

Fire Swept St. Boniface Parish Plans Restoration

Drawings of proposed plans to redecorate St. Boniface Church stand on the pastor's bookshelf, mute evidence of what might have been.

"We can forget all about that now," said Father Walter Kohl, pipe in hand, as he surveyed the fire gutted church next to his Gregory St. rectory.

"We were going to have a top-notch decoration job done in the church for our centennial in 1959 . . . now we don't even have a church," he said. "The artists sketches will make nice souvenirs."

This week he had to wrestle with more urgent problems than church decoration.

AFTER FIRE SWEEPED the gothic church late Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 6, Father Kohl had to set up church facilities for his 600 family congregation in the school auditorium. Workmen today were putting finishing touches on a vestry and a makeshift sanctuary on the auditorium's stage.

All vestments, chalices, sacred vessels, candlesticks and other ritual items, were saved by parish priests, firemen and protectives as Wednesday's blaze crackled over their heads.

What about the church edifice?

"Well I think the tower has to come down, that's for sure," said the pastor. "The fire weakened it so much it would be a hazard to leave it stand."

Can the rest of the church be saved?

"Frankly, I don't know," he said. "That will depend on what the engineers decide. They are giving the building a careful check."

Engineers making the examination represent agencies insuring the church, Louis Friedrich of A. Friedrich and Sons is engineer for the parish.

DURING THE PAST WEEK, letters and phone calls from parishioners, neighboring priests and nearby ministers poured into the rectory offering to help the churchless congregation. Members of South Ave. Baptist Church prayed for St. Boniface parish



WORKMAN swings from huge crane toward scorched tower of Rochester's St. Boniface Church to survey fire damage to 70-year-old church.

In their prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Private clubs told the pastor their meeting rooms were available if he could use them in any way.

"Everybody has been so generous," said the pastor. Even as he talked, workmen were putting up the steel framed scaffolds and moving a huge crane up to the tower. The five-ton bells which mysteriously tolled the church's death knell when the fire broke out have to be taken from the weakened tower structure. They will be stored nearby, said the pastor, until they can again ring out their in-

itation to Mass or to private prayer.

Inside, the church takes on the appearance of some huge skeleton, rafters and roof arches like broken ribs.

THE SANCTUARY is gaunt, some snow has blown in through the gaping holes, the altar is gone -- carefully removed and now in storage. The wind caught a loose shingle, blew it to the floor with a hollow echo. "But we'll have an Easter Day," Father Kohl said confidently. "St. Boniface people have a wonderful spirit. It won't be long before we have a beautiful church again."

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1957

Holiday Bazaar Scheduled At St. Peter and Paul's

Immaculate Heart and the Holy Name Societies of St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira, announce a "gigantic" Holiday Bazaar to be held Friday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the school's Auditorium-Gymnasium.

GENERAL CHAIRMEN, Mrs. Paul F. Reidy and Mr. Matthias F. Fennell, have named the following committees:

Mrs. John T. Dawdle—Chairman; Mrs. Robert W. Garner; Mrs. Joseph F. Hentz, advanced girls.
Howard Duffy; John Maslinski; Mrs. Paul F. Reidy; Mrs. Robert Ryan, finance.
Mrs. George Bragg Parish Refreshment-Cook Booth.
Mrs. Frances Kurtz, Refreshment men.
Mrs. William Shine and Mrs. John Dowdle Publicity.

Special Booths and Chairmen will be given at a later date. The public is invited.

Richard Coleman, general chairman said invitations were extended to all knights and ladies of nearby councils including those in Sayre, Towanda, Elmira, Corning, Ithaca, Endicott and Binghamton.

Anyone not a member but interested in the Knights of Columbus was invited.

Reservation committee comprised Dan Haas, Joseph Burkhardt, Francis O'Brien, Harry Schreck, Adolph Lehren, Ed Haggerty, Paul Curtis, Jack Kuhl, Tom Watts and Ed McCabe.

Others on committee are: Louis Farr and Kenneth Rimbey, decorations; Harry Schreck, program; Dan Haas, Adolph Lehren, Joseph Burkhardt, Ed McCabe and Thomas Rynone, advertising; Paul Curtis, music; Ed Haggerty, publicity and Joseph Burkhardt, tickets.

The Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor and friar of Elmira Assembly will be the celebrant.

District Attorney Paul H. McCabe will be the speaker at the breakfast.

Francis T. Woods, faithful navigator is being assisted by Edward A. Claus, and Richard Fernand.

Receiving the first degree were Richard F. Keck, William P. Berry, the Rev. Blaise F. Burniston of the Society of Atonement, John R. Kearney, Howard J. Fisher, Joseph C. Sullivan, Joseph T. Kelly and Charles P. Dever.

Another candidate, William R. Kaneland, was detained in Buffalo because of business and was not able to take the degree.

Leading officials conferring the degrees were: Leonard Diackiewicz, grand knight; James Beebe, deputy grand knight; Eugene Gilson, chancellor, and Alfred Connaughton, warden.

Wanda Circle Supper Slated

Wanda Circle Ladies of St. Casimir Church, Elmira, will conduct a birthday supper, Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the school hall. Mrs. Tillie Mekos and Mrs. Helen Cloke are co-chairmen.

Assisting are the Mesdames Martha Reynolds, Agnes Grabowski, Bernice Raniewicz, Dorothy Kaniewicz, Mary Raniewicz, Anna Pawlinski, Helen Schulz, Wanda Wronzek, Ida Winiacki, Martha Wisniewski and Frances Yegler. A business and social hour will follow.

Hospital Meeting Set Perpetual Help Society will meet Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. in St. Mary's Hospital Nurses Home. Mrs. Florence Fernando, chairman will be assisted by Miss Helen Euler, Mrs. Frank Esse and Mrs. Charles Fishley.



WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS to Women's Auxiliary of St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira in Dunn Memorial Nurses' Residence are: (from left) Miss Rose DeSoto, Mrs. Warren Sharron, Mrs. James Martin and Mrs. Ellis Havens; seated, Mrs. Robert V. Larkin.

Women Join Work For St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira

Women's Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira held its annual membership tea Sunday Nov. 10 from three to five p.m. in the Dunn Memorial Nurses' Residence. About 40 new and old members attended.

The committee in charge was: Mrs. Ellis Havens, Chairman of Membership; and Mesdames Robert Huddle, Joseph Bula, Russell Bosley, Robert Robinson, William Haase, George Hughes, Eric Rangstrom, Miss Patricia Maloney, Miss Ann Graham and Mrs. Robert Siliciano.

Pouring at the tea table were: Mesdames Robert Larkin, Robert Robinson, James Steiner and Robert Jerome.

THE AUXILIARY now in its fourth year of organization has as its purpose to promote and advance the welfare of St. Joseph's Hospital; to interpret the program of the hospital to the community; and to render service to the hospital and its patients as determined by the hospital Board of Directors, new members were told.

Baked goods, Mrs. Joseph Smith, Mrs. Louis Nessel; attic treasure, Mrs. Edward Fitzgerald, Mrs. Michael Moses; Christmas gifts, Mrs. James Mulcahy, Mrs. Ralph Simon; tea, Mrs. Thomas Tunney.

Stuffed toys, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. George Keenan; fish pond, Mrs. Michael Gonta, Mrs. Charles Kosty; turkey, Mr. and Mrs. William Amey.

A SPECIAL children's day program, refreshments and games are planned for Nov. 21, in charge of Mrs. Frank Mekus and Mrs. Bernard Kiltner.

Decorations will be in charge of each booth chairman, assisted by Mrs. Joseph Thelen, Mrs. Francis Lynch and the parish high school girls headed by Miss Joan Ryan.

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Parish Projects Benefit Listed By Corning Parish

Corning — "Harvest Moon Festival," is the theme for the annual bazaar to be held Nov. 20 and 21 in St. Patrick's School hall for which parishioners have been preparing for weeks.

Proceeds will be used for various church and school projects in the parish.

Co-chairmen are Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald and Mrs. Francis Lynch. They will be assisted by the following committee chairmen and co-chairmen:

Handicrafts, Mrs. Jerome Miller, Mrs. William Egbert; aprons, Mrs. John Lananah, Mrs. John Gottko; parcel post, Mrs. Leo Reilhan, Mrs. Leon Young; refreshments, Mrs. Francis Rutledge, Mrs. Paul Riesbeck; coffee shop, Mrs. Thomas Lynch, Mrs. Thomas Meehan; candy, Mrs. Thomas Horgan, Mrs. Francis Smith.

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'Our Lady Of The Bell' Society Formed In Hornell
Hornell—A new society, "Our Lady of the Bell," was organized by employees of the American Telephone Company here in Hornell.
At the initial meeting, Miss Mary Messina, chief operator of the traffic department, was elected president; Mrs. Jack Lisi, vice president; Miss Ruth McCormick, secretary and Mrs. Helen Phillips, treasurer.
The Rev. Joseph E. Smith, assistant pastor of St. Ann Church, is moderator.
There are presently more than 35 Hornell women employees of the Telephone Company in the organization. The group plans a Christmas party about the middle of December.
THE SOCIETY, "Our Lady of the Bell" was founded by the Rev. Frederick P. Gehring, C.M., in 1949 for the personnel of the Philadelphia Telephone Company. The original group in Philadelphia now numbers 1,800 women.
Aside from spiritual activities, such as an annual Communion breakfast, the society takes part in some designated apostolic work. The Hornell chapter plans to contribute to the Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood, whose head is Pope Pius XII. The Holy Childhood Association feeds, clothes and cares for orphan children throughout the world, regardless of race, creed or color.
Members of "Our Lady of the Bell" society are entitled to wear a special medal. It is in the shape of a telephone bell with an image of the Blessed Virgin, bordered in blue, in the center of the medal. The medal was struck especially for the society by the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal.

Spaghetti Supper Listed In Dryden
Dryden—The Dryden Catholic Mission will sponsor a Spaghetti Supper, Tuesday, Nov. 19 in the Dryden School Cafeteria. Serving will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
Mrs. Russell Ryan is general chairman assisted by Mesdames Vincent Benvenuti, Paul Congdon, Richard Smith, Paul Volante, Howard Brooks, Calvin Scavy, Franklin Immann, Frank Miglis.
Painted Post Dance Planned
Painted Post—Holy Name Society of the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Painted Post will sponsor a dance Saturday, Nov. 30, at the church hall from 9 p.m. until midnight.
Chairman Edward Blakeslee said that music will be furnished by Walt Perkins' Orchestra.
Assisting Blakeslee with arrangements are: Dr. John Murray, Edward Griffin Jr., Jack McFall, Thomas Carey, Robert Dowd, Gerald Reagan and John Finneran.

Cerebral Palsy Talk Heard By Women Of Painted Post Club
Painted Post — Mrs. Louis Preston, Jr., president of Steuben County Cerebral Palsy Association talked on the group's program to members of the Catholic Women's Club of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.
The meeting was held in the church hall with Dr. Alice Foster as chairman and Mrs. Steven Keating, co-chairman. Dr. Foster introduced Mrs. Preston and Donald Angell, physiotherapist at the clinic near Bath. A movie was shown titled, "They Learn To Live," following which there was a question and answer period.
MEMBERS discussed the possibility of forming a cerebral palsy association Auxiliary in Corning and Painted Post.
Four new members welcomed were: Mrs. Ronald Park, Mrs. Joseph Lapasnick, Miss Annatta Saarara and Mrs. Harry Bellardin.
Mrs. Stanley Manning reported on a Diocesan convention which she attended October 16 at Rochester. Plans were discussed for the annual Christmas tea and Mrs. Victor Foler appointed chairman. The Madrigal Singers will present several selections. Members voted to hold a bake sale November 22 at 221 North Hamilton Street, beginning at 10 a.m. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Joseph Kane will be in charge.

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