St. John's Sodality Told Of Benedictine Monastery

About 60 members of the Sodality of Our Lady of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, attended the 10th Annual Banquet of the Society at the New England Kitchen Feb. 14.

Principal speaker was Dom Gregory Borgibedi, O.S.B., Sub Prior of Mount Savior Monastery, who told the Sodalists of the founding of the Monastery.

"Over 100 years ago when the Benedictines first came to the United States, they had to sacrifice their monastic way of life and take over parishes and schools because of the lack of priests," he said.

"Now that the pioneering stage is over," Father Gregory continued, "some of the monks began to think of establishing monasteries like those founded by St. Benedict more than 300 years ago in Europe. This is how Mount Savior had its beginning."

FOUR MONKS discussed it among themselves and approached the Abbot Primate for his permission which was granted immediately. The next step was to get the permission of the Holy See which was promptly granted. Meantime the location had already been selected at the urging of Father Bernard who had dreamed for many years of seeing a Benedictine Monastery in this location.

"Benedictine Monasteries," Father Gregory continued, "differ from other orders. A Benedictine belongs to the particular Monastery to which he is first assigned. Even the Novices who come to Mount Savior will remain there for the rest of their lives. The only reason for leaving is to form a new Monastery."

The monks are happy in their new community and feel that Elmirans are really glad they came.

"At present we are living on the charity of Elmirans," Father Gregory said, "but eventually we expect to be self supporting." Their main project will be raising beef cattle. At present the herd consists of three.

Many volunteer workers have come from all over the United States to help them in their project. At present the community houses four Monks, 15 Novices and Postulants and about 15 volunteer lay workers.

The Monks ask the prayers of Elmirans. "We need your prayers to help us meet the spiritual challenge of the task which we have undertaken," he said, "and we in turn will you with our prayers because the primary purpose of our Community is to deepen devotion to our Blessed Mother."

Seated at the speakers' table were Father Gregory, the Rev. Frederick L. Walz, moderator of the Sodality; Mrs. Charles Kruckow, Sodality president; Mrs. Charles Ruhmel, treasurer, and Mrs. Joseph Fischer and Mrs. John Ruhmel Jr., who were co-chairmen of the dinner. Father Walz was toastmaster.

2,861 Lifesavers

The Boy Scouts of America have honored 2,861 of its members since 1910 for saving the lives of others.

Memorial Organ To Be Dedicated

INSTALLED in memory of the late Raymond F. Leinen, prominent parishioner of St. John the Evangelist's Church, Rochester, as a gift of Mrs. Leinen, the organ shown on either side of the striking stained glass window will be dedicated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney March 9. (Courier Staff Photo by Ray Koerner.)

2 Bishops At Final Rites For Mrs. Emma J. Connell

Two Bishops were present and two priest-sons officiated at the Solemn Requiem Mass for Mrs. Emma J. Connell, 57 Landsdale St. at Blessed Sacrament Church, Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. More than 125 priests attended.

Mrs. Connell who had been in failing health for several months died at the age of 77 on Thursday, Feb. 21, 1952, in St. Mary's Hospital.

The Solemn Requiem was offered by one of her sons, Very Rev. Maynard Connell, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary, with another son, Rev. Charles B. Connell, assistant pastor of Corpus Christi Church, as deacon, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. Connors, subdeacon.

HIS EXCELLENCY Bishop Kearney and Bishop David F. Cunningham, Auxiliary of Syracuse, were in the Sanctuary.

Also the Right Reverend Monsignors William M. Hart, P.A., V.G., Charles F. Shay, Joseph S. Cameron, F. William Stauder, Wilfred Craugh, Lawrence B. Casey, Joseph J. Baleri, John M. Duffy and the Very Reverend Monsignors Gerald C. Lambert, James C. McAniff, Chancellor of the diocese; and John S. Randall and the Rev. James Bennett of Syracuse.

Active bearers were John Langworthy, Theodore J. Houck, Merland Hamm, William Diamond, Charles Latus and Clayton DeWolf.

Mrs. Connell was a native of Canandaigua. Her husband, Thomas F. Connell, died 30 years ago. She was a member of the Rosary Society of Blessed Sacrament Church.

Besides her two priests sons, Mrs. Connell is survived by two other sons, Eugene B. and William T. Connell; one daughter, Helen I. Connell; two sisters, Mrs. James Godfrey of Buffalo and Mrs. William Conway of Rochester; also seven grandchildren.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Canandaigua, where final blessing was imparted by Monsignor Conners assisted by Fathers Charles B. and Maynard A. Connell and other priests.

Priests attending the Solemn Requiem Mass were: the Reverend Fathers Boecker Sullivan, William J. Naughton, George J. Schmitt, John F. O'Beirne, Alphonsus F. Crimmins, Francis M. Fleming, Raymond J. Wahl, John A. Morgan, Otto J. Voet, Edward Steinkirchner, Emmett Murphy, Charles L. Sullivan, John W. Loughlin, Joseph L. Horgan, Eugene H. McFarland, Frederick J. Zwierlein, John P. Norris, W. Daily Baker, John L. Maxwell.

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The Reverend Fathers John W. Merklinger, John A. Reddington, Richard G. Stanton, Edward A. Shannon, William J. Butler, Walter A. Fischer, J. Joseph Kavanagh, Lawrence E. Ward, Henry A. Swift, James C. Lane, Joseph Lynch, Charles V. Boyle, Francis A. Marie, Jacob Gorman, Gennaro Ventura, John O'Malley, Charles G. Mosher, Chester M. Klonk, William M. Hart, William J. O'Brien, James F. Slattery, Victor J. Hurley, Charles J. Mahoney, George C. Vogt.

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Final Rites Held For 2 In Corning

Corning—Mrs. Frances Krebs Lantz of Buffalo, formerly of Corning, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1952, in a Buffalo hospital. She was born in Corning, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krebs and was the widow of Edward Lantz who died in 1937. She was a member of St. Boniface Church of Buffalo.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Harry Kuyler of Buffalo with whom she resided, Miss Irene Lantz of Elmira, Miss Genevieve Lantz of Corning and Mrs. George Burns of Syracuse; five sisters, Miss Mary Krebs, Mrs. Charles Burgett and Mrs. Willard Noyes, all of Corning; Mrs. Frank Meeker of Elmira, Mrs. William Schulz of Rochester; two brothers, Henry Krebs of Clearfield, Pa., and Arthur Krebs of Vineland, N. J.

Funeral services were held in Buffalo and the body was brought to Corning for burial in St. Mary's Cemetery on Friday.

Corning — Edward G. Hyder, 56, 314 E. First St., died Monday, Feb. 15, 1952, at Corning Hospital. He was born in Lebanon, now a republic, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hyder and came to the United States as a boy. He was united in marriage with the former Miss Mary Nessle in Corning in 1924. He was a member of St. Patrick's Church.

Besides his wife he is survived by one son, Corporal Edward Hyder of Arizona; three daughters, Mrs. Reba Lewis, Mrs. Evelyn Bruellly and Miss Rose Hyder, all of Corning; one brother, Peter Hyder of East Corning; three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the home Friday at 8:30 a.m. and at 9 o'clock in St. Patrick's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Organ Seminar Set For Elmira Musicians

Porter Heaps, internationally-celebrated organist, will conduct a free public seminar on Registration for the Hammond Organ at the Park Church, Elmira, on Wednesday, March 19, at 8:15 p.m. The seminar is being sponsored by M. Doyle Marks Son, and all organists, pianists, and other interested persons are invited.

Mr. Heaps, renowned not only as organ virtuoso, but also as arranger, teacher, and writer, has played the Hammond Organ daily for almost 17 years, in churches, in concert, and over the air. Accordingly, the Marks company feels that he is exceptionally well qualified to demonstrate and to explain the Hammond Organ's resources and effects.

Also, since Mr. Heaps is booked heavily in the larger centers, the company feels privileged to present him in Elmira immediately following a seminar in Rochester and before seminars in Syracuse and Hartford.

Dr. Bruening To Finish Course At Harvard U.

Cologne, Germany — (NC) — Dr. Heinrich Bruening, former Chancellor of Germany who has lived in exile in the United States for the past few years and who, during the past winter was guest professor at the University of Cologne, plans to return to Boston soon to complete his course at Harvard University.

Dr. Bruening expects to return to Cologne in the fall to remain in Germany permanently as a member of the faculty here. He is a distinguished Catholic statesman.

All-Catholic All-American Basketball Poll Underway

Worcester, Mass. —(NC)— A nationwide poll of Catholic newspaper sports editors, basketball coaches and college sports publicity directors has been announced by Bus Sheary, Holy Cross College basketball coach, to determine the first annual 1951-52 All-Catholic, All-America Basketball Team.

Selections will be made on the basis of players attending Catholic colleges and nominated in the poll. Players need not be Catholics, Sheary pointed out, but they must play for Catholic colleges.

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ELMIRA CATHOLIC HIGHLIGHTS

By ALICE BANNON

We are proud to announce that our own Marie Powers won a $400 scholarship to Nazareth College, Rochester. Congratulations Marie, and keep up the good work.

The monthly meeting of the Sodality was held Wednesday, Feb. 20. Joan Knuth read the mental prayer, minutes were given by Mary Alice O'Connor, and Joe Horka gave the treasurer's report. Ed Godwin, Louis Saxe, Joan O'Hara, and Anne Michalke reported on the Sodality Institute held Feb. 17. The annual Lenten stamp collection was discussed. Tom Daley presided at the meeting.

Last Sunday, Prefect Tom Daly and Vice-prefect Mary Alice O'Connor journeyed to Geneva to attend a Sodality conference.

The photographer was again with us last week. The Echsonian is advancing rapidly under the direction of Sister Mary Lourdes and editor John Watts. The Seniors are naturally very much interested in all progress made.

After celebrating Washington's birthday last Friday, we were all in high spirits until Sunday. The Crusaders lost both games to St. Patrick's of Binghamton by one point.

The Seniors were entertained at a party at Dick Meeker's house last Thursday night. A good time was had by all, and the memories live on.

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