

Lourdes Parish Playground Opened



A PARISH PLAYGROUND provided by the Holy Name Society was opened, this week, in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Elmira according to John J. Crowley, president of the HNS. The blacktopped parking area and tennis court are shown in the photo.

Father Kujawski Slated To Speak

The Rev. Leonard P. Kujawski, assistant pastor of St. Casimir's Church, Elmira, will be the speaker at the First Friday luncheon club at the Mark Twain Hotel on Friday, Sept. 3, at 12:15 p.m. (noon).

The club is sponsored by Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus and is open to all Catholic men who have received Holy Communion on that day. Rev. Robert J. Donovan, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, is moderator. Charles J. Kroner is chairman.

Marguerite Raponi Lackawanna Grad

Ithaca — Miss Marguerite Raponi, 421 Hillview Pl., graduated Sunday, Aug. 15, from Our Lady of Victory Infant Home in Lackawanna as a child technician.

Attending the exercises from Ithaca were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincenzo Raponi; her sister, Mrs. Anthony Ceracchi, Mr. Ceracchi and son, Anthony Jr.; Mrs. Angelina Tudi and daughter, Ann; Miss Betty O'Brien, Miss Isabel Petracoli, Miss Molly Powers, and 2nd Lt. Frank Dav...

Holy Name Society Opens New Parish Playground

John J. Crowley, president of Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name Society announced the opening this week of the parish playground provided for by the Society.

The playground will be open daily from 9 until 4 and Miss Dawna Groom has been designated as acting supervisor.

A VARIETY of amusements for the children were installed including swings, teeters, slides, bars and a whirlaround. The grounds are located at West First and Highland.

President Crowley was assisted by several men of the parish in the preparation of the grounds and installation of equipment.

In addition to this, the area at the rear of the church has been blacktopped for parking and provisions made for a tennis court and basketball area.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the diocese of Rochester:

Sunday, Sept. 5—Rexville, Scipio Center.

New Principal, Teachers Join St. Patrick, Corning

Corning—When students return to their studies at St. Patrick's Parochial School in September they will be greeted by at least three new teachers, including a new principal.

Sister Miriam Joseph, who will assume that position after service at St. Bridget's school in Rochester.

Sister Mary Leonard of the Order of St. Joseph, who for the past six years has been superior of the local St. Patrick's Convent and principal of St. Patrick's School, has been transferred to the teaching staff of St. Mary's School in Elmira.

In other transfers from St. Patrick's, Sister Immaculate, seventh grade teacher, goes to Holy Trinity School at Webster, and Sister Anne Martin, first grade teacher, goes to St. Stanislaus School, Rochester.

Sister Margaretta, and Sister Armada, have been assigned to St. Patrick's for teaching duties during the new school term.

Third Order Meeting Set

Regular monthly meeting of the Third Order Secular of St. Francis will be held on Thursday evening, September 2, at 8:30 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira. The Rev. Theodore J. Winterroth, Director, will conduct the meeting and give the sermon.

Men and women of the Elmira area who would like to come to a meeting of the Third Order are invited. There is no obligation. Even those who live at some distance may come. Join the instruction class and later be received—in order to become "Isolated Tertiarists."

One year and a day after reception they may be professed through this fraternity. If distance is a handicap they may be excused from attending regular meetings provided they study at home.

Mrs. Johnson, Mother Of 15 Dies In Canisteo

Hornell—One of the first parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola Church of Hornell, mother of fifteen children, died Monday Aug. 16, 1954, in the Foote Nursing Home, Canisteo, where she had been a patient for the past two years.

Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson, widow of Thomas J. Johnson, was an outstanding Parishioner, attending Holy Mass and receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion daily, until her recent illness. Mary Ann was "Grandma" to all who knew her.

FUNERAL SERVICES were held at the Lloyd Funeral Home, followed by Requiem High Mass at St. Ignatius, Loyola Church, with interment in St. Ann's Cemetery.

Survivors include seven sons, Daniel J. Johnson, Rev. Mike; Thomas J. Johnson, Jr., Mich.; Henry M. Johnson, Hornell; William J. Johnson, Oak Park, Mich.; Bernard F. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.; J. Walter Johnson, Elmira; Louis J. Johnson, Venice, Calif.; six daughters, Mrs. Ann Dempsey, Troupsburg; Mrs. J. A. James, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. George Parada and Mrs. Wendell Dubbs, Flint, Mich.; Mrs. Leo Kenedy, Hornell; Mrs. John Quill, Detroit, Mich.; 25 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Bowling Tournament Slated In Center

A series of mixed doubles bowling tournament will be held the third Saturday of each month in Columbus Center for members, their guests and ladies starting in September, according to an announcement made by Thomas R. Stowell, council lecturer.

Following the matches a dance will be held and refreshments served. Tentative plans have been made to hold the annual Columbus Day dinner in the Center.

Rites Held For Two In Ithaca

Ithaca—Two deaths were reported in the area this week. They are James McCormack and Mrs. Mary Agnes Terry.

Funeral services for James E. McCormack of 307 East St., who died Friday, Aug. 13, 1954, were held in the Shea Funeral Home, followed by a High Mass of Requiem in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The Rev. Otto Vogt was celebrant. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, where the Rev. Paul A. Morgan said prayers at the grave.

Bearers were Americo Cappucci, Walter J. McCormack, George Hassan, Joseph Parley, Ludiano Lama, and Daniel Crowley.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Agnes Terry of 122 Payette St., who died Saturday, Aug. 14, 1954, were held Tuesday morning in the Heron Funeral Home, followed by a Solemn High Mass of Requiem in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The Rev. Otto Vogt was celebrant. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, where Monsignor Byrne, Father Vogt and Father Morgan said prayers at the grave.

Honorary bearers, members of Court Santa Maria 240, Catholic Daughters of America, were Mesdames Frances Scanlon, Helen Keefe, Anita Sullivan, Alice Howley, Mary Saunders, Mary Finneran, Agnes Smith, and Margaret McCarthy.

Active bearers were John Redding Jr., Francis Sullivan, Robert Clynes, Karle Baldwin, John Pearson, and Leo Cain.

2,500 Visit Shrine Philadelphia—More than 2,500 persons visited the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Germantown on Aug. 15, feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother.

Franciscan Educators Confer



PARTICIPATING in the 35th Franciscan Educational Conference at Padua, Pa., were: (from left) Very Rev. Plus Barth O.F.M., former president of the FEEC and newly named Provincial of Sacred Heart, St. Louis, Mo.; Very Rev. Theophane Kalnowski, O.F.M., Provincial, Assumption Province, Pulaski and Very Rev. Charles Balle O.F.M., president, International Academy of Mariology and appointed by Pope Pius XII to organize the International Marian Congress to be held in Rome in October and Rev. Claude Zabinski O.F.M., superior and rector of Padua High School, host to the conference. Father Balle addressed the delegates before flying back to Rome.

Marian Discussion Brings 75 Franciscans To Padua

Watkins Glen—Father Ignatius Brady, O.F.M., of Duns Scotus College, Detroit, was elected president of the Franciscan Educational Conference at its 35th meeting. Father Ignatius, on leave from Duns Scotus for special assignment at the Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure, N.Y., succeeded Father Plus Barth, O.F.M., who resigned because of his recent election as Provincial of the Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart, St. Louis, Mo.

Father Aidan M. Carr, O.F.M., Conv., of St. Anthony-on-Hudson, Birmensley, N.Y., was elected vice president of the conference, succeeding Father Basil Heiser, O.F.M., Conv., who had been elected Provincial of his Conventual Province—Our Lady of Consolation, in Cayce, O.

Other officers named by the Franciscan educators were Father Sebastian Miklas, O.F.M., Cap., of Washington, D.C., secretary, and Father Immaculus Herscher, O.F.M., of St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, N.Y., treasurer.

THE THREEDAY convention held at Padua High School, Watkins Glen, N.Y., brought more than 75 delegates from the various Franciscan families together—some of them from as far away as Italy, Yugoslavia, Portugal and Ecuador—to discuss the theme "Mary in the Scaphic Order."

Among the papers read at the meeting was one in which Father Bernard Vogt, O.F.M., of Christ the King Seminary, St. Bonaventure, said that the Franciscan philosopher John Duns Scotus was the first theologian to undertake a thorough investigation of the theological foundations of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.

In another paper, Father Cyril Shirrel, O.F.M., of St. Mary's Seminary, Lemont, Ill., asserted that the position of the Blessed Mother in the Franciscan theological synthesis is a "unique one."

FATHER CYRIL'S thesis was warmly received, with the result that a special commission was appointed to study the possibility of producing a textbook in Sacred Theology based on such a Franciscan synthesis.

A Burlington, Wis., priest, Father Maurice Grajewski, was elected secretary of the conference.

Petition Honoring Mary's 7 Joys Asked Of Pope

Watkins Glen—U. S. Franciscan educators have petitioned the Holy Father to establish a Feast of the Seven Joys of Our Blessed Mother in place of one of two feasts now observed in honor of the Virgin of Sorrows.

The request was made in a cablegram sent to His Holiness Pope Pius XII at the close of the 35th "Franciscan" Educational Conference here.

The message of homage from the educators thanked the Holy Father for having announced the intention of establishing the liturgical Feast of Mary Immaculate, Queen of the Universe, and begged His Holiness "instead of celebrating two feasts of the Virgin of Sorrows, one of them might be abolished to give place to a liturgical Feast of the Seven Joys of Our Blessed Mother."

The request was signed by Father Ignatius Brady, O.F.M., former president of the conference, who made it one of his last acts before turning the presidency over to Father Ignatius Brady, O.F.M. The cablegram referred to the Pontiff as "the great Marian Pope."

Festsdays honoring the Seven Joys of Mary occur in the Church's liturgical calendar on April 9 and on September 15.

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