

Inquiry Series At St. Ann's Opens Tonight

Hornell—An invitation to all residents of Hornell area to attend a series of "Instruction Classes of Christian Doctrine" to be held in the Pine Room of St. Ann's School, Friday evening beginning Feb. 8 was extended at St. Ann's Church, Sunday.

Emphasis was placed by the Rev. John Coonan who will conduct the classes on the fact that no obligation will be involved on those who attend these classes.

PURPOSE OF THE SERIES is to give a systematic explanation of Catholic beliefs and practices.

Considerable interest has been shown by both Catholics and non-Catholics in the continuance of this series, as in former years. Father Coonan explained, and it was decided to conduct them on the same plan.

The meetings will begin at 7:30 p. m. and will last for just one hour, with part of the time being devoted to the answering of questions.

Many Garments Sent Vatican By Hornell Women

Hornell—The month of January was a busy one for Hornell District DCW. Its seven affiliated groups in Hornell and Danville carried on a drive for replenishing the Vatican storehouse with new garments for infants and children in war-torn foreign countries.

The Rev. John L. Coonan, spiritual advisor, and Miss Virginia Hussag, relief services chairman, Saturday expressed "heartfelt thanks" for the cooperation received in bringing the drive to a successful close.

MANY GARMENTS were collected by the various groups during their business and social meetings in January. All types of clothing were received, from infant's layettes to apparel for school-age children.

The interest in Catholic Reading Clubs has spread from Hornell to Danville. At the last meeting of the Hornell District, Danville representatives made tentative plans for starting a lending library there.

Hornell has had a Catholic Reading Club for nearly three years. Each Wednesday evening, for an hour, representatives of the district maintain a book lending service in St. Ann's School.

MISS EDNA METZGER, librarian, announced at the last meeting that several new books had been added to the library. There are now nearly 100 volumes available.

The local district plans to have a special meeting during Catholic Press Month at which a few of the more recent books will be reviewed.

Librarian Tells CDA Of European Tour

Corning—Following the monthly social meeting of Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America, last week, Mrs. William Mack, librarian at Corning Glass Center gave a talk on her recent tour of Europe. More than 100 members were present.

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Sampson Priest Keeps Promise Made In Japan

A promise made by a chaplain in Japan and fulfilled in upstate New York has resulted in a \$500 contribution by Air Force personnel for erection of a million-dollar school and community center in Harlem, according to the NCWC News Service.

The Rev. (Maj.) Albert C. Steffens, now at Sampson Air Force Base, N. Y., made a special trip to Harlem to deliver a \$500 check to the St. Charles School and Community Center Fund. He raised that amount at Sampson to keep a promise he had made several months ago while serving in Japan.

(Father Steffens was the speaker at the First Friday Luncheon Club meeting in Rochester, Friday at Hotel Sheraton.)

It was in Tokyo Father Steffens first heard that Major Cornelius J. Drew was planning the new Harlem school and community center. Having once been assigned to a Harlem church, the chaplain had firsthand knowledge of the area's needs for educational and recreational facilities. He knew, too, of the efforts of subversive groups to capitalize on the community's plight.

REALIZING THAT his personal contribution would only be a drop in the bucket, Father Steffens promised himself he would find a way to help the Harlem parish in more substantial fashion. But within a few hours after making the promise he received orders to leave for the United States.

Soon after getting settled at Sampson—6,800 miles from Tokyo—he told the airman about the project. They quickly gave \$500.

A native New Yorker, Father Steffens was stationed 41 months in Japan since World War II. During the war he served through the entire North African and Italian campaigns, and was awarded the Silver Star and the Croix de Guerre.

Altar Unit To Meet At Elmira Heights

Regular meeting of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights, will be held on Tuesday evening Feb. 12, preceding the 7:30 p. m. by recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, in the church.

The business session and initiation of new members will take place immediately after.

Service Pins Awarded 38 At Hospital



SERVICE PINS at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, were awarded among 38 employees to the above. In photo (from left) James Kirwin and Catherine Margel, receiving 20-year pins;

Sister Margaret Adelaide, hospital administrator, and Miss Agnes Maloney, Mrs. Christine Stelkey, Dan Conger, Miss Mary Sangster, James Bay and Mrs. Josephine Peck, receiving 10-year pins.

Thirty-eight employees of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, were awarded service pins last week in the nurse's residence and were guests of the Sisters of St. Joseph at a "Coffee Hour" following the presentation by Sister Margaret Adelaide, hospital administrator.

Sister Margaret Adelaide in recognizing the faithful services of this group, said:

"To be present at this little gathering here tonight is one of the more pleasant assignments that fill the course of my hospital day. It is both a sincere and real pleasure for me to tell each one of you how deeply I appreciate your splendid and long service."

"It is good that you have been drawn away from your busy day-by-day activities to join us at this Coffee Hour. What a wonderful opportunity for me to thank you for faithful service."

Twenty, ten, five or more years ago each of you undertook with some apprehension a new venture. You became employees at St. Joseph's Hospital. You have brought with you special skills and talents from which we feel that we have indeed benefited.

"You seemed from the first to realize that your work and service combined with our facilities were to be expended for the patient's comfort and that the last work in effectiveness was dependent upon your cooperation, interest, generosity, and loyalty to us."

TONIGHT we are recognizing and acknowledging publicly your contributions. However, we have not been unmindful of these through the years. We solicit your continued support. We realize that without it the fulfillment of our tremendous task here at the hospital is quite impossible, and so our whole-hearted prayer and wish is that God may grant you many more happy years with us.

"As administrator of the hospital and in the name of the Sisters, I extend to you sincere congratulations, and I want you to know that it makes me very happy to present service pins to you."

Workers receiving pins were the following:

TWENTY-YEAR PIN: James Kirwin, dietary and Catherine Margel, housekeeping.

TEN-YEAR PIN: Dan Conger, Attendant; Agnes Maloney, Dietary; Josephine Peck, Laundry; James Ray, Maintenance; Mary Sangster, Dietary; Christine Stelkey, Dietary.

FIVE-YEAR PIN: Ann Cooklin, Sewing Room; Agnes Davis, Dietary; Mary Desjardis, Administrative Staff; Marguerite Finelli, Nursing Staff; Gertrude Green, Dietary; Maude Harding, Dietary; Esther Hintz, X-Ray.

Arlene Jones, Housekeeping; Mary Kane, Dietary; Irene Lanz, Nursing Staff; Mary Liquori, Nursing Staff; Wilford Locke, Maintenance; Ann McFarland, Admission Office; Margaret McGovern, Medical Records; Ruth Mace, Nursing School Faculty; Ann Mielke, Physical Therapy; Margaret Mills, Dietary; Vincenza Morgan, Maintenance; Grace Mowerson, Laundry; Mary Nelson, Dietary; William Pedrick, Maintenance; Mary Reich, Nursing Staff; Madeline Rudolph, Nursing Staff; Elma Schaller, Linen Room; Lougenia Smith, Housekeeping; Amelia Waters, Dietary; Dorothy Young, Nursing Staff; Margaret Young, Administrative Staff.

Valentine Party Set By Societies At St. Anthony's

The annual Valentine Card Party, sponsored by the various Societies of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, will be held in the school on Tuesday evening, Feb. 12, at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor, has been named honorary chairman and the Rev. Nicholas P. Allesto, assistant pastor, has been designated general chairman.

Assisting on the large committee are these heads of the parish groups: Mrs. Peter Carnbio, Sacred Heart Ladies; Mrs. Mario G. Forte, Sewing Guild; Alexander Rossi, Sacred Heart Men; Joseph A. DeNunzio, Holy Name; Anthony Ciarnoli, Catholic War Veterans; Ernest Cicci, Boys Club; Ann T. Cassitta, Daughters of Mary.

A fancy work display will be in charge of Mrs. Forte aided by Mrs. Paul A. Getola and Mrs. Edward Rose Sr. A bake sale will be conducted by Mrs. Carnbio, assisted by Mrs. Laverne Osborn, Mrs. Louis DeMott and Mrs. Nazareno Koehl.

Individual table awards will be made.

Boy Scouts Invited To Corning Mass

Corning—All Catholic Boy Scouts are invited to attend the 8 a. m. Mass Sunday at St. Vincent de Paul's Church, receive Holy Communion and attend the breakfast which is to follow in the school hall. Tickets may be obtained from scoutmasters.

Another activity planned for Scout Week, by Cub Scout Pack 63 of St. Vincent de Paul's Church is an "open house" on Thursday at 8 p. m. for members of Pack 63 and Troop 63, their parents and friends.

On Thursday, Feb. 31, will be held the annual Blue and Gold dinner for Pack 63 to celebrate scouting's 42nd anniversary. Mrs. Anthony Kosakowski is in charge of the dinner. The meeting will be opened at 6:30 p. m. by Cubmaster Vincent R. Sommer. Paul J. McCarthy is program assistant.

Elmira KC To Dance On Saturday Night

Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, will sponsor a Saturday Night Dance to be held tomorrow night in Columbus Center. Cornelius J. Sullivan, Council Lecturer, has named Charles Ruhmel and John Limoncelli co-chairmen.

Music will be furnished by Edwin Ryan's Trio.

HUMAN FELICITY
Human felicity is produced not so much by great pieces of good fortune that seldom happen, as by little advantages that occur every day. — Franklin.

First Convert Received At Elmira Monastery

The first convert to be received into the Faith at Mount Saviour Monastery made a solemn Profession of Faith last Friday afternoon and received her First Holy Communion the following day, the Feast of the Purification of Our Blessed Mother.

The Very Rev. Damascus Winczen, Prior, had been giving instructions to Miss Grace Pugh of New York City for the past several weeks.

Miss Pugh became interested in Catholicism as a result of an article she read in the New York papers announcing the opening of Mount Saviour Monastery and at that time made a contribution to help the building program.

THE NEW CANDIDATES were Chester Zajack of Detroit now to be known as Brother Ignatius; John Rooney of Brooklyn, Brother Jerome and Denis Shea, Jersey City, Brother Andrew.

In the first year since the founding of the new Monastery, a very satisfactory growth has been attained. Starting with four Monks, there are now 15 in the Community, including Monks, Novices and Postulants. Seven other applications are now being considered.

3 Robed In Habit Of Benedictines At Mt. Saviour

Three new candidates received the Benedictine habit at a special ceremony last Saturday afternoon at Mount Saviour Monastery.

Novena Closing Set At Lourdes

Solemn closing of the Novena in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place tomorrow night at 7:45 p. m. in Our Lady of Lourdes church, Elmira.

The Rev. John B. Affleck, O.P., the Holy Name Society and circulation Director of the Holy Name Journal is conducting the Novena.

Closing services will include Novena prayers, sermon, Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and imparting of the Papal Blessing by Father Affleck.

The following day, Sunday, will be observed as Family Communion Sunday in thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes for the many blessings received by the parish through the intercession of Our Lady.

Plan Appreciation Dinner For Staff

An Appreciation Dinner honoring retiring officers will be given by the Knights and Ladies of St. John Club Inc. Feb. 9 at the clubhouse, 385 Andrews Street.

Individuals to be honored are Leo G. Hoegenfeld, president; Mrs. Caroline Foster vice president; Charles Vogler, treasurer; and Mrs. Mary Bailey secretary. Lt. Col. Al G. Miller and Mrs. Camilla Haszlauser are co-chairmen.

Five Christian Culture Lectures Set In Elmira

With the general theme of "A Return to Principles," an Elmira Christian Culture Series will open in Dunn Memorial Auditorium of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira on March 2 at 3 p. m.

The series is being sponsored by the Elmira Deanery Council, Rochester Diocese Holy Name Union, of which the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti is moderator.

FIRST SPEAKER in the series of five Sunday talks will be given by the Rev. William A. Burns, principal of Elmira Catholic High School, on "What Has Happened to American Thought?" Non-Catholics as well as Catholics will be welcome at any of the lectures.

Other priests widely known throughout the Diocese of Rochester will be heard on succeeding Sundays.

The other speakers will be: Sunday, March 9—The Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Rochester, whose topic will be "Problems of American Education."

Sunday, March 16—The Rev. Benedict A. Ehrmann, pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen, speaking on "An Ethical Evaluation of Modern American Literature."

Sunday, March 23—The Rev. Dr. John E. McCafferty, Officialis of the Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal, Chazy, Rochester, who will lecture on "What Has Happened to American Jurisprudence?"

Sunday, March 30—The Rev. Richard Torney, chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy High School, Rochester, and commentator on the Catholic Courier Journal broadcast each Sunday on WHAM, who will discuss "Principles in Public Life."

The series is being arranged by the Rev. Vincent P. Collins, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira.

St. Mary's Scouts Mark Anniversary

Boy Scouts and Cubs of St. Mary's parish, Elmira will observe National Scout week on Sunday with reception of Holy Communion in a group at the 7:30 a. m. Mass.

Two Cubs and two Scouts will serve the Mass in full Uniform. The anniversary dinner for these two groups will be held on Monday evening at 6:30 in the Auditorium. Parents of the Scouters will also be in attendance.

An exceptional program of entertainment has been arranged, leaders said.



REV. WILLIAM A. BURNS

Sixteenth Annual Banquet Set By St. John's Group

Sodally of Our Lady of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, will hold their 16th annual banquet on Thursday evening, Feb. 14, at the New England Kitchen, at 6:30 p. m.

Mrs. Joseph Fischer and Mrs. John Ruhmel Jr. are co-chairmen. Assisting are Mrs. Charles Kruckow; Mrs. Charles Ruhmel; Mrs. Helen Schultz; Miss Margaret Kennedy; Miss Clara Schwartz and Miss Margaret Frederick.

All women of the parish are invited to the banquet and are asked to make their reservations by calling Mrs. Fischer, 22462, or Mrs. Charles Ruhmel, 31281. Reservations must be in before Feb. 12.

Corning HN Men See World Series Films

Corning—Members of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church met Tuesday evening for the regular monthly business session. Kenneth McCranels, president, was in charge.

Following the meeting movies of the 1951 World Series were shown. Clarence Farmer, Charles Golliber and Richard Grady made all arrangements for the evening.

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Bake Sale Listed By IHS Members

Immaculate Heart Society of St. Peter and Paul's church, Elmira will hold a Bake Sale tomorrow (Saturday) morning from 10 until 1 in the Gordon Coy store.

Mrs. John T. Clark and Mrs. William P. Lynch have been named co-chairmen and will be assisted by Mrs. Florence J. Sullivan, Miss Alice Clark, Miss Anastasia Rosinski and Miss Frances Battersby.

Serving on the food committee are Mrs. John T. Dowdle, Mrs. Robert W. Ganser, Mrs. William F. Griffin, Mrs. Joseph Henz, Mrs. Edward F. Elston and Miss Babe Crowley.

Those unable to make food deliveries are requested to call Mrs. James R. Haw at 29953 and arrangements will be made to pick up donations.

Nazareth Grads Form Southern Tier Unit

Corning—The newly formed Southern Tier Chapter of Nazareth Alumnae held its third meeting on Thursday night of last week at the home of Mrs. William McCarthy at 7 Wilson St. for the purpose of electing officers.

Selected to head the group was Mrs. Harry Reidy of Elmira. Mrs. Thomas McHenry of Corning was elected secretary and Miss Madeline Sullivan of Elmira, treasurer.

Plans were made for a sub-freshman tea for all area high school students to be held March 9 from 3 to 5 p. m. at the home of Miss Sullivan, 1856 W. Water St., Elmira.

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