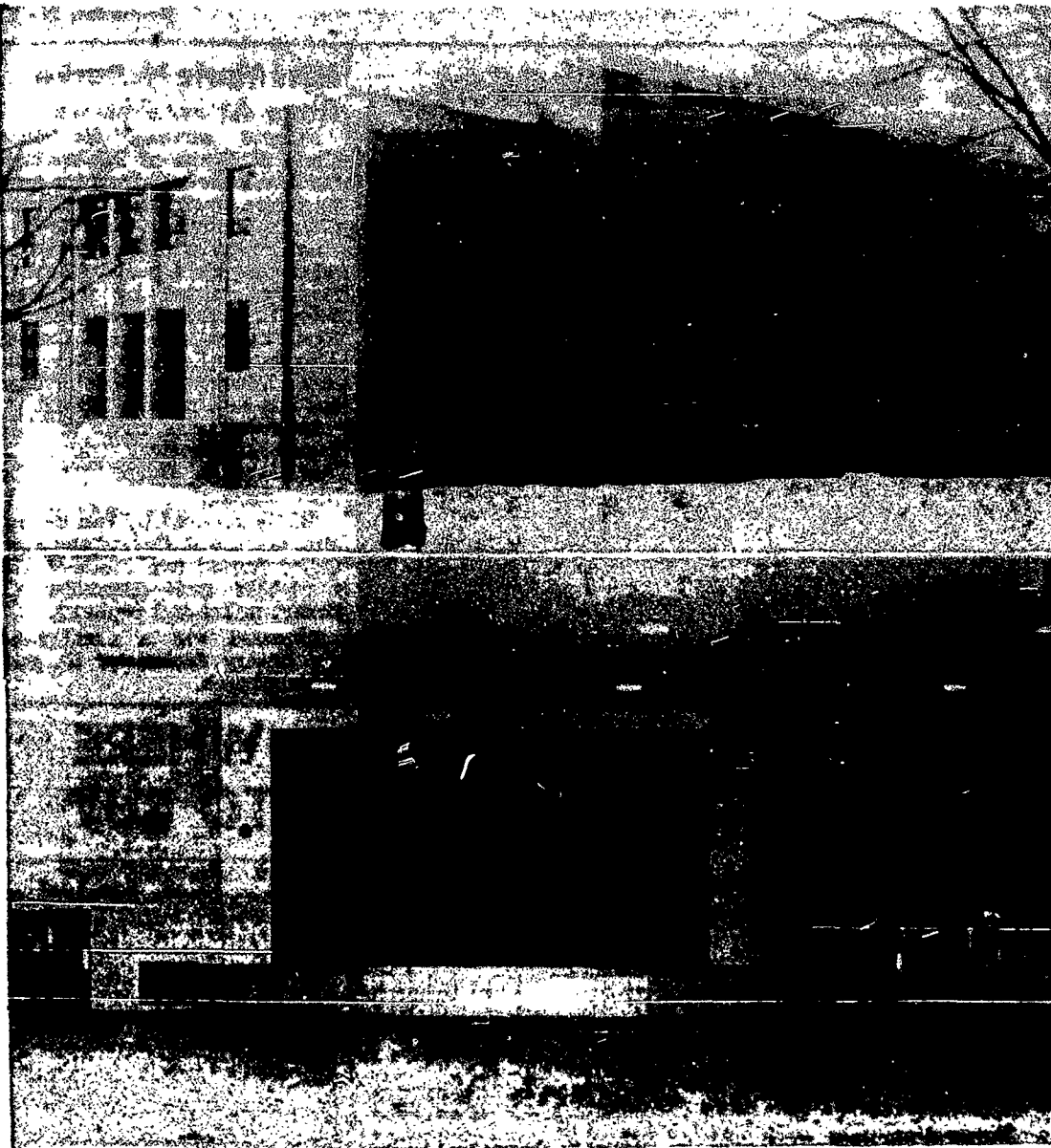


Elmira Parish's \$300,000 Building



ST. MARY'S PARISH in Elmira plans to open of which is shown in the top photo. The lower picture shows the interior of the modernly equipped auditorium which will accommodate

2200 at athletic events and 2400 at theatricals and plays. Rev. Thomas J. Toole, pastor, supervised the construction, which is part of a \$1,000,000 plan for St. Mary's parish expansion.

Erection of Parish Recreation Center Plus Classrooms Supervised by Fr. Toole

By Staff Correspondent

The Rev. Thomas J. Toole, pastor of St. Mary's church, Elmira, announces the opening next month of the newly constructed \$300,000.00 parochial gymnasium, auditorium, representing the finest and most modern building of its type to be found anywhere in the country.

The huge two story structure measuring 175 in length and 90 feet in width has a combination gymnasium-auditorium 121 feet by 76 and is suitable for all types of indoor sporting events. It will accommodate 2200 spectators for basketball games or 2500 may be seated at plays or theatricals of any kind that may be presented by students or parishioners.

A completely equipped projection room, theatre type, is located at the rear of the auditorium and can be utilized for showing moving pictures on an 18 foot screen of the latest type.

A FULL SIZED stage, 30 by 35 feet, 2 large dressing rooms, athletic director's room, storage rooms for athletic equipment, kitchen and serving room equipped to feed any or all of the affairs to be held by the various church

groups is also to be found on the same floor. Check room facilities, a concession and wash rooms complete the main floor of this outstanding building. Six modern bowling alleys for



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the exclusive members of the parish are a feature of the lower floor. These alleys are now being used to conduct classes in bowling for over 100 students of the

grammar school, groups of high school students and adult members of the parish bowling leagues. Instruction for bowlers is under the direction of Andrew VonHendy.

Adjacent to the bowling alleys are four new classrooms accommodating 140 pupils of the 525 registered at the school. These additional classrooms were made necessary to accommodate the largest registration in the history of the school and will be used until such a time as a new school is constructed.

IN ORDER to take care of the large increase in pupils it was found necessary to establish double grades from the first through the sixth grades. A staff of fifteen Sisters of St. Joseph and three lay people is needed to supervise the education of the children.

Timothy E. Curley, full time director of physical education supervises the recreation program. Curley is a graduate of Syracuse University School of Physical Education and Intercollegiate boxing champion.

More than 100 students are currently enrolled in the dancing classes being conducted weekly by the staff of the Ferguson Dance Studio. The lower floor also includes locker and lavatories for adults, locker rooms and showers for boys and girls, a separate boiler room and an electrical room.

The building is of steel, cinder block and brick faced construction and was erected by W. E. Granger & Son, general contractors. Father Toole supervised the entire construction program thus effecting a large financial saving for the parish.

A new heating plant and air conditioning equipment was installed by American Warming & Ventilating Co. Electrical work was completed by G. H. & J. T. Kelly and stage equipment was installed by A. J. Hoffend & Son Co. of Rochester.

FORMAL DEDICATION of the building has been scheduled for some time in the Spring at the convenience of His Excellency Bishop Kearney. Since his appointment as pastor of St. Mary's church on January 11, 1944, Father Toole has zealously undertaken a vast program of renovation, expansion and rebuilding of the various church properties, climaxing at this time the new gymnasium-auditorium, which stands as a credit to the keen interest Father Toole has for the welfare of the children of the parish.

In the past eight years more than \$527,000.00 has been expended to completely renovate the church, and install side entrances, new altars and a multitude of needed repairs and additions. This figure also includes renovating the school throughout, repairs to the convent and an addition to the convent of nine sleeping rooms as well as community rooms, kitchens and furnishings.

Father Toole has expressed his deep appreciation to the parishioners who have made possible this tremendous undertaking by their generous support.

The program to date represents the half way mark in a projected million dollar program inaugurated by Father Toole in

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Bishop To Lead Holy Hour On New Year's Eve

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside at a Holy Hour in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral beginning at 11:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin the services planned to greet the New Year of 1952 in a holy and devout manner, according to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, pastor of the Pro-Cathedral.

Recitation of the Rosary, singing of hymns by the Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral Men's Choir and congregational singing will be included. At the stroke of midnight all will kneel in silent adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

The services will be concluded at 12:30 a.m. Jan. 1 following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Priests of the Cathedral, the Rev. Francis J. Taylor, the Rev. William F. Nolan and the Rev. Edward J. McAniff will participate with Basilian Fathers from Aquinas Institute.

The Bishop is also scheduled to lead in the recitation of the Rosary on the Family Radio Rosary for Peace Program, WSAY at 10 p.m. New Year's night. Children of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Rochester will be heard in responses.

In Columbus Civic Center on New Year's Day, the members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus will conduct the traditional open house starting at 3 p.m.

Pontifical To Rally HN Men At St. Joseph

Delegations of laymen in Monroe County parishes are being rallied for the Sixth Annual Pontifical Mass in honor of the Feast of the Holy Name and scheduled at St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, Sunday, Jan. 6.

More than 1000 men are expected to be present when His Excellency Bishop Kearney begins the Mass at 11 a.m.

Directing the work of rallying spiritual directors and members is Frank E. Davis, president of Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union sponsoring the Mass.

All societies and men's groups are being directed to arrange for transportation to the Mass at St. Joseph's. The men will be hosts of the Very Rev. John T. Connelly, C.S.B., rector of St. Joseph's for the second year.

Dansville KC Grateful For Merchants Yule Cooperation

Dansville — Business firms cooperating in emphasizing "the real reason for celebrating Christmas", were thanked by Dansville Council, Knights of Columbus.

The Knights expressed their appreciation in letters to the Dansville Breeze and also the Genesee County Express.

Signed by Edward T. Burke of the Catholic Affairs Committee the letter read:

"Dear Sir: The Christmas Season is one of cheer and good will. At this time we are all eager to put aside all petty grievances and be of help to others less fortunate than ourselves. Christmas giving is a long standing Christian tradition.

"Now, the origin of all this is the real reason for celebrating Christmas, the birth of Our Saviour. Without Him there would be no Christmas. We give gifts, because He gave Himself to us on that first Christmas.

"Today, however, there is so much commercialism, so much hustle, so much revelry at this time, that we often forget the true meaning of Christmas. It is heartening, then, when some one spontaneously brings us back in thought to the crib of Bethlehem.

"It was a delight, indeed, to see this year a number of window displays in our Dansville stores representing the birth of Christ. The Catholic Affairs Committee of the Knights of Columbus wishes to express its sincere appreciation for these Christmas displays and heartily thank all those who are responsible for them.

"The Christ Child, Whose birth we thus honor, will surely be pleased and may He shower His choicest blessings on us all."

St. Joseph HNS Slates Party

Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, has made plans for a Christmas party to be held on Saturday, Dec. 29, at 8:30 p.m.

The party will be held in the school hall basement. All members, their wives and friends are invited.

Each one attending is asked to bring a fifty cent gift to help fill Santa's pack. The committee, headed by Paul Hagenbach and assisted by John Roth, Leo Saeum, Rudy Schwenzer, Royden Smith, Harry Fritchard, William Gaffney and Charles M. Eayer, promises a pleasant evening to all who attend.

Shamon Elected President Of Mercy Hospital Board

Auburn—Board of Trustees of Mercy Hospital at their meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11, elected George B. Shannon, well known Auburn attorney, as president, to succeed Eugene C. Donovan.

Other officers for the new year are: Edward T. Boyle, vice-president; Frank J. Leach, secretary; and Sister Aurelia, treasurer. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Coven was chairman of the nominating committee.

The following were re-elected to the Board for a term of three years: The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Conway V.F., Eugene C. Donovan, Joseph J. Harrington,

Frank J. Leach, and Charles M. Goherty. John Daly will also join the Board for a similar term beginning January 1.

MEMBERS WHOSE terms have not yet expired are: Monsignor Coven, Miss Teresa Boyle, Miss Isabel Goss, Joseph J. Harrington, Clarence Hayden, Joseph Powers, Miss Mary Schreck, and George B. Shannon.

SISTER AURELIA, in her report to the Board, expressed appreciation to the Cayuga Health Association and to the Auburn Kiwanis Club for recent donations. Her suggestion for the hiring of a physiotherapist was also favorably approved by the trustees. The purchase of a new X-ray machine was also voted.

Special tribute was paid by the Board to Miss Isabel Goss, who recently retired as president of the Mercy Hospital Guild after a term of office of more than twenty-five years. Miss Goss was succeeded by Mrs. Frederick J. Welch. The distinction was prepared and signed by Monsignor Conway, Miss Byrne and Mr. Hayden.

Auburn Hibernians On Holy Year Visits

Auburn—The Auburn chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians conducted their Holy Year Pilgrimage Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16. The Rev. Edward Tolster, chaplain, led the group prayers at each of the four churches prescribed for the visitations.

Arrangements were in charge of John McDermott, president of the local group, and Miss Louisa Donahue, president of the Auxiliary. There was a large turnout, including many non-members.

Meet At St. Theodore's. Rosary of Society of St. Theodore's Church held its meeting and Christmas party on Dec. 27. Fifty-cent gifts were exchanged.

Heads Bishop's Boy Scout Lay Group



THE BISHOP'S LAY COMMITTEE on Boy Scout work in the diocese is now headed by James L. Coyne shown here conferring with His Excellency Bishop Kearney. On left is Richard J. Toole, 1941 diocesan chairman of the committee. The committee met in the Chancery to discuss the 1952 program for boy scout work in the diocese of Rochester. (Courier Staff Photos)

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\$450,000 Loan To Finance Building Of Men's College

To complete the financing of the 14 million dollar initial construction of St. John Fisher College at East Ave. and Fairport Rd., Pittsford, a \$450,000 loan has been secured from the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank of New York.

The loan, based on a \$450,000, 15-year mortgage on the 10-acre campus of the new college, was approved by Supreme Court Justice Carroll M. Roberts.

THE MORTGAGE was given by the Basilian Fathers of the State of New York, operators of the new Catholic college of arts and sciences, which opened Sept. 19 with 110 freshmen and 12 faculty members in the college's uncompleted administration building. The Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president of the college, said the building is to be finished in two months.

In a 10-day campaign in February, 1948, a total of \$1,235,007 was pledged for the college project. The land was acquired at a cost of nearly \$300,000. Long range plans call for additional buildings on the site.

Forty Hours

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

Sunday, Jan. 6—St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester.

Sunday, Jan. 13—St. Ann's Home, Rochester.

Bishop Endorses Scouting Program Of Lay Committee

The 1952 program of the Catholic Lay Committee on Scouting was presented by the newly appointed Council Chairman, James L. Coyne of 1941 Ingersoll Drive, for the approval at his Excellency Bishop Kearney at a meeting held at the Chancery.

In approving this committee's continuance of the work of organization among the parishes of the Diocese, Bishop Kearney again indicated his prime interest in the part the Boy Scouts of America play in the furtherance of Americanization among teenage boys.

Encouraged by the wholehearted endorsement of His Excellency, it is the aim of the committee, Chairman Coyne indicated, to have a Cub Pack, Scout Troop and Explorers' Unit in nearly every parish included among the Otsego Council Districts of the City of Rochester.

Participating in the meeting were Richard J. Toole, Diocesan Chairman for the Lay Boy Scout Committee and the Reverend Donald J. Mulesky, Diocesan Spiritual Adviser.

Father Couturiaux Listed For First Friday Address

Rev. Stephen Couturiaux, S.S.C., a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary will speak on the work of his order before members of the First Friday Club, Friday, Jan. 4, in Hotel Sheraton.

Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, Pleasant St., Father the Rev. Matthew Tobin, C.S.B., Couturiaux will be presented by club moderator and chaplain of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, Laimon begins at 12:15 p. m.

Father Couturiaux came to Rochester as pastor of Our Lady of Victory in Sept. 12, 1948, to succeed the Rev. Camille A. Vander Meulen, S.S.C. The new pastor had been in charge of the work of promoting the Eucharist of the Sacred Heart in the home with headquarters in Washington.

HE ASSISTED in this work the famed Father Maloe Crayon, S.S.C. During the 1890s Father Stupis went about the country promoting the Eucharist. He was the first to bring the Eucharist to the country of France. In 1943 and 1944 he was the first to bring the Eucharist to the country of France.

All Catholics who wish to have their First Friday devotion on the First Friday are eligible to attend the luncheon. There is no charge. The Eucharist of the Sacred Heart is the heart of the Eucharist.

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