

ST. JOHN GROUP LEADERS



NEW OFFICERS of the Sodality and Altar Society of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira are (from left) Charles F. McMahon, president; Mrs. Frederick Scholten, treasurer; Mrs. Thomas P. Mohr, secretary and Mrs. Thomas P. Mohr, vice president.

19th Holy Name Bowling Tourney Opens April 17

Seeking to better the 602 team entry of last year, the Catholic Men's Bowling Association has scheduled the 19th Annual Holy Name Bowling Tournament in Donn Bros. Bowling Hall, 60 Ridge Road West, opening on Saturday, April 17.

The tournament will be brought to a close on Sunday, May 2. Starting times will be 2 and 4 p.m. on Sundays and 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the evenings.

All Catholic men are invited by the Association to participate in the 19th annual tournament. Catches will be a handicap tournament 70 percent of the difference between the team averages 800.

Entrp blanks are available at all the bowling halls or by contacting Ray L. Wolfert, Treasurer, Rochester 21, N. Y. telephone, HO 6183.

John McDermott of Holy Rosary parish, president-elect is making arrangements for opening night ceremonies on April 17. Entries close on March 31 at midnight. Entrants can only bowl once.

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He Wants to Know About Easter

By Mary E. Fitzgerald. Executive Director—Catholic Family Service

"What are you going to do about putting Christ back into Easter?" From none other than one of our good non-Catholic friends, who participated most generously in our pre-Christmas campaign comes this inquiry.

And—we accept the challenge! Actually Christmas is for always and that includes the glorious feast of Easter. We are now making plans for a year around project, following the system, that has been put into effect in several other cities throughout the world. Nevertheless we appreciate the "shot in the arm" and we hope we will not disappoint Him or you.

What can we do—or rather what will we do?—Easter is the feast of the Risen Saviour, a day which commemorates His resurrection from the dead after that First Good Friday when He gave His life on the Cross. Somewhere down through the ages, we have mislaid the comforting memory—He died for all men, regardless of color or creed. So "putting Christ back into Easter" is the obligation of each and every man, woman and child!

A RELIGIOUS THEME in store windows, a line in ads for Easter shopping will not detract from the sale of Easter finery. We grant that some thoughtful persons may substitute the purchase of a new dress or a pair of shoes for some forgotten child for that gay flowered bonnet that she didn't need. We know that many of our Ladies of Charity and others will make special sacrifices in order to "Bring Easter and our Risen Jesus" to some family, who would not otherwise have even the necessities on Easter Day.

Yes, we accept the challenge and we pass it on to you. It's all so easy to make Easter real, even to the tiniest child—because it is the day when the Saviour of mankind—proved above all doubt—that He is the Son of God. It's like all the confusion about St. Nicholas and Santa Claus. All you have to do is to pass through the distortions of current tradition to the deep spiritual basis for the original customs.

So much for those who because of limitations within themselves or their employment or business must stop there. But for you—and you—and you, who are so much a part of the Mystical Body of Christ there is more to be done—more that you dare not refuse as your Lenten assignment.

WHY LENT? The God Man fasted for forty days and nights in the desert and you dare to ask that question. Two Ladies of Charity did not hesitate a second when we called for top Catholic Action this week. I doubt if they even thought of it as a Lenten sacrifice. We needed some one to take over three preschool children for a few hours each day to give a seriously ill mother a little rest while the other three children are in school. In true generosity, our two daughters of St. Louise de Marillac responded. They have taken the three children into their home for a full two weeks. This is not an achievement that can be explained through statistics. This is Catholic Action—in a superlative degree.

"How will you put Christ back into Easter?" You may choose an easier way but one that will still bring you very close to His Sacred Heart. There is the Daily Mass League—the only requirement for membership being that you hear Holy Mass each morning. There is the special night when your Guardian Angel is holding for you at the altar, railing. Don't let his wings droop—when you fall to include Holy Communion in your Lenten Day.

EASTER MORNING will be a grand climax for a thoughtful period of preparation or a day that is clouded with regrets. Now is the moment to answer that question—now is the acceptable time! Lent is not wholly negative. Penance is not easy but Lenten resolutions which are just "giving up" will not make for a perfect Easter.

Charity is the perfect spirit of penance—the true spirit of Christ and the only sure way to "Put Christ into your Easter." Three things hold fast during these Lenten days—Faith, Hope, and Charity—but remember that Charity is patient and kind—is not touched by envy or meanness—the greatest of these is Charity. Through Charity alone you may cross the threshold into the solemn season of penance through Charity you may walk with sure steady steps to the wonder and beauty of the golden sunlight of Easter—in which "You have put Christ."

Top Posts in Motor Firm Go To 3 St. Patrick's Men

Coming—Three well known St. Patrick's parishioners Atty. Justin V. Purcell Jr., Thomas F. Purcell and Supervisor Sebastian J. Frey, have been named to top positions in the Purcell Motor Company Inc. in Corning.

Atty. Justin V. Purcell, president of the concern, on Mar. 2 announced the appointment of Atty. Justin V. Purcell Jr. as general manager of the company, and Thomas F. Purcell assistant to the general manager.

He also announced the appointment of Mr. Frey as manager of the Purcell Cadillac Company and Michael Marmuscak as assistant manager.

Since 1952 J. V. Purcell, Jr., has been manager of the Cadillac firm, which is located at 113-117 Chestnut Street. After graduating from Yale College he attended the Yale Law School, receiving the degree of bachelor of laws. Joining the law firm of Reed, Smith, Shaw and McClay in Pittsburgh, he attended Dequesne Law School in that city in order to qualify for admission to the Pennsylvania Bar, to which he was admitted in 1947.

MR. PURCELL returned to Corning in 1948, was admitted to the New York State Bar, and engaged in general practice of law and has also been manager of Purcell Cadillac Company. He is a member of the Corning Law firm of Purcell and Purcell.

Mr. Frey resigned his position as a salesman for the Corning Paper Supply Company in order to accept his new position. A native of Corning, he was educated at Corning Free Academy and the Corning Shortland and Commercial School. He joined the Federal Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1912, serving for a time as manager at Salamanca, and for 14 years represented the

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15th ANNIVERSARY MARKED



STUDENT NURSES honored St. Joseph's Hospital Chaplain in Elmira last week. At the party are: (seated from left) Rev. Philip E. McGhan, chaplain for 15 years at the hospital; Rev. Michael L. Hynes, chaplain, Dominican Monastery, standing; Miss Sally Edmunds and Miss Elizabeth Beckerman.

Fr. McGhan Feted At Party By Students Of Hospital

Annual pre-Lenten party sponsored by Student Nurses at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Elmira was held, last week, in the auditorium of the Nurses residence.

The occasion also marked the 15th anniversary for Rev. Philip E. McGhan as Chaplain at the Hospital.

A PROGRAM of entertainment by the students was presented. Included was a typical hospital scene, a well arranged Minstrel skit and a striking tableau paying tribute to Father McGhan for his faithful services to the hospital.

Following the entertainment, refreshments were served and a gift presented to Father McGhan. Co-chairmen for the party were Miss Sally Edmunds and Miss Elizabeth Beckerman. Assisting were Mary Ellen Mahoney, treasurer; Ann O'Leary; and Mary Smith.

The affair was attended by the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Rev. Michael L. Hynes, chaplain of the Dominican Monastery, was also a guest.

ELMIRA CATHOLIC HIGHLIGHTS

As St. Patrick's day was near, Jim Corsi, Elmira-Catholic High School senior class president, went into conference with Sister Raphael, to discuss the annual assembly put on by the Seniors. However, they decided to flout tradition and have all the classes offer talent for the show.

A committee of eight, Jim Corsi, Dee Klicocny, Jack Lacey, Jim Milliken, Marge Rice, Dolores Salafia, Buddy Silvas, and Barb Swift, decided, on 20 acts with 74 performers, to provide a morning full of entertainment on the 17th.

The Sodality is going full steam during the Holy Season of Lent. The Apostolic Committee is busy extracting a nickel a day from each student. Gerry Chalmers, Committee head, is doing a fine job as revenue officer in the Senior class. The money will be sent to the Missions.

The Eucharistic Committee is urging the students to go to daily Mass and Holy Communion during Lent. Also, recommended is 15 minutes of spiritual reading each day.

THE ROSARY in each home-room during the noon hours is the reason for the relative calm at this usually active hour of the day. This action is the result of the Our Lady's Committee's hard work.

At this time Dolores Salafia and Joan Canzoneri should be congratulated and thanked for their labor on the Junior-Senior Prom posters.

Having elected their Junior Day Committee, consisting of Claire Brady, Dennis Crockett, Tom Eagleson, Teresa Fabrizio, Ed Monahan, Gerry Morgan, Pete Richardson, Nick Rossi, Bob Scanlon and Ann Tanaka, the Juniors are now on the trail of any ability overlooked in the past. They will offer their first big attempt at dramatics to the rest of the school during the first of June.

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Mrs. Michael DeSocio is chairman and Mrs. Edward Rose Sr. is co-chairman. They will be assisted by Mesdames Daniel Puzzo, Henry Santulli, Alle Quatrano, Armerio D'Aloisio, Fred D'Aloisio, Lavern Osborn, Peter DeSocio, Samuel LeMark and Daniel Getola.

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