

AOH Unit Confers Degree In Auburn

Auburn — Auburn Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians conferred the Degree of the Shamrock on a large group of candidates Sunday in the Hibernian Club Rooms on Genesee Street.

Frederick J. Farrell, Jr. conferred the degree in the presence of John J. Sullivan of Oswego, assistant state organizer, and John T. Trant of Syracuse, president of the Onondaga County Division, AOH.

Included in the afternoon's program were addresses to the candidates by the Rev. Edward J. Tolster and the Rev. Charles L. McCarthy, chaplains.

Assisting in the degree work were the following officers: Edward J. Walsh, vice president; William P. Farrell, treasurer; Martin J. Brennan, sentinel; Patrick J. May, marshal; and Paul Magill, chairman of the standing committee.

Following the program, refreshments were served at an open house for members and friends.

Razing Of Former St. Joseph Orphan Home Starts Today

The former St. Joseph Orphan Home at 305 Andrews St. which has been serving as a convent for nine School Sisters of Notre Dame will be razed beginning today, July 1.

According to the Very Rev. Gerald J. Whelan, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Joseph Church.

Tearing down the old building on Andrews St. will mark the ending of an era in which the School Sisters of Notre Dame made an outstanding record in the work of caring for dependent children and in educating children of grammar school age in St. Joseph Parish.

The Sisters are being housed temporarily in the grade school on the St. Joseph Commercial on Franklin St. which also houses School St. Joseph Grammar School will not be reopened in the fall at the direction of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney. The dwindling number of pupils in the grammar school, this past year will attend other Catholic schools in the area.

St. Joseph Commercial School, graduates of which have reached in many cases high places in the business life of Rochester, will continue to function. Father Whelan said. The convent building coming down ceased to take care of St. Joseph Home children in 1938 when St. Joseph Villa was planned on Dewey Ave.

The orphan home and school of St. Joseph Parish was a development of the work of the Redemptorist Fathers and the School Sisters of Notre Dame that goes back over a century.

From the school's opening in 1854 down to 1961 the school grew and attendance reached 782. In that year a new convent and home for orphans of the parish was erected on Andrews St. Demands on the institution grew and a brick structure replaced the original home. An east wing was added in 1882 and a west wing in 1897.

The parochial school which numbered 500 in 1854 reached its highest mark of registration in 1867, the boys and girls at that time numbering 1,058. The following years saw a gradual decline in the number of pupils as many schools had been built to care for the needs of growing parishes. Now in 1955 the schools have grown in number and commercial life has moved into the parish to such an extent that the school can no longer be maintained.

Chosen To Lead Classes In Corning Schools



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CLASS OFFICERS of the Eighth Grades of the three Corning parochial schools presided over their classes for the last time at commencement exercises in their respective parishes last Friday evening. They are (left to right) St. Vincent de Paul's, from left, President Kenneth Blake, Vice President Mary Beth Janu, Secretary Mary Agnes Murray and Treasurer Thomas Whelan; St. Mary's, from left, President Terry Kelly, Secretary Mary Baidino, Vice President Ann Leibig and Treasurer Donald McCasron; St. Patrick's, from left, Vice President Peter Golber, Secretary Eugenia Zylowski, Treasurer Laurie Carleton and President Richard Moss. (Corning Leader Photos)

Scholarships Awarded To New School

Auburn — Two four-year scholarships to Mt. Carmel High School to open here in September were awarded to an Auburn boy and girl, the Cardinal Fathers in charge announced today.

Winners are: Anne Spinelli, 274 Columbus St. and David McQueeny, 39 Walnut St. Scholarship offered to the sophomore boy and girl attaining highest averages were awarded to Patricia Coleman, 41 Morris St. and John Donnelly, 135 North Fulton St.

Close competition was given the scholarship winners by Rena Cavaliato, RD No. 3; Mary Sosniak, RD No. 1; Rosemary Tringali, 23 Sheridan Ave.; Julian Wright, 151 South St. in freshman division.

Mary Ann Cupito, 126 Chapman Ave.; Carol Muldon, 29 Maple St.; Maryann Tonia, 55 West St.; William Greer, 49 Aurelius Ave. and Boyle Spinelli, 214 Columbus St., among the sophomores.

CANADIAN CHURCH Home (N.C.) — A new church here dedicated to Canadian saints and martyrs and Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament has been blessed by His Eminence Clemente Cardinal Minetti, Vicar General of the Holy See, Pope Pius XII.

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John E. Durkin Rites Conducted

Addison — The funeral of Atty. John E. Durkin, a native of Addison, was held Sunday morning, June 18, at St. Bonaventure's Church, Allegany, when a Solemn High Mass of Requiem was celebrated. Burial took place in St. Bonaventure's Cemetery in Allegany.

Bearers were the following: cousins of the deceased: Donald Ginnane and John Foley of Buffalo; Dr. James Durkin and William Durkin of Olean, Bernard and James McCaffery of Allegany.

Atty. Durkin, counsel to the former rent control division of the Office of Price Administration in Buffalo from 1942 until 1950, was born in Addison June 3, 1891, a son of the late John and Katherine Hickey Durkin. He was educated in Addison Public Schools and later when he moved to Corning with his parents, was graduated from Corning-Free Academy.

HE PARTICIPATED AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY where he was graduated from the Law College in 1914 and served in the Erie Railroad's Law Department until he enlisted in the U. S. Navy during World War I.

After the armistice he went to Buffalo to practice law with the firm of Rann, Vaughn, Brown and Sturtevant. In 1926, he went to Jamestown where he was a law partner of the late Justice Robert H. Jackson of the U. S. Supreme Court and when Mr. Jackson left Corning and when Mr. Jackson left Corning he was a law partner of the late Justice Robert H. Jackson of the U. S. Supreme Court.

He was active in the Buffalo and Jamestown University Clubs, and a member of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus.

Local relatives who attended the funeral in Allegany Saturday were: Mrs. Matthew E. Flynn, Mrs. Martin L. Train, Miss Kathleen Hickey of Addison and the Misses Mildred and Evelyn Durkin of Corning.

Takes Open Opportunity may open the door to success, but it's up to the individual to keep it that way.

Anthony Kehrig Services Held

Funeral services for Anthony Kehrig, 95, of 21 Carl St., were held at the residence and in St. Michael Church, Rochester on Saturday, June 25.

Mr. Kehrig died on Tuesday, June 21, 1955.

Solemn funeral Mass was celebrated by Rev. Arthur F. Florack, assisted by Rev. Raymond M. Wuest as deacon, and Rev. Edwin Metzger as subdeacon. Rev. Paul R. Schnack was present in the sanctuary.

Mr. Kehrig was a carpenter, and although officially retired from his trade many years ago, he remained active up until a few months ago, by helping out friends and neighbors. Mr. Kehrig was a native of Germany, and came to Rochester at the age of 23.

He was a devout Catholic and attended Mass daily at St. Michael Church, of which he had been a member for 66 years.

He was a member of the Catholic Central Verein and its Executive Committee, and also belonged to the Holy Name Society of St. Michael Church.

Mr. Kehrig is survived by one son, Carl, seven daughters, Mrs. George Spacher, Mrs. Lawrence May, Mrs. Leo Becker, Mrs. Teresa Becker, Mrs. Walter Shelter, Miss Helen Kehrig, and Mrs. Joseph Limbeck; 21 grandchildren, and 35 great-grandchildren.

Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, where final blessing at the grave was given by Father Florack, assisted by Father Metzger.

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Owego Honors Conferred, Clergy Prayers Urged

Owego — "After tonight you will be on your own. You will have no Sisters of Mercy to guide you and instruct you in the daily religious practices as you have had during the past eight years. Remember their teachings, pray daily to Our Blessed Mother, and no harm can come to you."

This was the admonition to the fifteen members of the 1955 graduating class of St. Patrick's by the Rev. Bruce A. Ammering, assistant pastor. The graduating exercises were held Friday night in St. Patrick Church. Carolyn Moran, with a class average of 85.5% won the Holy Name Award 3% the girl with the highest standing.

A duplicate prize was given by the society to Robert Simpson, Jr. for reaching an average of 95%. The Catholic Daughters of America prize for Christian doctrine went to Lynne Miller, average 99% and Gilbert Kouterick, 97%. Donald Goodrich, 96% was awarded the American Legion money for highest standing in social studies and Patricia Rafila, 92% was given the Legion Auxiliary prize in the same subject.

A prize for the student with perfect attendance went to Edward Hall. He has missed only one day in more than two years.

Following the exercises the graduates were guests of the seventh grade at a supper served in the church hall.

Leaves Home Bureau

Owego — Mrs. Marion Rutan, who has been Home Demonstration Agent for Toga County Home Bureau for the past three years, has resigned her position.

Her resignation will take effect Aug. 31.

Owego — The Rev. Bruce A. Ammering, moderator of the Altar & Rosary Society, told about 50 members that there is a great mistaken idea in his mind, even diabolical, that members of the clergy and religious orders do not need the prayers of the laity. Father Ammering said they

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