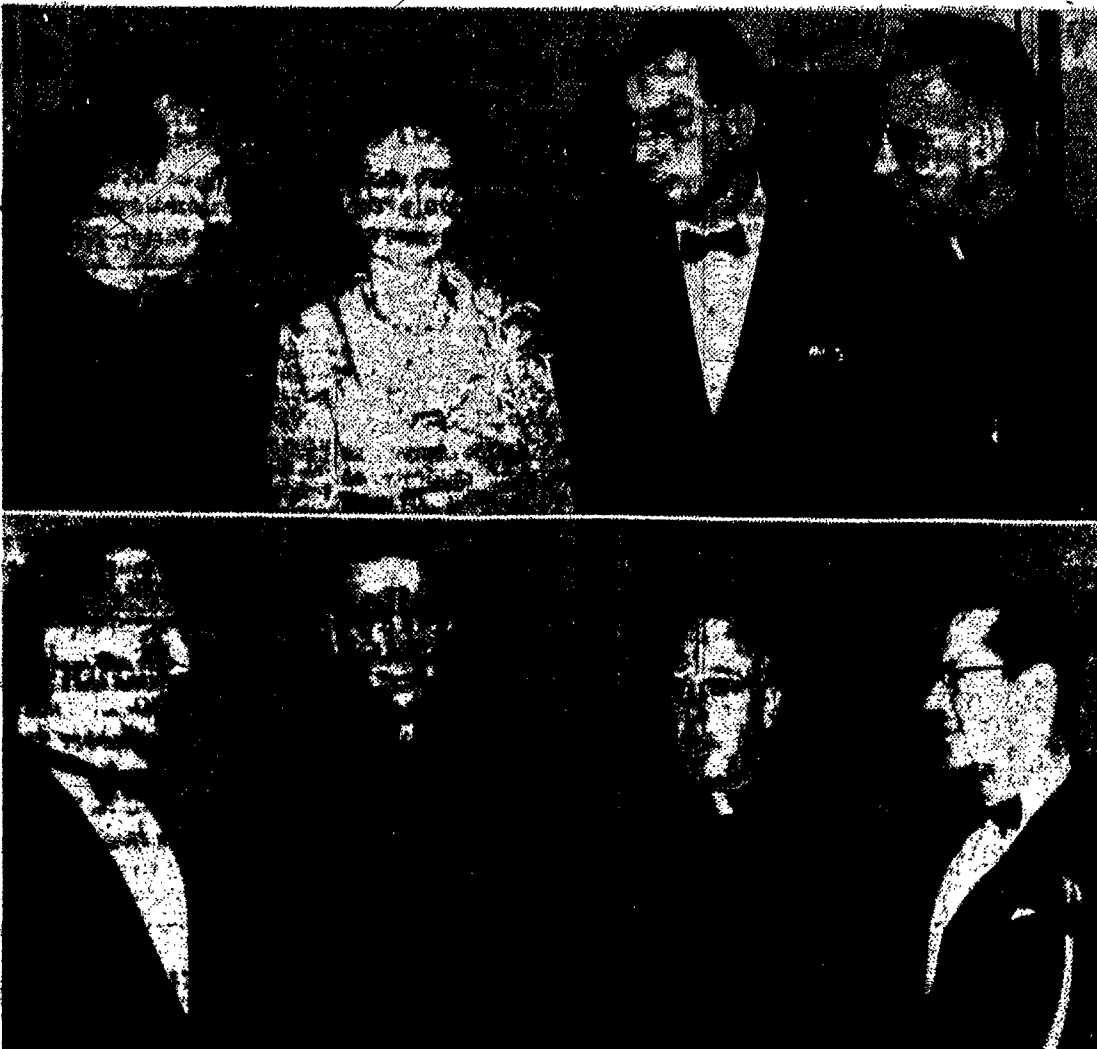


Family Service Dinner Principals



LEADING ROLES in the 23rd Annual Catholic Family Service dinner in Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira, Wednesday last week were taken by above: top photo (from left) Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, John D. Erawley, general chairman, Rev. Swilhelm Bowers, O.M.I., of Ottawa, speaker; lower photo (William Sheehan, ticket committee, Msgr. William J. Erien, V.F., Rev. Arthur E. Ratigan and James L. Burke, director. (Courier Staff Photos.)

Catholic Social Work Program Upheld By Family Service Dinner Speaker

The Catholic family agency's "recognition that mutual aid is a valuable characteristic of group life," and the Catholic social worker's constant exercising of the virtue of charity were extolled in the principal address at the Elmira Catholic Family Service 23rd annual dinner, on Nov. 5.

Speaker in Mark Twain Hotel, was the Rev. Swilhelm Bowers, O.M.I., Dean of the School of Social Work at the University of Ottawa, Canada and an internationally known expert on social work problems.

Examples of cases known to him were cited by Father Bowers to show that a Catholic family agency is a medium through which the Catholic community seeks to implement the exhortation of Holy Scripture: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the Law of Christ."

CONCLUSIONS on the cases drawn by the speaker were: "Economic dependency is fraught with many more problems than those of a roof over one's head and food in the stomach."

"Children are persons in their own right and with their own needs and with the basic need to be free to grow up into independent functioning adults."

"Marital problems invariably involve more than the two spouses, and, in most instances,

it is the children who, indirectly suffer most."

He urged that sight be not lost of the persons behind the problem, and the human reality of the needs.

Father Bowers defended the essential role of the voluntary agency in meeting human needs.

"The complexity of modern life, its manifold inter-ramifications, have resulted in the State taking more and more an active part in direct provision for the social welfare of its members," he said.

"It seems to me that such a process was inevitable. But with it goes a great danger, a danger which many, in these days, have recognized, and some have distorted."

"I refer, of course, to the danger of stifling of killing individuality, group, and community initiative and concern for the common good which, in the last analysis, is the source of the democratic nation's life and health."

CRITICS OF THE voluntary agency state that the sectarian agency fosters separatism and creates dissunity.

"To these I must say that there is no surer way to create dissunity in a community than to override actual, existing, genuine differences by imposing a secularist uniformity on the religious groups that make up the community."

"To deny that," Father Bowers said, "is to deny freedom of conscience."

The speaker asked "our Non-Catholic friends" to "look around you in your own community. Are the fruits, the products, of this so-called separatist system second-class citizens of America?"

Catholic social work, the noted sociologist said, has as its ultimate purpose, an adjustment between the individual and his environment which aids in bringing him closer to his ultimate purpose, or which, at least, does not lead him further away from its achievement.

"This does not mean," he said, "that we are unconcerned about economic well-being, decent standards of living, satisfying and fruitful social relationships."

"We are, for these accrue to the personal dignity of man, but we see them set within a fuller and wider context, since the personal dignity of the individual

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Clothes Drive In Diocese To Aid Koreans

The annual Bishops of the United States Appeal for the Thanksgiving Week Clothing Collection for Korea and refugees of Europe, the Near and Far East is announced this week.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney in a letter to all the pastors joins in the appeal. The Bishop has appointed the Rev. Louis Hohman, assistant pastor of Blessed Sacrament parish as director of the collection in this diocese.

"A little trouble and a little organization will save the lives of some and save the health of many in the bitter months ahead," the Bishop said in asking clothing of all kinds in the drive.

THE NEED in Korea is particularly stressed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward E. Swannstrom, executive director of War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference who has just returned from a tour of Europe, the Near and Far East and said clothing is the No. 1 priority need for millions of refugees particularly in Korea.

He quoted General Van Fleet, Commander of the Eighth Army in Korea who after voicing appreciation of the tremendous contribution of the Catholic Church in Korea relief, said in Seoul: "The civilians of Korea face a bitter third winter of war with even less than they had to carry through each of the past two winters. Your help is again sorely needed."

Monignor Swannstrom explained that the entire wardrobe of most of the men, women and children he saw in Korea consists of what they wore when they fled or were driven from their homes. Underwear is a luxury. Blankets are coveted items to be shared whenever possible.

ALL GARMENTS and bedding are treasured from constant hard usage. "Many of our fellow priests are no better off than the refugees they serve," the relief director said.

A Syracuse airman writing to the relief director in his home city appealed for the Korean children he had seen.

"It gets very cold here," A/2c Stephen A. Collins wrote to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Toomey, "and they have no heavy clothing. Maybe I should not ask this of you, but I really hate to see these kids suffer."

"Several other men on the base have contacted their churches for the same reason. This is strictly unofficial, and is only being done because some of us have a real interest in what happens to these children."

Collection arrangement details in Rochester diocese will be announced by Father Hohman next week.

Forty Hours To Open At St. Mary

Forty Hours devotion will open in St. Mary's Church, Elmira, at the 11 o'clock solemn high Mass on Sunday with solemn closing taking place on Tuesday evening.

Sermons for the three evenings will be delivered by Rev. John S. Maloney on Sunday, Rev. Joseph F. Hogan on Monday and Rev. L. Emmett Davis on Tuesday.

Evening devotions will commence at 7:45 p. m. and Masses will be celebrated each day at 6, 7 and 8 a. m.

Elmirans Assure New Catholic High By Topping Quota In Bishop's Drive

Notre Dame de Lourdes High School, assured of being built, will stand as "a monument to the Catholicity of Elmira for many years to come."

This was the commendation, 500 joyous workers heard from the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Erien, V.F., dean of the Elmira deanery, Sunday night when Elmira's part in the Bishop's Jubilee High School Fund Campaign was reported as \$600,284 pledged.

(Figure reported for Elmira workers at the close of the diocesan-wide campaign in Rochester, Tuesday night will be found in story on page 1.)

The reports which showed every parish in the Elmira area over its quota were heard in the Mark Twain Hotel ballroom with the total showing the Elmira goal of \$512,275 exceeded by \$88,019.

Charles F. Kennedy, Elmira campaign chairman estimated that the total represents nearly 5,000 individual pledges.

St. Anthony's Parish of Elmira was reported the Chemung County leader, Sunday, having exceeded its quota by 183 per cent. This parish's subscriptions reached \$54,480.

Next highest in the percentage category is St. Mary's Church of Horseheads, which raised \$15,472 for 180 per cent of its goal.

THE LARGEST parish contribution was by St. Patrick's, which had a total subscription of \$159,195, or 131 per cent of its quota.

Next highest is St. Mary's Church of Elmira with a total of \$127,88 for 108 per cent of the parish goal.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Erien, V.F., honorary chairman of the drive, announced from the speaker's table that cards turned in Sunday night totaled \$230,828 and sent the campaign over the goal.

Sunday night's figures included the report from the special gifts division, which obtained \$126,741 of the \$600,000 raised.

The special gifts contributions were included in the final parish reports with donations being credited to the parish of the individual giver.

PARISHES IN Steuben, Tioga and Schuyler Counties, which are contributing to the Bishop's revolving fund, did not file reports at Sunday night's affair, but were reported Tuesday to the Bishop.

It was announced Sunday that a solicitation of industrial organizations in Chemung County will soon be undertaken by a special committee.

A number of corporations have expressed interest in participating in the campaign.

The special committee has prepared a list of show industries and the tax savings that will accrue from the construction of a new Catholic high school as against the complete tax assessment for a new public high school which might be necessary if the Catholic high school were not constructed.

FIGURES SHOW that the operation of parochial schools in Elmira at present represents an annual tax saving of \$621,114 to property owners.

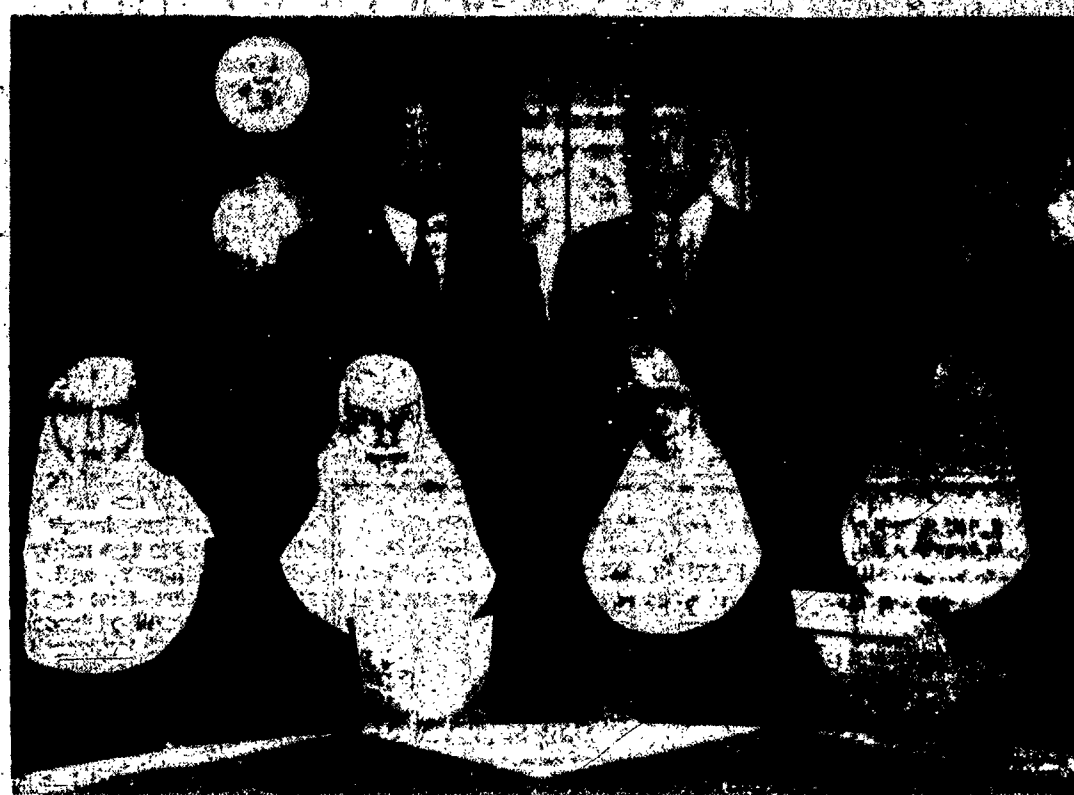
The committee estimates that that new Catholic high school will bring another \$207,530 a year saving to taxpayers.

The cost of the school is estimated at \$1.3 million. The difference between the amount raised locally and the total cost will be borne by the Sisters of Mercy, who will start the school.

Msgr. Erien reviewed the years of planning and hoping for a new high school and said the final report dinner represented the realization of the dreams of many.

He paid tribute to the many laymen and clergy in the city, county and diocese whose efforts have resulted in the successful campaign.

He spoke of the spiritual and material contributions of the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, and the Rt.



AWAITING THE FINAL REPORT in the successful fund-raising drive for Notre Dame de Lourdes High School Sunday night was this group of Sisters of Mercy and campaign workers. Seated (from left) Mother M. Martin of Rochester, bursar of the diocese community; the Rev. Mother M. Camilla, diocesan superior of the community; Sister M. Raphael of Rochester, who will be principal of the new Elmira school, and Sister M. Alberta, assistant principal. Standing (from left): Clarence Black, campaign worker from St. Peter and Paul's Parish; Benjamin L. Fagan, St. Cecilia's, and Theodore Doran, St. Charles Borromeo Elmira Heights. (Other photos on Page 9.)

Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Mahoney, diocesan administrator of schools, and of the work "they have done for us."

SPEAKING OF THE Sisters of Mercy, Msgr. Erien said, "It will be a great asset to Elmira to have them starting the new school."

Msgr. Erien remarked with a smile that "our drive here has been greatly emphasized by the diocese campaign... which 'tagged' onto ours."

The campaign honored Bishop Kearney on his 20th year as a bishop and his 15th in the Rochester Diocese.

"For from this effort," Msgr. Erien said, "we have come to know each other better... it has been a great incentive for our faith... and we have brought Catholicism before the community."

"I congratulate each and every person connected with this drive. God bless you all."

MSGR. MAHONEY thanked each of the individual campaign

officials for their successful efforts and told the drive promoters, "You have made it possible for the youth of succeeding generations to obtain a Catholic education."

The Rev. Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall of Rochester, diocesan campaign director, who was unable to attend last night's meeting, was described by Msgr. Mahoney as the "drive behind the drive" whose "love of Christ is his motivating interest."

DCCW Slates Day's Devotions

Ceremonial—At the regular monthly meeting of Corning Deanery, National Council of Catholic Women, Mrs. Glen Jamison, president, presiding, gave an account of the recent Diocesan Convention of the organization.

During the meeting the announcement was made of the following appointments: Mrs. Leo Schaller, chairman of the Shrine committee; Mrs. Loren Bauman, family life committee; Miss Margaret Thomas, Farmer, library and literature committee.

November 23 was announced as a day of recollection by the Rev. Daniel Hogan, moderator; Father Hogan requested Deacony members to attend Mass and receive Communion in their respective churches in the morning and attend the services which will begin at 2 p. m. in St. Vincent de Paul's Church. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude the ceremony at 5 p. m.

The continuation of the block Rosary was also urged by Father Hogan.

SIGHT If the blind put their hand in God's, they feel their way through the dark more surely than those who see but have not faith.

—Helen Keller

Elmira KC To Honor Dead

Annual Memorial services for members of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, who have died during the past year, will be held 8 p. m. on Sunday afternoon in the Cooney.

The ceremony will be under the direction of Rev. Guy J. Wertz, Chaplain. Committee on arrangements includes: Conventor, J. Sullivan and John M. Strong.

Rosary Unit Hears Father Guy Wertz

The Rosary Altar Society of St. Mary's Church, Elmira, held their regular monthly meeting last week preceded by services in the church.

The business session, held in the auditorium was conducted by Mrs. James P. O'Leary, president. Rev. Guy J. Wertz, Moderator, spoke to the group.

A social hour and refreshments concluded the evening's activities. Mrs. Richard Fernan was in charge of arrangements and was assisted by Mesdames Delbert Moss, Lester Elliott, Joseph Heyburn, Christie Katz, Henry Kane and the Misses Catherine Shultz and Anne McCarthy.

Mission Listed At St. Patrick

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Erien, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, announces that a two weeks' Mission will open on Sunday, Nov. 24, the first week for the women of the parish and the concluding week for the men.

The Mission will be conducted by the Rev. John B. A. O'Leary, O.P., and the Rev. J. C. McDonough, O.P.

Women's Club Told Of Papal Audience

Corning—Feature of the November meeting of the Catholic Women's Club of Painted Post was a talk by Mrs. Edith Cooney in which she gave an account of an audience with Pope Pius XII, which she was granted during a recent visit to Italy.

Mrs. Florence Frost reported on the annual Diocesan Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women which was held recently at Rochester.

Serving on the refreshment committee for the evening were Mesdames Mary Cassidy and Norbert Oakes, co-chairmen, assisted by Mesdames Albert Cronin, Roger Keegan, Augustine McKay, Edward Dalley, Nell Carter, Bruno Fortino and Mary Dillon.

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