Parish Dance Attended By 100

Hammondsport — Approximately 100 persons attended a dance sponsored by St. Gabriel Church in the high school gymnasium last Friday.

Arrangements were under the direction of the church Rosary Society with the following assisting: Mesdames Karl Millard, Ervy J. Baker, Helen Gormley, Hubert Triano, Henry Schoeffler, T. S. Denham, and Miss Monique Cerche. Bob Lee's orchestra from Bath furnished music for round and square dancing.

THE CHURCH IN RURAL AREAS

Church Close To Home

By MARY SCOLLAN SCOTT

November 1954 has come and gone. And the general intention recommended by the Holy Father for November—"The Church in Rural Areas" has been supplanted by the December intention—"World Peace through the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

Before November becomes only a memory, I would like to tell you what "The Church in Rural Areas" means to us of Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca.

On July 30, 1950 Monsignor William Byrne celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the village of Newfield. This was the first Station Mass in the History of our church in Ithaca. Since the arrival of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart in August of that same year Station Masses have been offered more and more frequently throughout the county. The helpful instructions given by the Sisters and the lay catechists has deepened the fervor of the people and thereby increased the need for these Station Masses. It is a bit difficult for us to realize that people of our parish living in the rural areas find it impossible to attend Mass regularly. So we can share with them the gladness of the opportunity of assisting at Mass and receiving the Sacraments even infrequently.

A COMMUNITY in Tompkins County is designated as a Station when there are enough Catholics who gather together occasionally in a home or public building for the purpose of assisting at Mass which is celebrated by a priest from Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca.

This same Station may become a mission when the number of Catholics is sufficient to build and maintain a small Church at which Mass is said every Sunday even though there is no resident priest.

Likewise a Mission may receive the status of a parish when the number of Catholics warrants a resident priest and the parishioners may avail themselves of weekly and daily Mass in their own church.

SIX STATION Masses have been celebrated within the confines of our parish this fall.

On Sept. 26, 57 parishioners attended Mass at the Community Center in Slaterville Springs and on Oct. 3, 44 attended Mass in the Brooktondale fire hall. These two Station Masses served the people of Slaterville, Slaterville Springs, Brooktondale and Caroline. On Oct. 10, 91 residents of Danby and vicinity assisted at Mass in the Danby Town Hall.

On Nov. 7, 40 people made up the congregation at the fire house in Enfield Center. On Nov. 14, 85 parishioners were present for Mass which was celebrated in the Masonic Temple in Newfield. On Nov. 21, 75 persons from Cayuga Heights attended Mass at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Perry Oliver.

THE MISSION Helpers assist in the transportation of parishioners and also use the parish Station Wagon to transport the portable altar, the small altar rail and the confessional used for each Station Mass. The Sisters also take charge of the Mass Kit which contains the Altar Stone; a set of Mass cards; missal and missal stand; two candle holders and candles; Mass bell, set of altar linens; Communion plate, cruets and a small chalice. A reversible set of vestments is also included, the black side is worn for Requiem Masses and the white side for all other Masses. The altar stone contains the relics of saints and five Crosses representing Our Lord's five wounds.

Having attended Mass at some of these Stations in Tompkins County, a most natural observance is that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is always that same wonderful continuation of the Sacrifice of the Cross, whether it is offered in a New York Cathedral, our own beautiful church, the magnificent setting of a home, or an unpretentious fire house or town hall.

To me, the Church in Rural Areas no longer is some remote section of our country; to us in Ithaca, the church in rural areas is very close to home.

All Churches Closed In Koenigsberg

Frankfurt, Germany — (RNS) — All churches in Koenigsberg, capital of the former East German province of East Prussia, are closed or have been converted into depots for the Soviet Army, according to refugees from the area who arrived here.

Koenigsberg is located in the northern part of East Prussia which was annexed by the Soviet Union after the war, while the southern part was annexed by Poland.

EDITORS AT SEMINARY

FOSTERING MISSION activity at St. John's Atonement Seminary, Montour Falls, these student editors are preparing the next issue of "Mission Notes" published at the Seminary. They are: Eugene Prus (left) and James Walker.

Montour Falls Seminary Fosters Mission Work

Montour Falls—A mission leaflet instituted by the Catholic Student Mission Crusade at St. John Atonement Seminary has met with favorable acceptance after one year of publication according to the co-editors Eugene Prus and James Walker.

REQUESTS FOR used clothing and religious articles and acknowledgments for packages received by needy missionaries are voiced in this small four page leaflet.

Many mission-minded readers of Mission Notes becoming acquainted with the difficulties of some missionary many thousands of miles away in Africa or India have responded generously with used clothing and religious articles. The students at St. John's repair the articles, repack them and send them to the missions.

Since September of this year, the unit has sent to needy missions over 2,000 pounds of material. The students expressed sincere gratitude to many readers of the Catholic Courier Journal for their past support without whose assistance this charitable work could not be accomplished.

Requests for aid are not wanting, interest and zeal on the part of the Crusaders at St. John's are not lacking, but used clothing, religious articles and financial assistance are at times in great demand. To refuse a missionary because of lack of material or funds for postage is difficult but no other alternative presents itself, the article said.

THOMAS SYKES, president, at a recent meeting asked for continued support of the Crusaders' program to assist missionaries. He asked that packages be sent to:

Catholic Students' Mission Crusade or just C.S.M.C., St. John Atonement Seminary, Montour Falls, N.Y.

Attend Daily Mass

Rosary Society Party Planned

Christmas party of the Rosary Altar Society and food shower for the Sisters of St. Mary parish will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7. The meeting will be held in the auditorium immediately following the evening Mass.

A program of entertainment has been arranged to include Mrs. Thomas McCormick, accordionist; Mrs. Joseph Kelly, soloist to be accompanied by her son.

Members are requested to bring a 50c gift for exchange and an article of canned food for the shower.

Mrs. Thomas Ryan, leader of zone 4 is general chairman and will be assisted by these members from her zone: Mrs. Alvin Frawley, shower; Mrs. James Mallon, refreshments; Mrs. Theresa Hourihan, tree; Mrs. Iver Johnson, gifts; Mrs. Ryan, entertainment.

A discussion on the meaning of Advent and some of the traditional customs of the season will be a feature of the evening. Leaflets describing these customs will be distributed.

Fight

Hartford, Conn. —(NC)— Rep. Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut has sent a telegram to President Eisenhower asking him to obtain the cooperation of the French Government in assisting the thousands of Catholic refugees in Vietnam.

Marian Pilgrimage Planned, 100 Attend First Mass

Owego — A Marian Year pilgrimage, sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Patrick Church, will be held Sunday afternoon. Cars will leave St. Patrick's at 3 p.m.

Pilgrims will visit the shrines of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Joseph Church, Endicott, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Endicott and St. Mary Church Binghamton. The recitation of the Rosary and special prayers for peace will be said.

An evening Mass will be said at St. Patrick's at 7:45 p.m. The pilgrimage will be headed by the Rev. Bruce A. Ammering, assistant pastor and moderator.

Owego — More than one hundred persons attended the first Mass said in Apalachin, on Sunday, Nov. 22. The Mass, which was held in the Grange Hall in that place, was offered by the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's.

Residents of that locality, who had been attending Mass in St. Patrick's, had petitioned sometime ago, to have a Mission church in their locality, and a little more than a year ago, land was purchased for the erection of a chapel.

Mass will be continued to be offered in Apalachin, to ascertain if it is advisable to start the erection of a chapel-church.

Owego — Mrs. Anna Meade, organist and choir-director of St. Patrick's played a prominent part in the organ-choir program sponsored by the Binghamton chapter of the American Guild of Organists, on Sunday, Nov. 22.

The program was presented in SS. Cyril and Method Church, Binghamton. For the first time, in this area, the Litany of Loretta was sung by a choir of more than 300 voices of the children of the parochial school of SS. Cyril and Method.

The services closed with solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor of the Owego church as celebrant, the Rev. Herbert Baloga, of St. Joseph parish, Endicott, deacon and the Rev. Bruce A. Ammering, assistant pastor in Owego, as sub-deacon.

Owego — Miss Rita Chermak, a student at the Owego Free Academy, and a graduate of St. Patrick's Parochial School, has been the recipient of a $25 U.S. Savings Bond, in a contest sponsored by the New Cork Electric & Gas Corp. The subject of the essay was "How Electricity has Changed Our Way of Life."

The contest was in connection in the company's part in the observance of the Light's Diamond Jubilee. The two winning essays will be entered in a statewide contest to determine the state winner. Miss Chermak is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chermak, Owego. All are members of St. Patrick Parish.

Forty Hours

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

Friday, Dec. 3 — Franciscan Fathers, Watkins Glen.

Sunday, Dec. 5 — Blessed Sacrament, Immaculate Conception, SS. Peter and Paul, Rochester; Penn Yan; Nazareth Motherhouse; Mercy Motherhouse.

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