

Elmira Young Man Receives Christian Brother Habit

Frederick Robinson of Elmira was among 73 young men to receive the habit of the Irish Christian Brothers on Sept. 3. The ceremonies took place in the hall of the



Brother Louis

Brother's newly founded Novitiate of Mary Immaculate, in South Kortright, N. Y.

SEVEN OTHER states and British Columbia and Newfoundland are represented in this class of 73, the largest number to ever receive the habit at one time. This marks the second group to receive the habit at the new Novitiate which was opened in April of 1953.

Frederick Robinson, now Brother Louis, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Robinson from St. Cecilia Parish, Elmira. He graduated from Elmira Free Academy in 1954.

The Brothers conduct some 22 primary and secondary schools and one College in North America, and 7 primary and secondary schools in Canada.

Elmira Area Deaths

Mrs. Mary Rose Plate, 62, of Dennis J. Reagan, Survived by Wellsburg Rd. Monday, Aug. 29, 1955. Survived by husband Fred Plate, Jr.; six sons, Fred W. Jr., of Horseheads; John R. of Montour Falls; Harry A. and Earl I. both of Elmira; Richard L. and Robert L. both of Wellsburg; seven daughters, Mrs. Mary Ellen Connelly and Mrs. Elsie Shock, both of Elmira; Mrs. Thelma Taft and Mrs. Grace Taft, both of Corning; Mrs. Ruth Lymara of Columbus, Ohio, and Miss Florence Plate and Mrs. Gertrude Swan, both of Elmira Heights; sister Mrs. Anna Bennett, Montour Falls; and 28 grandchildren. Body was at Philip F. Wolf Funeral Home, 1880 Davis St. Prayer service Thursday at 8:30 a.m. followed by Requiem High Mass, St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights at 10 a.m.

John B. Crowe, 56, formerly of Elmira, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 1955. In New York City, survived by son Robert of Demerest, N. J.; mother, Mrs. Frances Crowe, Elmira; two sisters, Mrs. Dan Kennedy and Mrs. Alex Cutler, both of Elmira; one brother, Edward of Elmira; three aunts, two uncles, several nieces and nephews. Body at Keefe Funeral Home 436 Broadway. Services there Saturday at 9 a.m. and St. Mary's Church at 10 a.m. St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

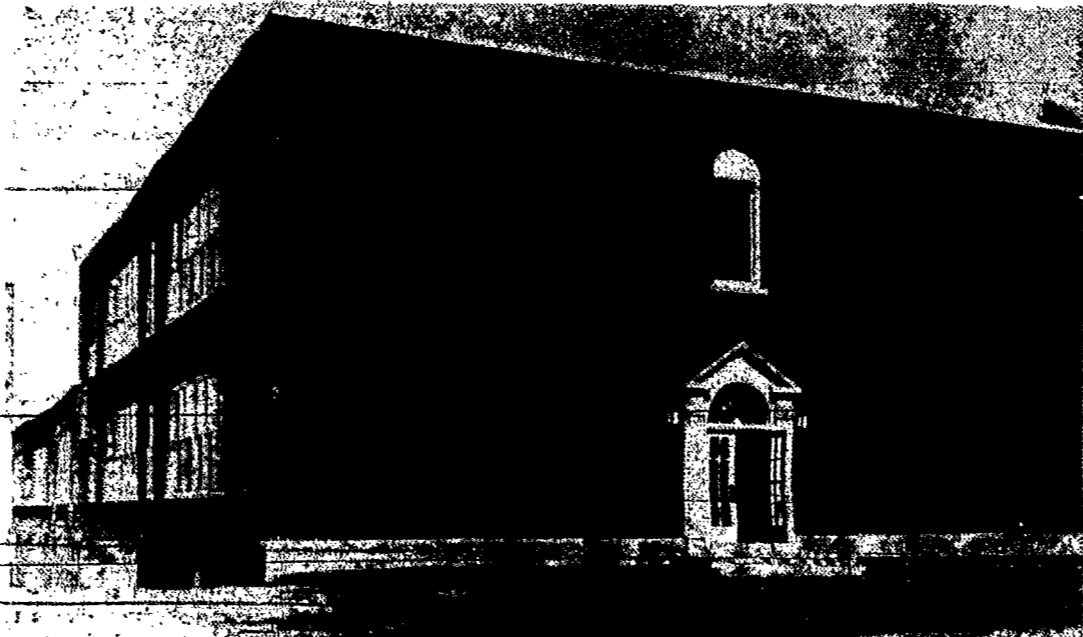
William J. Voelker, 35, of 200 Guland Ave., Wednesday, Aug. 31, 1955. Survived by wife, Mrs. Lorraine M. Voelker; daughter, Sharon Sue of Elmira; four sons, Wayne W., James J., Russell R. and William W., all of Elmira; sister, Mrs. Angus Russell of Buffalo, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Voelker of Buffalo. He was employed at the Corning Glass Works, was a World War II veteran and a communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Body was at the Charles F. Hughes and Son Funeral Home. Prayer service there Saturday at 7:15 a.m. followed at 8 by Requiem High Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Calvary Cemetery, Massena, N. Y.

Mrs. Ellen Y. Reagan of 1149 W. Church St., Friday, Sept. 2, 1955. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, a member of its Altar and Rosary Society. She was the widow of

Pupils Study At Modern Desks



IN NEW ADDITION of St. John the Evangelist School, Greece, these two pupils are beginning their work at the modern desks with which the eight-room annex is equipped. Supervising their work is Sister Rose Xavier, principal and watching is the Rev. Donald E. Lux, pastor. Exterior view of the addition is below.



8 Classroom Addition To Be Dedicated Sunday In Greece

A new eight classroom addition for St. John's parochial school, Greece, will be solemnly blessed Sunday, September 11. His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will preside at the 3 p.m. rite, according to the Rev. Donald E. Lux, pastor.

The addition to be blessed Sunday is the third unit built by the parish within six years to provide for the rapidly increasing enrollments at the West Ridge Road school. Units built in 1949, 1951, and 1955 provide a total of 19 classrooms, hall, offices, kitchen, and meeting room for the Greece parish.

ENROLLMENT at St. John's has doubled in four years, from 425 in 1951 to 880 in 1955 and over 1,000 pupils are expected for the 1957 school year.

ST. JOHN'S is located in Greece Central public school district which is believed to have the largest pupil enrollment of any district in New York state.

Despite construction of the three new units at St. John's school registration has already reached capacity for this year and pupils moving into the parish cannot be accepted at this time.

ELEVEN SISTERS at St. Joseph and four lay teachers staff the faculty.

Suburban development in the Greece township has recently attracted considerable local attention. Population, it is reported, has jumped from 15,000 in 1935 to 37,000 in 1955, and a total of \$6,000,000 is expected by 1975, making the town a good deal larger than many cities.

Catholics in Greece attend one of three parishes—St. John's, St. Charles Borromeo, at Dewey Ave. and Maiden Lane, has nearly 1,000 pupils in its 1950 constructed school. St. Charles is the largest of the three Greece parishes.

The Rev. Donald E. Lux points out that his eighty-year old St. John's parish has not vast areas within its territory where construction is planned.

tractors are planning new home construction.

ST. JOHN'S parish church seats but 300 and Sunday Mass attendance is currently approaching the 3,000 mark. Later Masses on Sunday mornings are celebrated in the hall of the new school addition where 600 can be accommodated.

Simultaneous Masses in church and hall will be scheduled, Father Lux said, as attendance increases. He stated that parish priests enroll an average of five new families a week who move into newly built homes nearby.

The eight-room school addition also contains a hall and two offices.

Mission Scenerama Aid Planned In Corning

Corning—Plans for participation in an exhibit of Catholic Action around the world to be held at Rochester, N. Y. Memorial Oct. 16-23 were discussed at a meeting of committee members from Corning, Elmira and Hornell at Mark Twain Hotel in Elmira recently.

Attending from Corning were the Rev. James Slattery, assistant pastor at St. Vincent de Paul's Church, who is clerical chairman for Corning; Earle J. Keenan, ticket chairman; E. J. Smith, publicity chairman; and Paul Tammaro, lay chairman.

The Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall of Rochester's Mission Scenerama exhibit director, outlined plans for publicity for the exhibit, attendance by school children and other attendees at a Father Slattery, of Corning, re-places the Rev. Joseph Donovan J. Sheen, Auxiliary Bishop of New York on October 23. More than 100 religious communities will be expected to participate.

Tentatively planned is an excursion train to pick up children at Elmira, Corning and Bath for a round trip to Rochester. There will be an essay contest in connection with the exhibit and all Catholic school children will be eligible. Prizes will be awarded for boys' and girls' division in both grammar and high school divisions.

The Very Rev. Msgr. William J. Brian, V. F. Dean of the Elmira deanery, announced that the Rev. L. Emmett Davis, of Elmira will replace the Rev. Albert V. Ryan as Chemung County clerical chairman. Father Ryan was recently transferred to Rochester.

The Rev. Leo J. Mans of Hornell attended as clerical chairman for that city.

Nun Tells Hornell Kin Of Golden Jubilee In Ireland

Hornell—Mother Mary Joseph Lee, an aunt of two Hornellians, celebrated her Golden Jubilee of Holy Profession at Poor Clare Colettine Monastery, St. Damian's, Ballsbridge, Dublin.

She wrote, from the Irish convent, an account of the solemn ceremonies to Dr. Edmund L. Dahill and Francis Dahill of Hornell. The Dahill's mother, the late Mary Leo Dahill, was a sister of Mother Mary Joseph. Another sister, Miss Anna Leo, who made her home in Hornell for many years, died a few years ago. Still another sister is a nun in a convent in St. Louis, Mo.

MOTHER MARY JOSEPH'S letter, in part, follows: "I had the great happiness of celebrating my Golden Jubilee of Holy Profession with another sister. The ceremony commenced at 9:30 with Rev. Father Provincial OFM, presiding.

"First we received a lighted candle and a staff. The ceremony followed the Franciscan Ritual. Next was the sermon and then Solemn High Mass. In gold vestment, (which was my train when I received the holy habit in 1901), I made a confession of Faith and faults and renewed my vows in Mother Abbess' hands.

"Finally we received a golden crown with the Priest's words, 'When this life is over, may our Lord crown you not with a corruptible crown, but with the crown of eternal reward.'

The ceremonies finished with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and all in all required about 1 1/2 hours.

Mother Mary Joseph, although approaching 'old age' as she says, nevertheless remembered enough of the sermon preached on her Golden Jubilee to enclose notes on it to Dr. Dahill.

It follows, in part: "The preacher commenced by saying that the only book suitable for a Priest, after his ordination is now to prepare for death.

"Actually real life only begins for a Priest on his Ordination Day. He lives only for God and to make Him known and loved. The same may be said of the two Sisters whose Golden Jubilee we celebrate today and whom we all congratulate. For 50 years of service of God... 50 years of prayers and sacrifices for the world and souls.

"When they entered 50 years ago 'I did not forsake the spirit of that order (Poor Clares) and their vow of 'poverty' and 'obedience'."

Mother Mary Joseph concludes her letter by asking for "prayers since old age is coming on."

Mass Seen Greatest Collective Bargaining

Indianapolis, Ind. (NC)—The greatest act of collective bargaining is assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Father William J. Smith, S.J., one of the nation's best known labor-priests, declared at a Labor Day Mass in St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, here.

Father Smith told the congregation of civic management and labor leaders that attendance at Labor Day, The Jersey City, N.J., priest said: "There never has been a greater act of collective bargaining... than a congregation of Catholic workers and employers with their friends renewing their contract with God, their Father, to live a Christian life, while the Son of God acts as Mediator, offering His passion and death once again in an unbloody manner.

The big mistake made too often these days by labor and management is that they do not make provisions for Almighty God, the Chief Investor in American industry," Father Smith said.

Historic Mission Marks 184th Year

San Gabriel, Calif. (NC)—Singing of the Salve Regina at dusk opened the 184th birthday celebration of San Gabriel Mission here.

The observance, which lasted four days, included a Memorial Mass for deceased parishioners of the mission founded in 1771—five years before America's independence.

San Gabriel Mission is the oldest church in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. In 1781 eleven families from the Mission traveled 11 miles to the southwest and founded the City of Los Angeles.

Today San Gabriel Mission is a long ways from being a historic ruin and a nostalgic museum. It is one of the largest parishes in this area, has nearly 1,800 families, 10 priests and 29 Sisters who staff a high school and grammar school with a total enrollment of approximately 1,600 children.

Slovak Union Reports On Aid

Reading, Pa. (RNS)—More than \$38,000,000 in death benefits have been paid out by the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada since its founding in 1890.

This was reported to the organization's 32nd convention here by John Sabol of Cleveland, O., supreme secretary. He also said that the union has aided many charitable causes.

The 400 delegates, representing more than 400,000 Catholics of Slovak descent in the two countries, adopted a resolution calling upon President Eisenhower to press for the release of clergy members imprisoned by Communist authorities in Slovakia.

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