

Capping Held At St. Joseph Hospital

Twenty-eight Freshmen students of St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing received their caps at impressive ceremonies held in the Little Flower Chapel of the Nurses Residence on Friday Evening, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. About 500 relatives and friends of the newly capped nurses attended.

The ceremony began with the solemn carrying of candles, the procession entered the Chapel. The students, dressed in uniforms with caps, wore blue and gold beanie caps to be replaced by the coveted Nurses caps.

THE CEREMONY opened with the blessing of the caps by Rev. Msgr. William J. Brieh, V.P., pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

The class was presented by Rev. Philip E. McGhan, hospital chaplain, who congratulated the nurses on the successful completion of their pre-clinical period.

The students were capped by Sister Margaret Adelaide, hospital administrator, assisted by Sister Anne Maurice, Director of Nursing. The spirit of nursing as symbolized by the lighted candle was imparted to the newly capped nurses by Miss Janet Buttop, president of the senior class, Miss Rose Bricco, junior class president.

After the lighting ceremony each of the girls placed her candle at the altar of the Blessed Virgin and that of St. Joseph. Following this, the group recited the Nightingale Pledge, promising to uphold the ideals of the nursing profession.

THE CLASS was addressed by Rev. Robert MacNamara, Assistant Pastor of St. Ann's Church, Hornell, N.Y. (See adjoining column).

The exercises were concluded with Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The celebrant was Monsignor Bryen, deacon; Rev. Michael Hynes, Chaplain of the Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, sub-deacon; Father McGhan, sub-deacon.

The class made an Act of Consecration for Nurses between the hymns at Benediction.

The singing during the exercises was by the new class, Louise Schmetzke, acted as cross bearer and the candle bearers were Philip Sullivan and James Holman. Members of the class: Kimber, Joan Brown, Geraldine Chalmers, Patricia Fay, Deloris Klicovny, Rita Mathey, Patricia Orlosky, Marjorie Rice, Dolores Salafia, M. Antonette Sullivan, Patricia Zborian.

Horseheads: Patricia O' Buckley, Binghamton: Eleanor Carr, Hornell: Joan Connor, Geraldine Dee; Rochester: Shelia Hartle, Joan Ferreira, Joan Sweeney, Syracuse: Elizabeth Pierce, Oswego: Barbara Burch, Corning: Josephine Hickey, Shelia McLaughlin, Big Flax: Nancy Dickerson; Auburn: Kathleen Hogan; Geneva: Eileen Jones, Mary Jane McFale; Susquehanna: Ann O'Neill; Gary, Ind.: Diane Robinson; Condon, Pa.: Doris Wynne.

'Nurses Walk With God' Speaker Tells Students

"To be a nurse is to walk with God," the Rev. Robert MacNamara, assistant pastor of St. Ann Church, Hornell, said in addressing 28 freshmen students of St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing, Elmira, at the capping exercises, March 11.

Father MacNamara said that the time of reception was also a day of dedication.

"Part of the happiness of this ceremony of capping," the priest continued, "is the fact that your profession is a beautiful reflection of a growing cynical or pessimistic attitude that nursing no longer attracts girls with a sense of dedication and a deep desire to serve humanity as it did years ago."

"While many nurses have refused such grimness by pen in hand, this simple ceremony is most effective."

"FOR YOU, in the fullness and freshness of your young womanhood have come to the house of God, and in the presence of Him who gave you life, and the parents who brought you into the world, you now offer and dedicate that life to the service of others. You will serve for life, for you will be married for life."

"You may not always be engaged actively in professionally nursing, but there is a sense in which you will always be on call. It may be the health of your own children, it may be the moment of an accident or time of disaster. You, because you will have been trained as nurses, will be expected to step forward, just as you did tonight to dedicate yourself."

"FOR EVERYONE here then, to receive this act of your dedication is heartwarming, for it means that the sense of dedication and the desire to serve humanity is not dead, but vigorously alive."

"For yourselves, the things that you have done here today are even more significant. For the ideas that have brought you to this ceremony, the ardent desire to serve God in the person of the sick must always remain the thing that attracts you to the nursing profession. It is the thing that will keep you going in spite of difficulty, the thing that makes you want to be a nurse more than anything else in the world. What else would have attracted you?"

"IT IS NOT money, you could do well in other fields in a shorter time—not the glamour—even by now you've lost any illusion of that, not the easy work you find. On the contrary since the responsibilities that will be yours will tax your physical and mental strength, only the desire to serve can explain your presence here tonight."

"The better motives and ideals, however, are not in themselves enough to train good nurses. They have brought you this far. But tonight you only begin your

Elmira Composes Music For St. Joseph Feast Day

Mrs. John E. Bacon, C.C.H.C., outstanding Elmira organist has completed a composition, "Joseph, fili David," a Gregorian improvisation on the Communion Antiphon for the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19.

This unusually fine arrangement drew warm congratulations from Professor Philip G. Kreckel of Rochester, an internationally recognized authority on church music, composer, outstanding organist and member of the Rochester Diocesan Music Commission.

PROFESSOR KRECKEL said that the new improvisation will be played at the annual Mass observing the Feast of St. Joseph in the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Mrs. Bacon is organist at St. John the Baptist church, Elmira, having received her early training in music from the Sisters of St. Joseph at St. Mary's school, graduated from Elmira College school of music, the Gregorian

Scholarship For Students

A full four year tuition scholarship at Notre Dame de Lourdes high school will be awarded to the winner of a competitive examination to be held in Elmira Catholic high school tomorrow morning commencing at 9.

The examination is open to all students of the eighth grade according to an announcement made by Sister M. Raphael, principal of the school. The scholarship has a value of \$500.00.

'Toy Committee' Begins Duties



THE INFANT-OR-PHAGE committee of the Ladies of Charity have formed a new unit to be known as the "toy committee" whose duties will be to obtain, sort, pack and distribute toys to the families covered by the Elmira Catholic Family Service. At the first meeting of the group were (seated from left) Mrs. Paul Getola, and Mrs. Francis Leo. Standing (from left), Miss Mary J. O'Connor, Miss Adelaide Cicotti, Mrs. Justina Donahue, Mrs. Ben D'Alaisio, Mrs. Joseph Caparulo was absent when photo was taken.

Chairmen Named For Card Party

Committee chairman for the post Lenten card party to be sponsored by the Elmira Ladies of Columbus have been announced as follows:

Tickets, Mrs. James P. O'Leary and Mrs. Louis A. Laufferweller; refreshments, Mrs. Herman A. Cassidy and Mrs. Francis Crowley; awards, Mrs. Frederick D. Spachio and Mrs. Frank A. Bellotti; table arrangements, Mrs. Szymanski and Mrs. Ernest Beckwith.

The party is scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 13 in Columbus Center with all types of cards being played including progressive euchre. Table hostesses are requested to furnish cards. Table will be made and refreshments will be served.

Proceeds from the affair will be turned over to Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus.

The next regular meeting of the Ladies of Columbus will be held in Columbus Center on Tuesday, March 22 at 8 p.m. Rev. L. Emmett Davis will be the speaker.

God and the Marriage and Marriage as a Vocation were topics discussed at the first of a series of Cane Conferences at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Elmira, last Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Leo G. Schwab, Our Lady of Lourdes Church pastor told the group of 150 that marriage belongs to God and since they were his creatures marrying is doing the will of God.

Marriage is a vocation and always is something holy. We forget at times it is a sacrament, said Father Schwab.

"Your marriage is as important to you spiritually as ordination is to a priest," he said.

FATHER SCHWAB spoke of mutual love and told the wives to realize they sublimated themselves to their mates when they married.

As in many walks of life, he said, if mistakes are made in marriage, try to do better.

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He said it is possible to form discussion groups soon if interested persons would contact any committee members.

Committee members also include Messrs. and Mesdames James L. Burke, James R. Carroly, William E. Kelsey, Charles J. Kromer, Maurice J. McMurray and Robert P. Muldoon.

Father Schwab's talk was followed by a question and answer period, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments.

Cane conferences are a lay movement of the Catholic Church that started in the 1930's and are spreading around the nation.

The movement was approved by American bishops in 1947 and the bishops urged their promotion and encouragement in 1949.

"The conferences are designed to inspire persons to restore their Christian married life to its full stature and develop a thoroughly Christian pattern for their homes."

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Spaghetti Supper Set By Scouts

Clement J. Knuth, chairman Boy Scout Troop 37 announces a benefit spaghetti supper to be held in St. Casimir's gymnasium on Sunday, March 20 from 5 until 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds of the supper will be used to defray expenses of the troop on a trip to Washington in May.

Supper arrangements are in charge of Ted Hager, Bernard Winiacki, Joseph Barnocki, assisted by Dr. James A. Mark, Gerald Rosette, Alfred C. Morse, Joseph Gwiazda, Maynard Beckman, John B. Lawless, and Francis T. Woods. Tickets chairmen are Leo Krolak and Florence Kalm.

Troop 37 is composed of boys from St. Patrick, St. Casimir and St. Anthony parishes and at present has an enrollment of 35.

U. S. Nuns Purchase English Property

London (NC)—The American province of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary has purchased Ballard Coombe, a house on six acres of ground near Kingston, Surrey, on the west outskirts of London, it was announced here.

It is proposed to make the house a finishing school for the order's pupils at other schools in this country and America.

The American province numbers some 500 members and has headquarters in Marymount, Tarrytown, N. Y.

Sodality Reception Planned At College

Two important events on the Nazareth College schedule are: Friday, March 25—Sodality Reception by His Excellency Bishop Kearney with freshmen and sophomores participating.

Saturday, March 26—National Council meeting. College Students, all day, for representatives from the Lake Erie Region.

Mrs. Byrne Addresses PTA

Ithaca—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Byrne addressed the PTA of Immaculate Conception School, Ithaca, on the place the cross has in the lives of all today at a meeting in Parish Hall on Tuesday. Mrs. Michael Peetz presided.

A bake sale will be held March 21 and 22 with Mrs. George Kohler as chairman. Mrs. Daniel Joyce reported on the recent fashion show.

Members agreed to cooperate with other parish organizations in sponsoring a card party for the benefit of the Catholic Youth Organization.

A school exhibit will be held March 23. Members were asked to bring used Catholic magazines to the next meeting to be distributed by the books and literature committee.

The Rev. Thomas K. Cleary, chaplain at George Junior Republic, Freeville, spoke on his recent trip to Europe.

Padua High School Rector To Address Women's Club

Painted Post—The Rev. Claude Zabinski, O.F.M., rector and administrator at Padua High School, Watkins Glen, will be guest speaker at the 8th anniversary dinner of the Catholic Women's Club of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church next month.

The affair will be held at the Corning Country Club on Tuesday, April 19, with Mrs. Thomas E. Kelley as chairman of arrangements.

Miss Ruth Warner was appointed chairman of a nominating committee which will prepare a slate of officers for presentation at the annual meeting of the Catholic Women's Club of the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in May.

MRS. ROBERT MEKLE, president, conducted a business meeting of the club held last week in the church hall and named the following to assist Miss Warner: Mrs. John Polinkas, Mrs. A. J. Walbel, Mrs. Edward Griffin, Jr., and Mrs. Stanley Manning.

The club went on record backing the current crime comic investigation and sent a letter to Mayor Charles Craig to that effect.

Mrs. Roger Keagle was chairman of the program and Mrs. Norbert Gais, co-chairman.

A film, "The Perfect Sacrifice," the story of the Mass, in English, was shown by Mr. Keagle. In the film the Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Harold Fuller S. J.

Result of Flattery—A little flattery now and then makes husbands out of single men.—Automotive Dealer News

Flower Guild Lists Easter Meet Aides

Auburn—The Flower Guild of Mercy Hospital held its regular monthly meeting and St. Patrick's dinner on Tuesday, March 8 in the Palm Room of the Osborne Hotel, with Mrs. J. E. O'Donnell and Miss Madeline E. McEvoy were in charge of arrangements. Fifty-six members attended.

At the business meeting conducted by the president, Miss Genevieve E. Diehl, Mrs. William J. Nolan, Sr. and Miss Laura M. Falley were named co-chairmen of the Easter meeting April 12. Mrs. Geraldine A. Lauderback was appointed to take charge of the tray favors for Easter Sunday.

Following the meeting Raymond (Ray) Doyle entertained with a program of Irish songs. He was accompanied by Mrs. Clarence Maywalt who also played for the dinner music.

Mercy Guild Sets Rummage Sale

Mercy Guild of the Little Flower will conduct a rummage sale, Thursday, March 24 at 210 West Main St., according to Mrs. Joseph T. Hempel, president.

Any person having articles to donate are asked to call Mrs. Frank Comfort, chairman, Greenfield 3055 or Mrs. Francis E. Kalb, co-chairman, CLUVER 3806W.

Elmira Meeting Set By Area Fordhamites

Fordham Club of Southern New York will meet Saturday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the home of James L. Kerwan, 307 Caldwell Ave., Elmira. Members and prospective members will participate in a business session.

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