

Lady Of Lourdes To Launch Fund Drive For School Dec. 5



Artist's sketch of proposed school and convent of our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Elmira.

Approximately 210 parish workers will undertake the solicitation of Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners, Sunday, December 5th through Wednesday, December 8th.

The present campaign will be an all-out effort to raise a minimum goal of \$125,000.00 for the construction of a new parish school and convent. Over 600 parishioners must be visited in the 4 day period between Sunday December 5th and Wednesday, December 8th by approximately 210 workers. The General Committee asks all parishioners to try to spend that time at home, especially during the evenings, when most of the visiting will be done.

Payments on pledges will be over a 30-month period and no payments will begin until January of next year. The parochial school will be conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, the Rev. Leo Schwab, pastor, announced.

MEMBERS OF this diocesan community of nuns for many years have operated Elmira parochial schools at St. Patrick's and St. Cecilia's Parishes here and will administer the new Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes High School.

Plans for the new building are now being prepared by Haskell, Condit and Haskell, local architects. It is expected that construction bids will be sought in the spring.

Plans call for a modern, two-story structure with classrooms on the first floor and convent facilities on the second floor.

The first floor will comprise eight classrooms, an audio-visual room, a library and kindergarten.

The convent will accommodate eight nuns and make provision for a chapel. Future plans also call for a combination gymnasium and auditorium.

The building will have a 2 1/2 foot frontage on the extension of Demarest Pkwy. and will have a

92 foot frontage on W. First Street.

The exterior of the building will have a base of field stone similar to that in the church on W. Church Street. The balance of the exterior wall will have a brick face.

Campaign plans call for both special gifts and general solicitation. The campaign managers have set up headquarters in the church hall.

ANNOUNCEMENT of other key campaign leaders was made several weeks ago. They are: Special gifts, Mathew E. Kennedy, chairman, and Lawrence W. Hastings and Leo E. Conside, vice-chairmen; general solicitation, Mortimer L. McInerney, chairman, and Daniel F. Kennedy and Cressy A. Mowery, vice-chairmen.

Members of the advisory committee are: J. Joseph MacNamara, Paul F. McLane, Francis T. Woods, William D. Hovey, Joseph E. Chely, William J. Murphy, Dr. James A. Mark, James A. Casey, Atty. John D. Frawley, Thomas J. Macey, Charles T. Burke, John R. Melvin, Atty. A. William DeFilippo and Atty. John E. Sullivan.

Division leaders are Dr. Norman Baker, William Bowers, Edward Baylor, Edward Casey, Gordon Connolly, John J. Crowley Jr., Clarence Giometti, Charles J. Kromer, William Little, Dr. John F. Lynch, William Nagel, and Wilford Williams.

The formal opening of the campaign solicitation will be marked by a dinner at the church hall on Saturday, December 4th, at which the most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, will be the principal speaker.

Afternoon of Recollection, Pilgrimage Attract 250

Corning—Upwards of 250 women, members of Corning Council of National Council of Catholic Women, attended an afternoon of Recollection and a Pilgrimage in observance of the Marian year on Nov. 21, in local Painted Post churches.

SERVICES began at St. Vincent de Paul Church where the women heard an inspiring message by the Rev. Pacificus Von Essen, S. A. of St. John Atone-ment Seminary, Montour Falls.

Other portions of the service included spiritual readings and meditation, Rosary, conference and meditation.

RECEPTION of the Rosary Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and an offering for the Marian Year, completed services at the Painted Post Church.

The program at St. Mary Church included the Rosary, the Marian Year prayer, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a closing hymn.

The Rev. James Slattery, assist-

Solemn Mass in Elmira To Close Marian Year

Solemn High Mass will be celebrated Thursday, Dec. 9 at 10 a. m. in St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira, for the closing of the Marian Year. The Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, pastor, will be the celebrant.

The Rev. Philip E. McShan, chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira, will be deacon and the Rev. Robert J. Donovan, assistant pastor, will be subdeacon. The Rev. Benedict Ehmman, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Watkins Glen, will preach the sermon.

All the Catholic school children of Elmira will be represented in the choir to sing the Mass under the direction of Father Ehmman. More than 550 parochial school children will participate and the proper of the Mass will be sung by student nurses from St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing.

Music will be Gregorian and the organist will be Miss Florence Hughes.

Speaker Listed By Holy Name

St. Patrick's Holy Name Society in Elmira will meet in the school assembly rooms on Thursday, Dec. 9 at 8 p. m.

Recorder Daniel J. Donahoe, judge elect of Chemung County Children's Court will be the guest speaker.

He will outline his program for the conduct of the newly created office and at the same time discuss the problems of juvenile delinquency.

Vincent E. Heher and Martin Holleran Jr. are in charge of arrangements. Refreshments committee includes Martin Holleran Sr. and Lee Kimball.

Freshmen Mothers To Sponsor Party

A card party will be held in St. Mary auditorium on Thursday evening, Dec. 9, sponsored by the mothers of the freshmen class at St. Mary school.

Mrs. Anello Aiello and Mrs. Arthur O'Meara are co-chairmen and will be assisted by Mrs. Francis Golden, Mrs. Gerald McInerney and Mrs. Andrew Von Hendy; publicity, Mrs. John F. DeLaney; tickets, Mrs. Kenneth Lochner.

Bridge, Euchre and Canasta will be played. Jack McMahon will be in charge of such.

Solemn Novena Conducted At Hornell Church

Hornell—Climaxing the Marian Year, a solemn novena in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is being conducted in St. Ann's Church, Hornell.

Services, scheduled for 7:30 p. m. are being conducted by the Rev. Crispin Lynch, C. P., of St. Mary Missionary, Monastery in Dunkirk.

The novena, which has as its theme, "World Peace Through the Intercession of Mary," opened Monday and will close Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Father Crispin said: "Mary as the Mother of Christ understands the needs of this world. She provides for these needs by her motherhood of men and women which was proclaimed by Christ Himself on Calvary."

"Mary was prepared for her role in world affairs by being kept from all stain of sin; by sharing in the Redemptive act of Christ on Calvary; by accepting the Motherhood of men and by dispensing the grace men need for successful living."

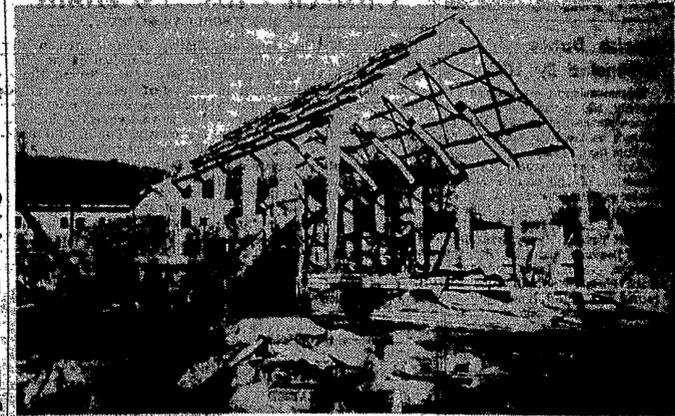
"As we close the Marian Year, dedicated to the honor of the Mother of Christ, we ask our Mother to renew a Christian spirit of peace and hope in our hearts that it might be kindled all over the world."

At each of Sunday's Masses, Father Crispin asked the three chief purposes of participation in the novena: 1. To give honor to the Mother of Christ; 2. To make reparation for our sins; 3. To attain peace of heart.

Services are concluded each evening with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Morning Masses are celebrated at 7:30 and 9 a. m. with an additional evening Mass tonight, Dec. 6.

The Very Rev. Lawrence W. Garrity, V. F. pastor, invited all to attend.

St. Vincent's Church In Corning



The framework for Corning's new St. Vincent de Paul's Church on the Northside was erected a week ago. The picture shows the structure as the walls were begun. The framework shows a not steel, but finished wood which will remain exposed in the interior of the church. At it appears here it is wrapped in a special paper to protect it from the elements. The parish is also building a new rectory. (Corning Leader photo).

Efforts In Hospital Fire Bring Praise To Staff

Hornell—High tribute was paid to the staff of St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, following the fire that broke out there Friday evening, Nov. 26. While firemen battled the blaze which started from an in-

generator, hospital attendants calmly removed 20 patients from the danger area.

In an editorial in the Hornell evening Tribune, the staff received high praise. The article said in part:

"THE CALMNESS and efficiency of a hospital staff seldom been more eloquently demonstrated than by the staff of St. James Mercy Hospital during the fire there last Friday."

"If there was any excitement or confusion it must have been entirely outside the institution among the hundreds of spectators who thronged the area, inside everyone was cool and orderly as firemen worked while smoke and water damage is expected to be heavy."

"Hornell can be proud in the knowledge that it has in its midst institutions with such well-trained and well-disciplined staffs."

Extent of the damage has still to be estimated. There were no injuries. A small fire but smoke and water damage is expected to be heavy.

Evening Mass Scheduled Tonight At St. Patrick's

An evening Mass will be celebrated on the First Friday, (today) of December in St. Patrick Church.

The Mass will commence at 5:30 p. m.

The Novena in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, now being conducted in St. Patrick Church, Elmira, will continue each evening at 7:30, with solemn closing on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 8:00 p. m.

The Rev. Mr. McGr. William J. Brien, V. F. pastor, announces that on the last three evenings of the Novena, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, a Mass will be cele-

Bishop Wright Boston (RNS)—Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester was honored here by America's oldest public school as its "outstanding alumnus." He received the first annual alumni award of Boston Latin School, founded in 1638.

Luncheon Club Lists Speaker

Rev. Joseph F. Moran of St. Stephen Parish, Corning, formerly of St. Patrick, Elmira, will be the guest speaker at the next regular meeting of the First Saturday Luncheon Club held in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to console her Immaculate Heart and to make reparation to it for all the blasphemies and irreverences of the past.

This devotion and the wonderful promises connected with it were revealed by the blessed Virgin with these words recorded by Lucy, one of the three children to whom the blessed Virgin appeared at Fatima, Portugal in 1917:

"I promise to help at the hour of death, with the grace needed for salvation, whoever on the First Saturday of any month consecrates himself to me, receives Holy Communion, a Rosary, Meditate on the fifteen mysteries for fifteen minutes."

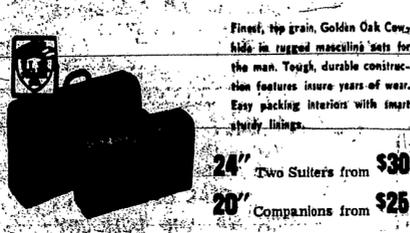
These luncheons are held in many cities in the diocese and have the approval of Bishop Kearney.

The December Luncheon will be held at the Mark Twain, Monday, Dec. 6, at 1 p. m.

English School London (NC)—The Catholic City of London and Wales has given the government the equivalent of \$6 million dollars for the building of Catholic schools. It was announced here.

Rev. Justice Sweeney, O. P. M. is conducting the service.

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Immaculate Conception Masses Set in Elmira

Schedule of Masses in the Elmira area for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Wednesday, December 8, a holy day of obligation, is:

St. Mary's—5:30, 7, 8, 9, 12:15 noon and 5:30 p. m.
St. Patrick's—5:30, 7:15, 8, 9, 12:15 noon and 5:30 p. m.
Our Lady of Lourdes—6, 7, 8, 12:15 noon and 7:30 p. m.
St. Anthony's—6, 7, 8, 9, 12:15 and 7:30 p. m.
St. Cecilia's—5:30, 7:15 and 8:15.
St. Casimir's—5:30, 7, 8 and 5:30 p. m.
St. Peter and Paul's—6, 7, 8:30, 12:15 noon and 7:30 p. m.
St. John the Baptist—6, 7, 8 and 5 p. m.
St. Charles Borromeo—6, 7, 8.
St. Mary's—Horseheads—6:30, 7:30 and 7:30 p. m.

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Marriage Topic Of Inquiry Class

Inquiry Class topic for St. Patrick's classes held each Monday and Thursday evenings in Elmira has been announced, as follows: "The Sacrament of Marriage."

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