

## Miraculous Medal Story Portrayed For DCCW Unit

Hornell — The story of the Miraculous Medal was related, by commentary and colored films, at a First Saturday luncheon in the Moose Home.

There were 60 women at the luncheon which was sponsored by the Steuben Deanery, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. It was the sixth in the current series held on the first Saturday of each month in honor of the Blessed Virgin under her title, "Our Lady of Fatima."

REV. RICHARD A. HART spiritual director of the Steuben Deanery, showed the film which comprised the major portion of Saturday's program.

The picture story related the history of the Miraculous Medal, which began in France in 1830 when the Blessed Virgin appeared to Sister Catherine of the Daughters of Charity in a convent in Paris.

The young novice, Catherine Labouré had shown particular devotion to the Blessed Mother since early girlhood and had prayed constantly that she might be favored by seeing her.

It was on July 18, 1830, when

the Blessed Virgin made her first appearance to Sister Catherine. In the convent chapel, Sister Catherine later related, the Blessed Mother charged her with a mission.

TWO MORE apparitions followed, the principal manifestation taking place on Nov. 27, 1830 at which time Sister Catherine was instructed by the Blessed Virgin to have a medal struck after a model clearly shown her. In this apparition, the Blessed Virgin stood, as Sister Catherine recorded, on "a globe her face beautiful beyond words. Her fingers were covered with precious jewels whose light dazzled me. And I heard: 'Behold the symbol of the graces I shed upon those who ask for them!'"

"Then," Sister Catherine's account continued, "an oval formed around the Blessed Virgin and I read in letters of gold 'O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee.' After two years of rigid investigation, church authorities declared the apparitions to be fact and not fiction and allowed the Medal of the Immaculate Conception to be made. Almost immediately, records show, cures, conversions and other benefits could be traced to the medal so that it soon became known as the 'Miraculous Medal.'"

Sister Catherine Labouré's cause for canonization neared her body being exhumed about 50 years after her death. It was found, along with her clothing, to be intact. Sister Catherine became St. Catherine Labouré on July 27, 1947.

THE FILM STRIP and narrative concluded with the reminder that the medal is not a "good luck charm" but rather a manifestation of faith in the power of the Blessed Mother's intercessions with her Divine Son.

Mrs. Frank Hornbeck, Deanery president, reminded the women of a perpetual Rosary to be recited by volunteers in St. Ann's and St. Ignatius Loyola Churches on April 26, the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women.

St. Willibrord is the patron saint of Holland.

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## Waverly CD Hear St. Bernard's Professor Talk

By Elizabeth Trucolhard

Waverly — The Rev. Joseph L. Hogan, M.A., S.T.D., professor of fundamental dogma at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, spoke at the annual banquet of Court Joan of Arc, Catholic Daughters of America, Waverly, Monday evening at O'Brien's restaurant. Miss Anna Frances Payne, general chairman who made the arrangements with Father Hogan, for his speaking appearance in Waverly, announced that invitations were sent to members of CDA courts at Sayre, Owego, Elmira and Corning.

Mr. Florence Hennessey, district deputy for the Catholic Daughters attended as a special guest. Mrs. Toby Campolite, local regent, presided.

Serving with Miss Payne on the committee were: Mrs. Robert Hogan, Mrs. William Donnelly, Mrs. Harold Masteller, Mrs. Joseph Paul, Mrs. Robert Downs, Mrs. Mary Lucy, Miss Margaret Mary Nash, and Miss Margaret Kane.

Fifty Hour Devotions opened at St. James Church, Waverly on Sunday, April 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Fedotsak of the St. James parish became the proprietors of the Superior Paint and Wallpaper store on Broad Street, Waverly. Besides a complete line of wallpaper and paint, they are carrying a wide selection of toys and games.

## Catholic Action Summer School

St. Louis, Mo. — (NC) — The Summer School of Catholic Action will make four-day visits to seven cities from June through September.

This was announced here by The Queen's Work, sponsor of the school.

Cities on this summer's agenda are: Windsor, Ont., June 25 to 29; Grand Forks, N. Dak., July 2 to 7; Portland, Ore., July 9 to 14; Fresno, Calif., July 23 to 28; Houston, Tex., July 30 to August 4; New York, August 20 to 25; and Chicago, August 27 to September 1.



PRINCIPALS SHOWN at the speakers' table at the annual Communion Breakfast of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's, Owego, Sunday morning. From left: Past President John McTanney, general chairman; Walter J. O'Connell, vice-president; the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor and spiritual advisor; Curt I. Johnson, general manager of new Laboratories to be built in Owego who acted as principal speaker; J. Edmond Morton, secretary-treasurer, and V. Robert Simpson, president. The breakfast was served at the Moose Home, following the 8:30 Mass. (Tubbs Photo).

## Owego Holy Name Hears Speaker At Breakfast

By HELEN A. BROSINAN

Owego — Walter T. Shelton served as toastmaster at the annual Communion breakfast of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick Church, Sunday morning. The breakfast was served by the Women of the Moose at the Moose Home Lake St., following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Shelton introduced the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor and spiritual advisor who briefly addressed the assemblage. The principal speaker was Curt I. Johnson, general manager of the Albion Laboratories of International Business Machines Corp., built in Owego.

Johnson described the plans and aims of the new laboratories, which will be known as the IBM Industrial Campus. Other guests introduced were Harold Wakefield manager of the car transportation division of IBM Alan J. Tucker, Jr. public relations officer of the Corporation.

Gifts were presented to John Grandeo, in appreciation for the amount of work he has done as coach of St. Patrick's basketball teams and to Robert Reynolds, for his work with St. Patrick's Boy Scouts Troops A gift was

presented to Johnson. The breakfast was attended by approximately 100 members and guests.

Mrs. V. Robert Simpson, grand regent of Court St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Daughters of America, attended the annual banquet of Court Joan of Arc, Waverly Monday night at O'Brien's. Waverly Mrs. Simpson was accompanied by Mesdames Donald Doty, vice-grand regent, James F. Hare, J. Edmond Morton, William Robinson, Raymond Cleveland, Donald Monroe, Roger Keagle, Frank McGovern, Ralph Daigle, Walter T. Shelton and Wright Johnson, and Miss Marie Larkin.

## MRS. MERRICK RITES

Owego — Funeral services for Mrs. Lenora Merrick, widow of Albert J. Merrick were held in St. Patrick's Monday. She died of England.

at her home 25 Temple St., Saturday, April 7 at the age of 82 years. The late Mr. Merrick was trustee of St. Patrick Church for more than 50 years. Mrs. Merrick was born in Owego, August 5, 1873, the daughter of Patrick and Catherine Reagon. Her only immediate survivors are two sisters, Misses Anna and Nellie Garvey, both of Owego. The requiem Mass was offered by the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor. The Rev. Michael L. Hynes, Elmira former pastor of St. Patrick's and the Rev. Bruce Ammering, assistant pastor, were in the sanctuary. Father Hynes, assisted by Father Ammering, officiated at the cemetery. The pallbearers were Joseph F. Sweeney, John J. Bell, Daniel J. Noonan, Norman J. Taylor, Allen L. Franz, Frank McGovern.

## CDA SLATES SALE

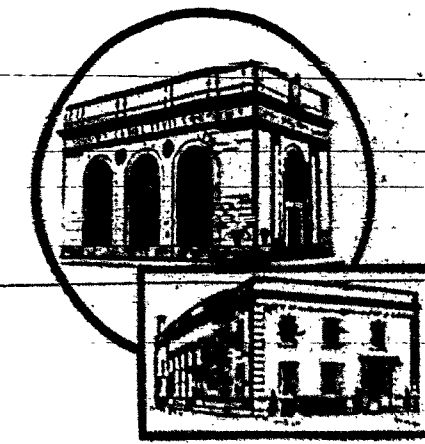
Owego — The Catholic Daughters of America are planning to hold a rummage sale in the vacant store 45 Lake St. on Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21. Mrs. Donald Doty, vice-grand regent was named chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements. Proceeds of the sale will be used for some of the Court's activities.

St. George is the patron saint of England.

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