

## 50 Men To Receive KC First, Second Degrees

Corning — Some 50 area Catholic men will receive the first and second degrees of the Knights of Columbus order at 8:30 p.m. Sunday in Corning Clubhouse.

Plans for the degree-conferring ceremony were completed at last week's meeting of Corning Council, Knights of Columbus. Grand Knight Leonard Dziadkovic reported candidates coming from Wellsboro and Elkland in Pennsylvania as well as Corning. Corning Council officers will conduct the degree program.

Dziadkovic also announced that a luncheon will be served following the ceremonies to which the wives of members and candidates are welcomed.

PRELIMINARY PLANS for a pre-Lenten dance Saturday, Feb. 15, were also made.

Following the regular business meeting, a question and answer panel was held. Forty men attended the discussion. The Rev. Ralph Thomas SA, answered questions on "The Existence of God as Opposed to Atheism." Leading the questioning were Mr. Dziadkovic, Robert Donache and Eugene Gilson.

A stag party will be held following the next meeting, Thursday, Jan. 23.

## Women Give Hospital \$5,000

Women's Auxiliary of St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira has now paid \$5,000 of its \$15,000 pledge to the hospital building fund.

At a recent meeting it was announced the net proceeds from the bazaar and smorgasbord have amounted to \$2,075.12 to date. Members voted to pay \$3,000 on the pledge making the \$5,000 total.

The group also decided to become a member of the New York State Hospital Association Auxiliary.

At the meeting, in charge of Mrs. George S. Hughes, Miss Martha Baldwin gave an illustrated talk on her trip to Chile as Chemung County community ambassador. Mrs. Douglas Breed was in charge of refreshments.

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## Ithaca Society Maps Breakfast, Day's Devotions

Ithaca — More than 75 members attended the Rosary and Altar Society meeting of the Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, in church for recitation of the rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and at Parish Hall for the business meeting and a social program.

Mrs. Charlotte DeWitt, President, conducted the meeting. Rev. Otto J. Vogt, Moderator, announced various meetings and projects for the rest of the year. The Society voted to donate a sum of money to the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart for the purchase of film strips for teaching purposes.

The next First Saturday Breakfast to be held in Parish Hall Feb. 1 after the 8 a.m. Mass will be sponsored by the Society. This breakfast, a means of paying public homage to Our Lady of Fatima, is for all members of the parish, men, women, and children.

Members were informed that the first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday for the Rosary and Altar Society, and that they may receive Communion at Mass that they attend instead of in a group at a special Mass.

It was announced that Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien, Assistant Pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, will conduct the Day of Recollection for all women of the parish to be held the First Sunday of Lent, Feb. 23.

A bake sale will be conducted in St. Joseph Hospital lobby, Elmira on Jan. 22. It was decided by the Sodality of the School of Nursing at its last meeting. Patricia O'Brien, junior, will be chairman assisted by the sodalists.

Joyce Puchosic, junior and Judith Rooney, Nazareth College sophomore were named co-chairmen for the annual parakeet supper. They have started to make plans for the sodality sponsored supper. Proceeds are used each year to defray the expenses of delegates to the Summer School of Catholic Action.

The year 1958 at St. Joseph's has a special significance as it is the hospital's golden jubilee year. The 1958 yearbook, "The Allican" will be a commemorative issue marking the anniversary.

## Wanda Circle Lists Birthday Session

Wanda Circle Ladies of St. Casimir church, Elmira will conduct their birthday party on Thursday evening Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. in the school hall.

Members having birthdays in January will be honored.

Mrs. Alice Frederick and Mrs. Kathryn Apenowich, co-chairmen are assisted by Mesdames Eva Tagg, Anna Behwinkle, Madeline Christastie, Theresa Covulich, Agnet Bubatz, Doris Apenowich, Clara Cherry, Margaret Stachowaki and the Misses Mary Billich and Ella Frederick.

## Spaghetti Supper At Watkins Glen

Watkins Glen A spaghetti supper will be held at the American Legion Home, Watkins Glen on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Mary of the Lake Church.

The public is invited. Dancing will follow from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Refreshments will be available. Donation will be \$1 per person.

Joseph A. Franzese is chairman, assisted by James Angelo, Atty. John Callanan, Mike Donnell, William De Sarno, and Wayne Dunbar.

## Msgr. Brien Opens Nuns Drive

God alone knows the full extent of good accomplished by the Sisters of Mercy in the Elmira area during the last half century, committee members for the Notre Dame High School Debt Reduction Appeal were told at a dinner Tuesday night in the high school.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, principal speaker, told the nearly 200 committeemen that their current effort to aid the Sisters "should find ready and generous response among the many friends of the Sisters who appreciate their dedication and sacrifices."

INAUGURATED at the dinner was an appeal for pledges toward reduction of the current \$750,000 indebtedness on Notre Dame High School. Committee members will have a first report meeting Monday night, Jan. 20, and the final report on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Other dinner speakers included the Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, Notre Dame chaplain, and Mother Mary Magdalene, mother general of the Sisters of Mercy.

Monsignor Brien declared that the community is benefiting from the "excellence of education supplied by the Sisters both in our parochial schools and especially in Notre Dame High School." He stressed particularly the character and disciplinary training given their pupils.



MONSIGNOR BRIEN

Mother Magdalene said the Sisters were proud of the high scholastic record at Notre Dame, and stated that continuous efforts are made to supply a well-trained faculty.

OUTLINING the need for the appeal, Father Hogan noted that in 1955 the Sisters received from a diocesan-wide campaign the sum of \$600,000 toward construction of the high school and that they had assumed a \$1,000,000 debt in order to build and completely furnish the institution. They have reduced the indebtedness to date to \$750,000.

Reason for the appeal, he

is, to reduce this liability, and the burden of interest thereon, so that the Sisters may be able to incur additional indebtedness for construction of a building in Rochester to train Sister-teachers.

ERECTION of the college building is necessary, Father Hogan pointed out, to assure continued training of young Sisters to each in Elmira and other diocesan schools. The new building also will provide additional space needed in the Rochester mother-house for new postulants and for retired Sisters. It will cost an estimated \$1,250,000.

Appeals for pledges toward construction of the college building are being conducted in communities throughout the diocese where the Sisters of Mercy teach, including Monroe County, Corning, Hornell, Auburn, Newark and Clyde.

THE ELMIRA appeal, which is seeking pledges on a one or two-year basis, will be made principally among parents of Notre Dame pupils, alumnae of schools taught by the Sisters of Mercy, and friends of the Sisters. Leading the local committee are Thomas Le Breque and Bert Selfried.

Clergy at the committee dinner Tuesday included the Rev. Leo Schwalb, the Rev. Francis Reilly, the Rev. Hubert Bisky, the Rev. Joseph Merkel, the Rev. William A. Burns, the Rev. Thomas Manly and the Rev. Leonard Kujawski.

## Notre Dame High Notes

By TONETTE TOTA and PATRICK SAXE

The Senior Play, a comic fantasy Mrs. McThing has been selected and cast as a result of tryouts held last week at Notre Dame High School, Elmira. Clara Cain will play the leading role, Mrs. Larue, while Regina Murphy and Sharon Esdale will interpret the elusive Mrs. McThing.

Others in the cast include Joseph Rempe, Patricia Tamara, Tonette Tota, Mary Ann Miller, Julia Loughlin, Mary Nugent, Francis Troy, Peter Kwansky, John McInerney, Maynard Beckman, Terry O'Herron, Jerry O'Connor, Kathy Biggs and Dan Dimon.

Judy McManus and Josephine Cerio were chosen for prompters and alternates. John Murphy is already at work on the stage set. Three pupils from St. Patrick's will also take part in the play: Paul and John Talnor and nine-year-old Sheila Kelly.

THE MAD RUSH for knowledge is on since mid-term exams began this week. The second semester will introduce a course in advanced algebra, and a second class in public speaking.

"THE CHURCH of Silence" was the topic under discussion at Monday's general Sodality meeting. Janice Mayshak, panel chairman, led the discussion. James Cunningham, Ann Sheehy and Gerald O'Connor gave prepared talks on "The Red Book of the Persecuted Church" after which all the Sodality joined in suggesting ways of aiding these people.

A ROLLER skating party was held in the gymnasium last Friday night. The event, sponsored by the Art Club, was the first social activity of the New Year. Many grammar school children helped to swell the crowd.

THE USEERS CLUB held their annual banquet at Moretti's Restaurant last Sunday night. Lorraine Sipka and Brian Coffey were the chairmen.

A DELEGATION of 14 Notre Dame girls selected from the Ushers Club acted as usherettes for "Around the World in Eighty Days" at the Elmira Theater during the Christmas vacation. Kathy Briggs acted as chairman of the group.

THE JUGGLERS CLUB held

## Requiem Mass Held For Mrs. Chirico

Corning — Requiem Mass was celebrated Monday morning in St. Patrick Church Corning, for Mrs. Anna Chirico, wife of Giro Chirico of 215 Denison Pkwy., who died the previous Thursday at her home following an extended illness. Burial took place in St. Mary Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 18, 1880, at Salerno, Italy, the daughter of the late Genesio and Philomena Resigno Sarno. She was married to Mr. Chirico in Italy, March 12, 1914. She came to Corning to reside in August 1957.

While residing at Yonkers, Mrs. Chirico was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. In Corning, she attended St. Patrick Church, while her health permitted.

Surviving are: her husband, Giro; one son, Ralph Chirico of Painted Post RD 2, operator of the Corning Window Cleaning Co.; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Sarno of Italy and Mrs. Henrietta Cook of Yonkers; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

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## Women's Retreat Mapped By Ladies Of Charity

Plans were completed to sponsor a retreat for all Catholic women of Chemung County at the meeting of the Executive Council of Elmira Ladies of Charity held last week.

The session was under the direction of Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald in the absence of Miss Frances Battersby, president.

ANNOUNCEMENT was made that the 28th annual dinner of the Catholic Family Service will be held, Sunday, March 2.

Committee chairmen reported on the successful Christmas projects and Mrs. John T. Dowdle announced that a membership enrollment would be held concluding with an affiliation on April 23.

Dryden Rosary Society Meets

Dryden — Rosary Society of the Dryden Catholic Mission met last week at the home of Mrs. Russell Ryan. Rosary preceded the meeting and was followed by showing of films entitled "Land of the Twelve Tribes" and "Miracle of Blue Cloud Country" from the Maryknoll Lending Library.

The Rev. Thomas K. Cleary, pastor, closed the meeting with a prayer. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Dean Smith and Mrs. Frank Millis.

About 110 parishioners attended the first Family Communion breakfast held in the Dryden Village Hall following the 10 a.m. Mass on Holy Family Sunday.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be concluded in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Sunday—Jan. 19—St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester.  
Tuesday—Jan. 21—Holy Angels Home, Rochester.  
Friday, Jan. 24—Basilian Novitiate, Nazareth Academy Convent, Rochester.

Azores Seminary

Angra Do Heroismo, Azores — (NC) — Bishop Manoel Afonso de Carvalho of Angra blessed the new Father Damian Mission Seminary of the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts here.

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