



CLASS OFFICERS of Class of 1959, St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Elmira shown here with Sister Ann Maurice, director of the school and Father Philip E. McGhan, hospital chaplain are: (from left) Marlene Baran, secretary; Patricia Marsh, vice president; and Carol Whitford, treasurer.

Caps Conferred On 31 Student Nurses In Elmira

Thirty-one members of the Class of 1959, St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Elmira, including fifteen Elmiraans, received their caps at an impressive ceremony held in the Little Flower Chapel, Dunn Memorial Nurses' Residence on Friday evening, March 8. Approximately 450 relatives and friends attended.

The cap, a tradition with a procession of the class, accompanied by Sister Ann Maurice, Sister Anne Maurice, Director of Nursing, Miss Joan Swartz, President of the Student Government Association, Miss Grace Samenfink, President of the Dunn Memorial Class, Junior and Senior students of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, St. Joseph's College Nursing, St. Joseph's Hospital.

Rev. Philip E. McGhan, Hospital Chaplain, blessed the caps, and in presenting the caps said: "You have completed your first six months as professional nurses in preparation for your career in Nursing. With two and a half years to go, you will need help, encouragement and continual prayer."

CAPS WERE presented by Sister Margaret Adelaide and Sister Anne Maurice. The spirit of nursing as symbolized by the lighted candle was imparted to the newly capped nurses by Miss Swartz and Miss Samenfink. Standing before the altar with lighted candles, the Nurses made the Pledge of Fidelity to Duty. Immediately following this, in a simple but impressive manner, the members of the class placed their candles at the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph.

Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien, Assistant Pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira addressed the class.

"The cap is not unlike angel's wings, and the nurse is an angel of mercy. The cap reminds one of the bearing of a halo which symbolizes sanctity. The nurse is a minister of the love of God to the sick. The white cap is simple and denotes her duty. The nurse must give and give of herself to others.

"The vocation of a nurse is one of the noble vocations in the Church. It is a vocation which

Acies Ceremony Listed By Area Legion Of Mary

The annual central function of all members of the Legion of Mary will be held on Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m. in St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira. Floyd Nodine, President of the Elmira Curia explains that this is the first big function of the Legion since the Elmira Curia was founded Jan. 20, 1957.

At this important assembly, known as the Acies (a military term denoting an army in battle array), all Legionaries renew their consecration to Our Lady, Queen of the Legion.

In the name of the Legion of Mary of the Elmira Curia, Mrs. Carl J. Johnson, Chairman of the Acies, invites all active members, all Auxiliary members and all friends of the Legion to take part in this solemn expression of loyalty to Mary, Queen of the Legion.

Walter Billas, Michael Murtach and Daniel Deans served as altar boys. The students, including the ceremonies with Sister M. Florence at the organ.

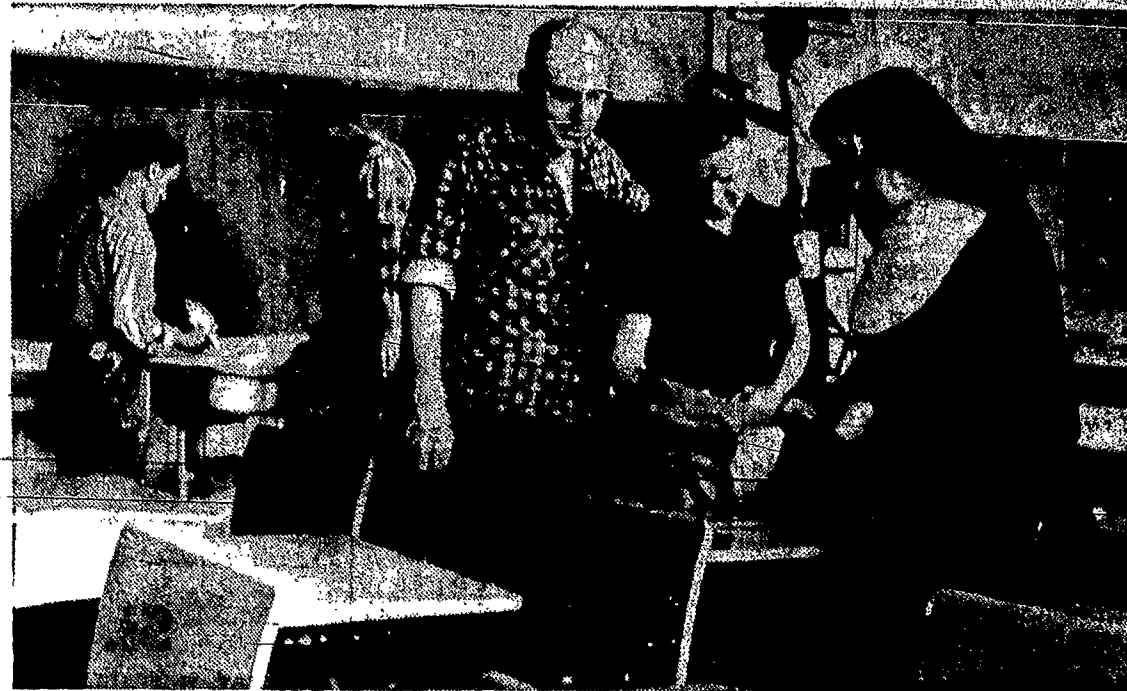
Immediately following the capping exercises an informal reception for the class and their guests was held on first floor of the Nurses' Residence.

Father John Merklinger, Spiritual Director of the Rochester Comitium, will be guest speaker. Fr. J. Raymond Hensler, President of the Rochester Comitium.

Ushers: Emilio Paganelli, Bernard C. Rutke, Roy Osborn Jr., Sheldon B. Anderson, Carl Webb, Floyd Nodine, all of St. Peter and Paul's, Elmira.

Refreshments: Mrs. Michael Caparula, Mrs. Robert J. Nixon, Mrs. Cyrus Grosvenor, all of St. Cecilia's, Elmira; Mrs. Floyd Nodine, Mrs. Sheldon B. Anderson, and Mrs. Francis Conklin of St. Peter and Paul's; Miss Alice Callahan and Miss Catherine Lagonegro of St. Patrick's, Elmira. Decorations: Mrs. Joseph Dobranski, St. Cecilia's, Elmira; Mrs. William Rice and Miss Mildred Call of St. Patrick's, Elmira.

Programs: Miss Catharine Hughes of St. Patrick's; Miss Florence Hughes of St. Peter and Paul's, Elmira.



REDECORATED CLASSROOMS with a rainbow color scheme in pastel colors as carried out in St. Patrick School, Corning are viewed by Sister Mirlam Joseph, principal with John Benza and Joseph Thelen, general chairman for the volunteer project. In background painting desks and walls are Francis Breully, John Howe and Adrain McMahon. (Jerome Miller photo)

Open House In Corning School To Reveal Extent Of Parishioners' Volunteer Work

Corning — More than a dozen volunteer painters, part of an "Army" of about 50 men of St. Patrick Parish, Corning will be busy all day today and Saturday putting finishing touches to a big five week project at the parish school in preparation for a special St. Patrick's Day open house, Sunday afternoon, March 17.

Parish open house will be observed from 2 to 4 p.m. — and highlight of the day's program will be an inspection of the newly redecorated school rooms and halls. The event is the reason for this weekend's two day cleaning up project.

Under the direction of Joseph Thelen, with John Benza acting as painting foreman, the corps of 50 men have spent nearly 1,800 "man hours" on week day evenings and all day Saturdays painting the seven school rooms, all hallways and all wooden equipment in the parochial school.

THE PROJECT got underway Feb. 8 and several of the men working on the volunteer program have practically "lived" at the school evenings up to 10 or 11 p.m. The Saturday schedule has been regularly from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. All the men furnished their own brushes; Benza, a professional painter, came through with his own spraying equipment, and the parish provided the paint.

An unusual part of the program is that many of the volunteers have no children attending the parish school. "We asked any man able to swing a brush to come forward and the response was good," Thelen explained. "The idea for the paint-up, clean-up project originated at Christmas time when a few of the fathers were cleaning up and setting up a crib at the school.

"Some of the men spoke up that the school rooms and halls needed a good cleaning up — some of us went a step further and decided that an overall painting job would be much better. A meeting of the men of the parish was called, the response was favorable, and with a 'go-ahead' signal from Father Cannon (Rev. William Cannon, pastor) we started to work on Feb. 8."

The rooms have been painted in five different pastel colors suggested by John E. Ward, president of the Corning Area School District and former director of design for Corning Glass Works. At his suggestion, a rainbow

effect was produced in Grades 1, 2 and 3 with each desk painted in one of the pastel colors and the colors alternated enough to give the desired color scheme. The same scheme was used on the pianos, teacher desks, blackboards and walls. Where needed, the desks were even sanded before being painted.

EACH ROOM required about 150 man hours, and each hall the same amount of effort, Thelen reported. When needed, James Quattrini did the patching-up work as a plasterer.

It is believed that some of the school rooms were receiving their first new paint in about 20 years. And to complete the job, the men also washed all the windows.

Now that the painting is nearly completed, the men are turning their attentions to another school job — ripping out the stage in the old school auditorium and replacing it with a portable stage. This will permit the students and nurses to carry out more active programs in the small upstairs auditorium, including the continuance of the noon hour lunch program for about 60 grade students.

The school now offers a Catholic education for 250 students, Sister Mirlam Joseph reported.

All the runs will be on hand Sunday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. to welcome the parents and parish members. The public is also welcomed, and special exhibits will be set up in the various rooms. Refreshments will be served.

THE LIST of volunteer painters includes, in addition to Mr. Thelen, Mr. Benza, and Mr. Quattrini; the Rev. Gerald Dunn, assistant pastor, Francis Breully, John Howe, Adrain McMahon, Fred Graham, Arthur and Edward Post, Thomas O'Leary, Arnold Darcangelo, Arnot Lee, Thomas Spruck, George Sokira, Also John Kosty, William Nelson, Richard Darcangelo, Ralph Simon, M. Paul Rolabock, George Bennett, Lee Poland, Gilbert Marty, Jerome Miller, Clarence Ferner, Dan Rossetti, Peter Pryslopski, Jack Black, Paul Sayre, Laurence Ferris, Ray Marasse, John Hogan, Richard Keck.

Also Edward and Robert Fitzgerald, George McBlane, John Ashley, Howard Northrup, Alfred Moses, Raymond Smith, John Webster, Harvey Polmar, Andrew Kolcun, Peter Horvitz, Lou Ferraro, Ed Spencer, Joseph Rilly, Fat Sackinger, Robert Knowlton, Donald Robinson, Francis Moran and John O'Brien.



LEADING FIGURES in the Day of Recollection sponsored by Elmira Ladies of Charity in Dunn Memorial are shown here: (from left) Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, executive secretary; Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, retreat master; Miss Frances Battersby, president; Miss Adelaide Cicotti, treasurer.

Mission To Open 115 Women Participate In Day Of Recollection

Annual three weeks Mission in St. Anthony church, will open on Sunday evening, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The first week is scheduled for the women and high school girls of the parish.

The Mission will be conducted by Rev. Robert Lynch, O.F.M., and Rev. Malcolm MacDonald, O.F.M.

The second week, beginning March 31 will be for the men and high school boys of the parish and the third week will be the Mission conducted in Italian. Father Alexander Pellegrino, O.F.M. will preside at this latter Mission week.

One hundred and fifteen members, affiliates and friends of the Ladies of Charity participated in a Day of Recollection in the Little Flower Chapel in the Dunn Memorial Home, Elmira on Sunday, March 10, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Following registration and a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, the Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, Retreat Master, gave an introductory instruction. He challenged his listeners to wage a Campaign of War on their faults and imperfections, "of which we are all guilty" and presented a surprising list of these flaws for their consideration.

THE CONFERENCE on Charity, with an emphasis on "charitableness," at 2 p.m. was an intimate plea for the fulfillment of all the many spiritual obligations of a Lady of Charity and reminder of the golden dividends from such a service.

A period of meditation followed the 3 p.m. conference, which was devoted to answers on many of the questions, which are asked about family life and parent-child relationships today. Father O'Brien pleaded for the daily recitation of the family Rosary in every home, even though only "two are gathered together" with Jesus and His Blessed Mother in their midst.

He added, "Show me a family who are devoted to the daily recitation of the family Rosary, which ever has had any serious difficulties."

The closing exercise was a dialogue Eucharistic Holy Hour, during which the Retreatants renewed the two resolutions, which they had made during the medi-

Rochester Student Heads Seminary's Mission Day Fete

Montour Falls — At a meeting of the executive committee of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade, at St. John's Seminary, Ronald Nickel, a senior, was unanimously voted General Chairman of the Mission Day observance to be held at the seminary on May 5.

Nickel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Nickel of St. Ambrose parish, Rochester.

Shortly after his appointment was announced, Nickel in a conference with the Executive Committee declared that the Exhibit would follow, for the most part, the same general pattern of previous years with minor alterations.

As in past years, special emphasis will be placed on encouraging the boys from the 8th grade of the Parochial schools and high school students to participate in the observance. The exhibit of mission displays, which will be held in the seminary gymnasium, will be open to the general public.

The day will be officially opened by a solemn Mass in the students' chapel and will be brought to a close with solemn Benediction in the evening.

Infant Of Prague Committee To Meet

Infant of Prague committee of Elmira Ladies of Charity will meet on Monday, March 18 at the home of Mrs. Joseph Caparula, 965 Walnut St.

A covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m. will precede the business session. Mrs. Anthony Bellizzi and Miss Mary Ginaldi are in charge of arrangements.

St. Cecilia Group Maps Card Party

Members of St. Cecilia's Rosary and Altar Society, Elmira met last week and made plans to hold a public card party in the church hall on Thursday, May 9. Mrs. Henry P. Farrell was named chairman.

Mrs. Robert Morrell gave a report on the recent bake sale and expressed appreciation to all who helped make the affair such a success.

Bake Sale Set By Rosarians

Corning — St. Mary's Society will sponsor a benefit bake sale today (Friday, March 15) at 23 W. Market St., starting at 10 a.m.

Plans for the benefit were completed a week ago at the home of Mrs. Raymond Older, chairman with Mrs. William Kneeland. They are being assisted by Mesdames Joseph Russo, Leo C. McKinney, Gerald Keagle, Joseph J. Ruocco, Plus, Yorlo, Margaret Bond, Anna Miller.

Also, Mesdames Joseph Falk, John Freltas, Nicholas Ruocco, Lucien Hamman, Francis Soich, Eugene Knapp, Michael Catnerl, William McMahon, Earl Ginnane and Miss Evelyn Elck.

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