

40th Annual Banquet Set By Waverly CDA Court

By ELIZABETH TUCCINARDI

Waverly—The 40th annual banquet of Court Joan of Arc of Waverly Catholic Daughters of America, will be held on Thursday evening, Feb. 25 in St. James hall. Mrs. Nellie Payne, regent, announced at the business meeting Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Julia Hogan was named chairman of the planning committee, and C. Fred Kellogg of Waverly was engaged to cater the dinner.

Reception of new members will take place on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 28 at 4:30 in the social hall. A large class of candidates will be received. Mrs. Helen Sullivan and Miss Ellen Fahey are co-chairmen. Invitations have been issued to members of the Savoy, Owego and Elmira courts.

It was voted to donate \$5.00 to the St. James Brownie troop and as a part of the program, the latest books from the library were displayed by Miss Ann O'Donnell and Miss Mary Fahey.

For the benefit of the new school, Gold Medal Flour-coupons are being collected, and it is the urgent wish that the entire parish participate by placing the coupons in the collection basket on Sundays or giving them to one of the members of CDA.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Margaret Hogan, Mrs. Nellie Nash and Miss Anna Arnold. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2.

Waverly—St. James varsity and jayvee gives each brought off this week in their competition against St. Peter and Paul on the church court in Elmira.

The varsity game went to Waverly by a 39-31 score behind the 15-point shooting of Russ Fahey and 10 points by Bob Payne. High for the losers was D. Sullivan with 12. Waverly held period advantages of 6-2, 37-9 and 33-20.

Waverly jayvees won 28-35 with Bob Cortright hitting for 16 points and Jim Gay and Mike Leary each getting eight for the winners. Bernard had 20 for the losers.

Waverly—Waverly Knights of Columbus 253 conferred first and

Auburn Sodality Mark Marian Year



SODALITY UNION of Auburn also marked the Marian Year, with a special Evening Mass celebrated in Holy Family Church, Auburn on the Feast of the Purification. Here it shows blessing of the candles which were given to protect who will burn the mat each Sunday meeting. At Mass following, those in photo from left officiated: Rev. Robert Downes, assistant pastor, St. Mary's Church, celebrant; Rev. John J. Steger, assistant, St. Alphonsus, deacon; the Rev. William F. Davis, Holy Family School principal, subdeacon; David Jackson, master of Ceremonies.

St. Patrick's Boy Scouts Set Owego Record

By HELEN A. BROSNAN

Owego—To St. Patrick's goes the honor of having the largest delegation of Boy Scouts attending a church service on Boy Scout Sunday, of any church in the village of Owego.

More than 60 Scouts with their leaders, Cubs, Den Mothers, attended the 8:30 o'clock Mass, William Franz and George Hall, members of Ship 36, Sea Scouts served as altar boys; Thomas Ward and James Galpin, also members of Ship 56, assisted as ushers. Leaders in attendance were Joseph, Loftus, Robert Reynolds, Gerard Boland, leaders of St. Patrick's Troop. Scout executives attending were John Patterson and Harold Francis. At the close of the Mass, just before the Scouts left the church, the delegation sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

Owego—Tickets for the benefit card party to be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, in St. Patrick's Church hall, are being sold rapidly and an exceptionally large crowd is expected.

The principal object of the party is to obtain uniforms for the basketball teams which represent St. Patrick's in the Southern Tier C. Y. O. John Grandino is acting as coach of the team and is assisted by George Hall, Sr.

Cubs—Cub Scouting, started in 1931, now has over a million boys enrolled.

Do 'All Generations' Include Your Daughter?

By MARY E. FITZGERALD
Executive Director—Catholic Family Service

In a small room adjoining the library at the Sacred Heart convent in Rochester there is a beautiful picture by Britton. It portrays age and youth side by side, with heads bowed in adoration of the God who made them and is entitled "All Generations." How about it, Catholic mothers, does this convince you that closed retreats are for your daughter as well as for you and other adults?

Granted that the youth of today may be presenting many and various problems, I am however more than convinced that this is also characteristic of the parents. In a temerity, which is based on years of experience with parent-child conflicts, I dare to challenge many of the parents of today to compare themselves with their own parents, and grandparents. And in making that analysis, why not study your response to this question, "Will my daughter make a closed retreat this year?"

ONLY ONE, who has had the privilege of looking on at a retreat for high school students can understand the love and devotion, the unwavering adherence to the rules of the day that these daughters of the world practice during a happy rendezvous with their Divine Saviour. True indeed of them are the words, "Their feet are on earth, but their hearts are in Heaven."

"All generations," and I include—there is not much difference in youth and age—in the shadow of the tabernacle. Life has changed—temptation works overtime for half pay and your daughter needs more than even the most conscientious parents can give her. Maybe you are not retreat conscious—but that does not mean that you are in the right. The more attractive and popular a girl is, that much more does she require all the spiritual indoctrinations that she will find in the precious intimacy of a closed retreat.

THE YOUNG GIRL, eager to complete her education or standing on the threshold of a career, looks forward to a path through life that is strewn with flowers. She thinks that her dancing feet will keep time with the song in her heart—and that pain and disappointment will never be hers. You may be certain that she will return to you after her retreat with a new spiritual maturity, if God is His usual generous self and if so, yours should be a warm prayer of gratitude.

Whenever I turn away from a retreat to answer the call of the world, I think of those parents, who have lived to see the day when they recognize the soul-leaving experiences of watching one of their own flesh and blood turn back on God and His Blessed Mother. Perhaps, you may think that it can not happen to you. God grant that you are right but do not depend entirely upon your own efforts.

Decide now, this is the acceptable time that your daughter will start her summer of 1954 in a beautiful rendezvous with our Blessed Lady and her Divine Son. If you are fortunate enough to live in Elmira, send her to the first meeting of the Barret Retreat League, which will be scheduled soon. Don't let anything interfere.

Then indeed will you be placing her hand in His to whom you must some day answer for her immortal soul. In the words of Robert Hugh Benson in "After a Retreat" she will come back to you with a new light in her eyes, and a happy eagerness in her heart.

"Glowing from head to feet, In ecstacy divine? This only have I felt, Christ's Hand-in-mine."

American Catholics have contributed more than \$300,000,000 in cash and supplies for the relief of war victims throughout the world in the past ten years.

Academy Students Attend Rites For Sister Joanico

Funeral services for Sister M. Joanico Leyden of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who died Feb. 1, 1954 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, were held Thursday, Feb. 4.

Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Motherhouse chapel by Rev. Charles E. Connel, Chaplain of Nazareth Academy. Assisting him were Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Duffy, Deacon; Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, Subdeacon; Rev. Leo V. Smith, Master of Ceremonies; Rev. John E. McCafferty and Rev. John T. Walsh, Acolytes; Rev. William J. Schifferl, Thurifer.

Also present were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. Connors, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Louis W. Edelman, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph H. Gefell, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maynard A. Connell, and Reverend Fathers Raymond F. Nolan, John A. Redington, Iraneus Herscher, O.F.M., and Charles Adams, O.F.M., of St. Bonaventure University.

A LARGE GROUP of Nazareth Academy students was present at the funeral and formed a guard of honor through which the procession passed. At the grave, the last blessing was given by Father Connel, assisted by Monsignor Gefell, Father Iraneus Herscher, O.F.M., and Father Charles Adams, O.F.M.

After her graduation from the Rochester City Normal School, Sister Joanico taught for three years in the Rochester public schools before she entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1921. She taught for several years in Holy Rosary School, Nazareth Academy Grammar School, and Blessed Sacrament School before she went to De Sales High School, Geneva. For the past ten years she had been a member of the faculty of Nazareth Academy.

Surviving Sister Joanico are her father, John W. Leyden, and a sister, Mrs. Frank X. Suter.

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ELMIRA CATHOLIC HIGHLIGHTS

By BOB GOLDEN

The week of Jan. 31 and the first of the week were crowded with activity at Elmira Catholic High School. Report cards, the yearbook and senior play shared the attention.

By Wednesday (Feb. 3) everybody had received his marks for the first term and the streets seem to be less populated by teenagers, lately, you know why? However, Chris Hee's 99 average will probably merit his relative freedom for quite a while.

Thursday, Mr. James McGee traveled from Rochester to take 53 assorted pictures for the yearbook. We wish to thank Mr. McGee for his patience and friendliness beyond the call of duty.

After frenzied practice throughout the preceding week, Tuesday night, Feb. 9, the senior play, "No More Homework" had its premiere at the Dunn Memorial. The repeat performance Wednesday night was a concluding performance.

The play is a hilarious comedy in which the student council officers, Pamela Jones (Marjorie Rice), Buzz Bailey (Frances O'Connor), and Shalimar Arnes (Dolores Salafia), take over the running of the school in the absence of the principal, Mr. L...

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