

# Hospital In Hornell Fully Accredited

**Hornell**—Conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell has been granted full accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals in the United States and Canada.

Notification that St. James Hospital had met the rigid requirements for full accreditation was received Saturday, Jan. 29, by Sister Mary Aquinas, hospital superintendent.

The Joint Commission making the recommendation is comprised of representatives from the American College of Physicians, the American College of Surgeons, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association and the Canadian Medical Association.

**THE LETTER** to Sister Aquinas from Dr. Kenneth B. Babcock, director of the Joint Commission, said in part:

"The Board of Commissioners of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals has approved the recommendation that the St. James Mercy Hospital receive full accreditation."

As you know, this is a result of the evaluation of the hospital survey conducted on Dec. 31, 1954, by Dr. Harry A. Nevel, a field representative of the Joint Commission.

"Full accreditation will continue until such time as another survey conducted under the auspices of the Commission indicates that it should be changed."

**THE JOINT COMMISSION** was organized in December, 1952. Prior to that time, the hospital accreditation program was under the American College of Surgeons. St. James Mercy Hospital had received annual approval from the American College of Surgeons for many years.

Standards for accreditation by the recently formed Joint Commission are according to the organization, "high."

The inspection of St. James by Dr. Nevel was "most thorough," Sister Mary Aquinas said.

Every aspect of the hospital, from its physical structure to its medical and nursing staff, was rated. An evaluation was made of the hospital's building, food, drugs, medical staff, nursing personnel and the various departments within the hospital.

Sister Mary Aquinas today said:

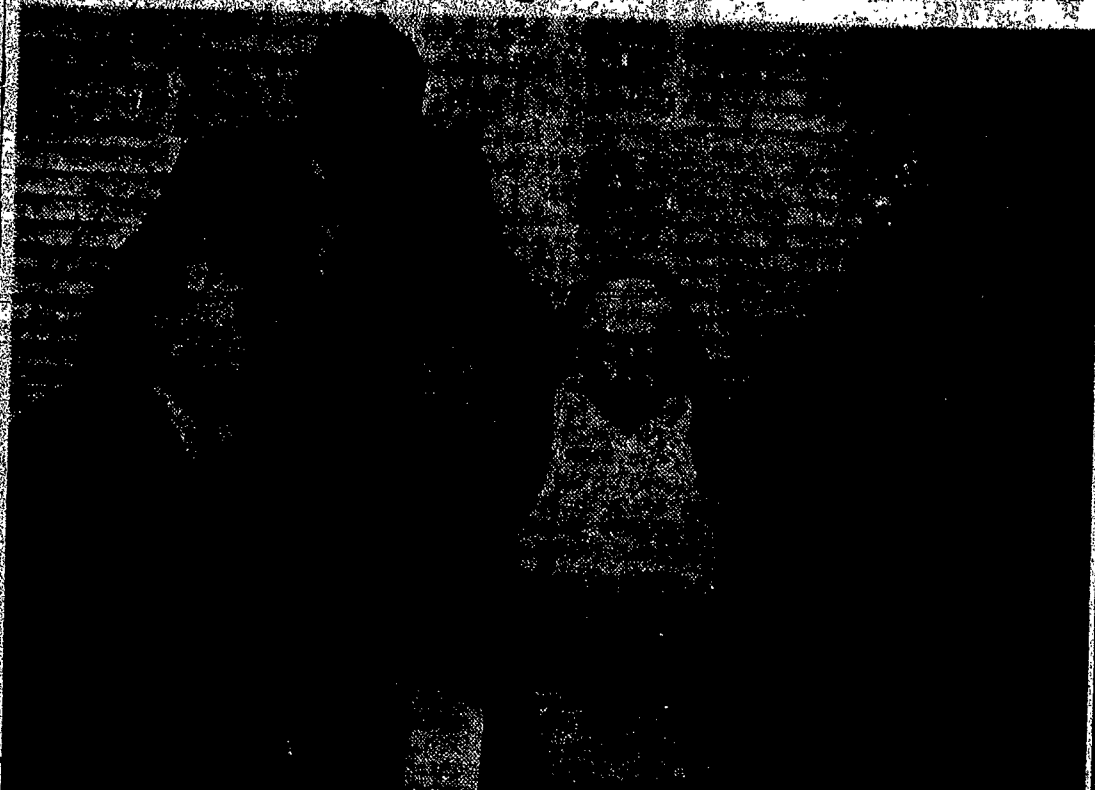
"We at St. James are gratified that we have met the standards required for full accreditation. The real satisfaction lies in the knowledge that our staff and building are of a quality to provide excellent patient care. After all, the welfare of its patients is our primary concern."

## Lourdes Novena To Open Sunday

A solemn Novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes will open in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, on Sunday evening at 7:45 and will close Monday, Feb. 14. Services will be held each evening at 7:45, and daily Mass will be celebrated at 7 and 8 each morning.

The Rev. Bart J. O'Malley, C.M., will conduct the Novena.

**BOLLO VACCINE**—The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has contracted to purchase 25,000,000 cubic centimeters of polio vaccine for use before the 1955 polio season if the vaccine is found effective.



**OFFICIALS OF St. James Mercy Hospital** looked at letter from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals in the United States and Canada, granting the hospital full accreditation. In photo (from left): Dr. William J. Tracy of Hornell, accreditation committee chairman; Dr. Leon M. Roe of Canastota, hospital medical staff president; Sister Mary Aquinas, St. James Mercy Hospital superintendent; and Dr. J. Raymond Kelly, vice president and presently acting president of the hospital's Board of Managers. (Memory Studio Photo, Hornell.)

## Lenten Novena At St. Anthony

Annual Lenten Novena in honor of our Blessed Mother and St. Anthony will open in St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, on Tuesday, Feb. 8, and continue until the Tuesday of Holy Week.

Novena services are held each Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. and again in the evening at 7:30.

Special Novena booklets are available and may be obtained in the vestibule of the church or by writing to St. Anthony's church, Elmira. Petitions may be sent in and they will be placed on the Shrine.

## First Saturday Devotion Set For Elmira

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be held for the three-hour devotion in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday, Feb. 5, from noon to 3 p.m. in St. Patrick Church, Elmira.

All parishes in Elmira are included in this one service by the Reparation Society of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are welcome to assist in recitation of the Rosary during one of the three hours.

The first Saturday devotion for February from "Fatima Findings," official bulletin of the Reparation Society follows:

"Let us offer this Holy Hour to the Sacred Heart of Jesus present before us in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Offer it through the Immaculate Heart of Mary in union with the passion which she made of her Divine Son, and of herself with Him and through Him and in Him to the Heavenly Father at His Presentation in the Temple. Ask Our Blessed Mother and Queen to fill us with her spirit of joyous self-sacrifice and to prepare our hearts for the worthy celebration of the coming Feast of her apparition at Lourdes."

## St. Christopher Library Urges Catholic Reading

St. Christopher Library during Catholic Press Month hopes to make every Elmira Catholic desirous of reading good Catholic literature a spokesman said. Book marks with the slogan "Read Catholic Books for Joyment, Knowledge, and Inspiration" will be distributed at all parish society meetings.

Also a mimeographed list of the new books available at the library will be given out. It is hoped by the staff that all Elmira Catholics will show interest in maintaining this library which contains almost 1400 books. The borrowing of four books for two weeks. Non-members for a small fee may borrow a book of their choice.

A FEW OF the most recent books that have proved particularly popular are:

"Fishes of Man" (Simon Peter), Kurt Pfeiffer; "The Heretic Aloysius," Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien; "Nun in Red China," Sister Mary Victoria Ellen in Sandals, Richard Madden, Berna Catholics, F. J. Sheed, editor.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, the library will present a display of new books, both for library circulation and for purchase, as well as an exhibit of the best Catholic magazines. Misses Katherine and Margaret O'Connor are in charge of this exhibit. At 3 p.m. a talk by Rev. Albert V. Ryan of St. Mary Church will highlight the library's observance of Catholic Book Week. All are invited.

St. Christopher Library is located in the Catholic Daughters Rooms at E. Church and State Sts. The library is open Wednesdays from 10:30 to 6; 7 to 8; Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

## Open House Scheduled At St. Joseph Hospital

An open house followed by a coffee hour is scheduled for all area high school girls, freshman through senior year, who are prospective college students by Nazareth College of Rochester on Sunday, Feb. 13 from 3 to 5 p.m. at St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira.

**FARMERS** of all girls who are planning on college or on some type of post high school education are urged to accompany their daughters to this affair.

Two Sisters of St. Joseph from the college faculty as well as the Reverend William H. Shannon, chaplain and Professor of Theology at Nazareth, will be present to discuss the value and importance of an education at Nazareth.

Members of the Southern Tier Chapter of the Alumnae and students of the college will act as hostesses. Father Shannon will show slides depicting campus life at Nazareth.

## Forty Hours

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

Friday, Feb. 4—St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell; St. John's Abolitionist Seminary, Montour Falls.

Tuesday, Feb. 8—St. Joseph's Villa, Rochester.

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## 125 Expected At Annual Scout Communion

**Coming**—Upwards of 125 Cubs, Boy Scouts, Explorers, Scouters and parents are expected to attend the annual Catholic Boy Scout Communion Breakfast to be held next Sunday at 8 a.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Church in connection with the local observance of National Boy Scout Week.

Phillip Grannan, superintendent of the Department of Public Works and chairman with William P. McCarthy for the event, yesterday said nearly 100 reservations had been filed, but added, "We expect another 25 or 50 to show up by breakfast time. Everyone is welcome regardless of their having filed a reservation. We will have plenty of ham and eggs and will be able to accommodate any number—the more the better."

Guest speaker will be Daniel J. Donahue of Elmira, judge of the Children's Court of Elmira, who is recognized as an accomplished speaker and a leader in youth work in his own community.

All Catholics in the area associated with the Scouting movement are invited.

Some 25 leading Scout leaders of the Southeast District and Steuben Area Boy Scout Council have been extended special invitations to participate in the program, Grannan said.

**THE NOTRE DAME** school of girls have selected what they believe is a distinctive and attractive dress ensemble that will find favor with both students and parents.

The ensemble consists of a jumper and blouse. The jumper is in forest green, color-fast wool gabardine. The bodice has a one-button closing. The skirt has six box pleats; it has a four-inch hem and the belt has a two-inch lap to permit alterations.

The tailored blouse is made of white broadcloth. A dark green beanie to match the jumper is optional. The girls will be required to wear stockings and black or brown oxford shoes.

The Sisters point out what they consider varied advantages in the practice of the uniform dress.

**IT IS BELIEVED**, first of all, a help to parents in the saving on clothing costs for their daughters. The jumper and blouse ensemble, which is purchased through the school, costs about \$14. The experience at schools where used shows that a girl, using reasonable care, can go through her four years in high school with two outfits.

The dress, being the same for all girls, eliminates any distinction of class or status; it represents the sometimes extreme emphasis on dress by style-conscious teenagers.

With attention to style considered, they have voted for a light-

## Girls' Attire To Be Uniform At Elmira's New N.D. High

Uniform dress for girl students, an innovation in high school practices for Elmira, will be introduced in the new Notre Dame de Lourdes High School when it opens next September, the Sisters of Mercy in charge announced today.

The Sisters who will conduct the new school on Lower Maple Ave. made known this requirement in their announcement that the opening days for registration will be Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12 and 13.

**REGISTRATION WILL** take place at the present Elmira Catholic High School, Park Pl. and W. Clinton St.

Sister M. Raphael, principal of the new school, declared that experience in schools conducted by the Sisters of Mercy and other teaching orders, has shown that the uniform dress has been a definite contributing factor to the maintenance of efficient and well-ordered school practices and administration.

The Sisters of Mercy conduct Mercy High School and the Sisters of St. Joseph operate Nazareth Academy and St. Agnes High School, all in Rochester. In the three schools the custom of uniform dress for girls has been the vogue for many years.

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