

Cooperation Key To Success

By FRANK KELLY

In the recent Broadway musical show, "Plain and Fancy," there was a number called "How Do You Raise a Barn," which showed the spirit of cooperation among Amish people in Pennsylvania.

Their religion is different, but the people of St. Theresa's Parish, Stanley, and St. Mary's Parish, Rushville, have been showing since 1875 that people in New York also work together.

This applies to all things, but especially to the annual picnic held last Saturday on the church grounds at Stanley.

MEMBERS of both parishes, headed by committees from the Altar and Rosary and Holy Name Societies, pitched in to help make this annual festival a financial and social success.

While the women did the cooking and salad making for the ham and chicken dinner, the men constructed booths for the fair which always accompanies the annual festival.

Father Francis Harding, pastor of St. Theresa's and the mission church, St. Mary's in Rushville, stated that this enthusiastic cooperation of members of both parishes, is reflected in everything that the people of this area do.

"Since my arrival here in 1954," Father Harding said, "the people of both parishes have been very cooperative in every project that I have undertaken."

"Just this past Spring, the people in Rushville volunteered their time to help build an addition to St. Mary's Church. This was done under the supervision of a professional contractor.

"The people realized that this addition was needed because of the increase in the summer population. We are quite close to Lake Canandaigua," he related.

"When I asked for the money last Summer, I planned only to buy the property in the rear of the church," Father said. "But the parishioners and vacationers at Rushville gave \$8,000 in answer to my plea and I was able to buy both the property and build the addition."

FATHER HARDING said that Mass attendance during the Summer in Rushville is four times as large as Winter attendance.

"During the Winter months there are about 75 Catholics attending Mass in Rushville. During the Summer, we have 300. Since St. Mary's Church holds only 100 people, the addition — which can also seat 100 — was really needed."



WHAT'S A PICNIC without ice cream? Anne Marie Hegarty, 18 months old, waits with open mouth as Father Francis Harding, pastor of St. Theresa's Church, Stanley and St. Mary's Church, Rushville, prepares to give the young miss a mouthful. Holding Anne Marie is her mother, Mrs. Thomas Hegarty.

Father Harding said that the Catholic population in Stanley stays about the same, since it is not a resort area town. "Most of the people in Stanley are farmers," he added. There are about 70 families served by the Stanley church.

THERE IS A total of 1,200 people in the three towns of Stanley, Rushville and Gorham served by the two churches. Catholics in Gorham attend Mass at Stanley, since the two towns are within two miles of each other.

Father Harding is the 24th pastor to serve both churches since its founding in 1875. Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, first Bishop of Rochester, appointed Father J. A. Connolly to organize the parishes on Nov. 1st of that year.

A native of Geneva, Father Harding attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries in Rochester and Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure University.

He was ordained by Bishop William Turner of Buffalo on June 3, 1922. Members of his parish honored him at a dinner this past Spring in observance of the silver anniversary of his ordination.

PRIOR to his assignment at St. Theresa's and St. Mary's, Father Harding served as an assistant pastor at St. Cecilia's, Elmira, St. Mary's, Canandaigua, Holy Family, Auburn, St. Bridget's, Rochester, St. Ann's, Hornell and St. Mary's, Elmira.

He also taught at Aquinas In-

stitute, the old Holy Family High School in Auburn and at St. James School of Nursing in Hornell.

Before being sent to Stanley, Father Harding was pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Cato, and St. Thomas Church, Red Creek. The pastor of the only rural parish in the Geneva Diocese, Father Harding said that the original Catholic settlers in the Stanley area were railroad people who were brought here when the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania and Short Line Railroads were in their heydays.

"Now most of the people in Stanley are farmers," he said. "The rest of the people in the area work in the nearby cities of Geneva and Canandaigua, since there is no industry in (Continued on Page 5)

Ithaca Knights List Clam Bake

Ithaca—Grand Knight Ronald Hogan has announced that the annual mixed clam bake for the Ithaca Council 277, Knights of Columbus will be held on Sunday, Aug. 7, at the Hillendale Golf course clubhouse.

Leo Parente, general chairman, said that all members and their guests are invited to spend the full day. Other members of the committee include David Corina and James Eisenberg. The menu will consist of assorted foods during the afternoon and then a barbecued chicken dinner.

Assumption Feastday Masses Set In Elmira

Schedule of Masses in the Elmira area for the feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother, Friday, Aug. 15, a holy day of obligation, is:

- St. Mary's—5:30, 7, 8, 9, 12:15 noon and 5:30 p.m.
- St. Patrick's—6, 7, 8, 12:10 noon, 5:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Our Lady of Lourdes—6, 7, 12:15 noon and 5:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony's—7, 8, 12:15 noon and 7:30 p.m.
- St. Cecilia's—6:30, 7:15 and 8:15 and 5:15 p.m.
- St. Casimir's—5:30, 7, 8 and 5:30 p.m.
- St. Peter and Paul's—7, 8:30, 12:15 noon and 5:30 p.m.
- St. John the Baptist—7, 8 and 5:05 p.m.
- St. Charles Borromeo—6, 7, 8, 12:15 noon and 7:30 p.m.
- St. Mary's, Horseheads—6, 7, 8, 12:15 noon and 7:30 p.m.

Pilgrimage To St. Anne's Slated

Watkins Glen — A group of parishioners of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen will make a four-day pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaurpre, Canada, beginning Aug. 6 and returning Aug. 9.

Father Benedict Ehmann will conduct the pilgrimage, which will start following the 6 a.m. Mass Aug. 6.

ACCOMPANYING FATHER Ehmann will be the Mesdames A. F. MacKerchar, H. Schaley, Leo Salvatore, Daniel Salvatore, Sylvia Conte, Joseph Mondello, Celia DeNardo, T. J. O'Rourke, Philomena Vitelli, P. P. Hommel, D. E. Franzese, Anthony Franzese, Leslie Turner, C. DeDominick, Emil Biever, William Powers and F. A. Haughey.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Granston, Eugene Rondinaro, Richard Salvatore, Regina Donnelly, Julia Sullivan, Louise Clark and Rose Rondinaro. A visit will also be made to Cape de Madelaine and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal.

New Superiors For Edmundites

Winooski Park, Vt.—New superiors will take office Aug. 15 in five houses of the Society of St. Edmund in this country and England.

The appointments were announced today from the office of the superior general, Very Rev. Jeremiah T. Purtil, S.S.E.

Very Rev. Leo J. Corbett, S.S.E., superior at St. Edmund's Novitiate, Enders Island, Mystic, Conn., becomes regional superior in England, with headquarters at Whitton, Middlesex.

Succeeding Father Corbett at Mystic will be Very Rev. John P. Crowley, S.S.E., secretary to the superior general.

Very Rev. Eymard P. Galligan, S.S.E., Southern Mission Director of the Edmundites at Selma, Ala., becomes the new superior there, succeeding Very Rev. Casimir Cichanowicz, S.S.E., assigned to St. Philip's, Bellfontaine, Ala.

At St. Michael's College, Vermont, Very Rev. Vincent B. Maloney, S.S.E., succeeds Very Rev. Francis E. Moriarty, S.S.E., as religious superior. Very Rev. Dr. Gerald E. Dupont, S.S.E., academic dean, takes over the duties of the president.

Father Moriarty returns to Cardinal Mindszenty High School, Dunkirk, N. Y., as superior and principal of a school he founded. He succeeds Very Rev. Paul A. Morin, S.S.E., who has been assigned to St. Michael's.

Named Professor Niagara University, N.Y. Capt. John F. Higgins, has been assigned to the U.S. Army ROTC Instructor Group at Niagara University as assistant professor of military science and tactics, Very Rev. Vincent T. Swords, C.M., university president, has disclosed.

Reformatory Report

Spiritual Revival Needed

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Francis J. Lane, Catholic Chaplain at the Elmira Reformatory, said in his annual report on Catholic inmates at the penal institution, that these men need "the spark of religious, moral and spiritual values of life instilled in them or else any attempt at rehabilitation will be in vain."

MONSIGNOR Lane said that this would be true even with a very good vocational and academic program.

"These spiritual values can best be accomplished by individual treatment, by interviewing and counseling each inmate separately," he said. "This is quite a task when one considers that during the past year, we have had a daily average of 650 men."

"That something was accomplished along this line may be evidenced from the fact that of the 351 Catholic men paroled, 318 returned to the practice of their religion while here."

Monsignor Lane reported that during the past year, from April, 1957 to April, 1958, 342 Catholic men were admitted to the Reformatory as compared to 249 the previous year. In addition, 88 were returned as parole violators.

Of these, 327 admitted that they seldom, if ever, attended church and only 45 of their parents are reported to be regular in their church attendance.



MSGR. FRANCIS J. LANE

THE BIGGEST problem confronting him, Monsignor Lane says, "are the Puerto Ricans who comprise about 40 percent of the Reformatory's Catholic population."

"Most of these men know little or nothing about their religion and have never received any Sacraments beyond Baptism. Most of them were convicted of using, possessing or selling drugs or some other crime committed to obtain drugs."

Of the 342 of the new Catholic inmates, only 55 ever attended a Catholic school, 16 of them left before the fifth grade and

nine attended a Catholic High School.

TWO MASSES are celebrated every Sunday and Holy Day and a perpetual novena in honor of St. Don Bosco is held each Friday night. Although attendance at all services is voluntary, the reformatory chapel is filled to capacity each Sunday and Holy Day, Msgr. Lane reported.

"We averaged 215 confessions a week among the Reformatory men and about 40 from the reception center," he added.

Sixteen converts were received into the church during the past year and 20 others for their first Holy Communion. There are about 630 Catholics out of about 1,500 inmates in the institution.

OF THE CATHOLIC inmates inmates in the institution, 66 per cent come from the greater New York area and the others almost in proportion to the size of the cities.

This number received from each Diocese as compared to those received from the same Diocese the previous year may be compared as follows:

- New York, 88 in 1957, 145 in 1958; Brooklyn, 87 in 1957, 73 in 1958; Buffalo, 26 in 1957, 31 in 1958; Syracuse, 15 in 1957, 22 in 1958; Rochester, 11 in 1957, 23 in 1958; Albany, 8 in 1957, 17 in 1958; Ogdensburg, three in 1957, six in 1958; Rockville Centre, 15 in 1955 (Diocese formed last year), and out-of-state, 11 in 1957 and five in 1958.

American Priest 'Gets Things Done'

Manchester, England, Aug. 4 —(NC)—"The quiet American who gets things done," as his flock here calls him, has marked up another success.

Father George Rudolf, a Franciscan Conventual from immaculate Conception province, Syracuse, N.Y., is opening the new St. Clare's church here. It was constructed at a cost of \$270,000.

He has raised more than \$750,000 for St. Clare's church and school since 1948 when he came to England.

Father Rudolf's first task was to build a friary. It was completed in 1953 after he had raised \$57,000. Later that year, an extension was added to the school at a cost of \$128,000. Earlier this year, the American priest opened a new school here at a cost of \$315,000.

Named To ROTC Staff At Niagara

Niagara University, N. Y. — An artillery captain, who also saw service in the U.S. Navy, has been assigned to the Army's Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Niagara University.

He is Capt. Daniel J. Walsh, a native of Lawrence, Mass., who from 1942 until 1946 served as an electrician's mate in the Navy in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres.

Following his tour of duty with the Navy, Capt. Walsh attended the University of New Hampshire, where he majored in electrical engineering. He graduated from the latter school in 1951 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the regular Army.

Pre-Cana Conference At St. Michael's, Newark

The first Pre-Cana Conference to be given in Wayne County will be sponsored by the Family Life and Parent Education Committee of the Wayne Deaneary D.C.C.W.

This marriage preparation course for engaged or newly married couples will be held in the parish hall of St. Michael's Church, Newark on four consecutive Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 2 from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

At the first meeting, Rev. Albert Shamon will discuss Love, Courtship and Engagement and on Sept. 9, Rev. Louis Hohman will discuss the Morality of Marriage.

On Sept. 16 the Ideal Husband

and the Ideal Wife will be presented by an experienced Catholic couple and on Sept. 23 Dr. James V. Palmer will consider the Physical Aspects of Marriage.

Father Joseph McDonnell, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Newark extends a cordial invitation to all engaged couples in the Wayne Deaneary and environs to attend this course.

Dedication Day Plans Completed

Final plans for Dedication Day at Mount Saviour have been made at meetings of the committee from the Elmira-Corning area.

The annual celebration of the blessing of the Chapel of Our Lady Queen of Peace will take place on Sunday, Aug. 17th.

After High Mass at 11 a.m., a refreshment booth will be open all day for lunch and snacks. Prominent among the activities will be a cake sale and a variety booth for articles donated for the benefit of the monastery. There will also be games and pony rides for the children. Religious articles and Mount Saviour bread will be on sale.

New Superior At St. Bonaventure

St. Bonaventure, N.Y. — Rev. Neil MacDonald, OFM, University faculty member and chaplain of St. Francis Hospital for the past seven years, has been named guardian (religious superior) of the Franciscan community at St. Bonaventure University.

Father MacDonald, a native of South Acton, Mass., succeeds Rev. Maurice Scheler, OFM, guardian for the past six years. Father Scheler, a member of the faculty since 1928, will resume teaching mathematics.

OTHER appointments include the naming of Rev. Juvenal Lalor, OFM, as guardian of the Franciscan community at the University's Christ the King Seminary and Rev. James McKee, OFM, as vicar (assistant) of St. Bonaventure Friary. Father Lalor, professor of philosophy, was president of the university from 1949 through June, 1955. Father McKee, former modern languages professor at the university, has headed the university's maintenance department since July, 1955.

Children Offered Free Entry To Fair

Pupils from kindergartens to just graduated high school seniors will be admitted free to the New York State Fair at Syracuse, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 29 and 30.

Children must be accompanied by at least one adult to gain the free admission, however.

Father William Roche, associate superintendent of diocesan schools, said he received this information from Walter Crewson of the New York State education department this week.

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Director of Planning Brigadier Gen. William L. Bayen, United States Army, retired, has been appointed director of planning of the electronics division of Stromberg-Carlson, according to an announcement by George A. Peck.

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