

Villagers Rally To Refurbish Guardian Angel School Unit



CLEANING, repairing and repainting of St. Mary division of Guardian Angel School in Dansville was undertaken by parishioners during the past month. Here three of the many volunteers add their contribution to the refurbishing of the school. From left are Edward Schledorn, Mrs. Flora Welch and Joseph Malone.

Dansville—A major renovation of the parish school has been undertaken by parishioners of St. Mary Church in Dansville. Painting, cleaning and general refurbishing of the little red school house has occupied the spare hours of many of the parishioners since mid-July.

Known as St. Mary's division of Guardian Angel School, the school conducts a kindergarten and grades 2, 4, 6 and 8. Grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 are taught at the other Catholic school in Dansville, located in St. Patrick Parish.

The pattering of little feet had taken its toll of the old school building at St. Mary's down through the years. Walls, ceilings and floors were all in need of repair and repainting.

Responding to the suggestion of their pastor, the Rev. John M. Marklinger, 46 men attended the initial meeting on July 21. After a tour of the building, these fathers and grandfathers banded together to volunteer their time to refurbish the school.

Under the supervision of Donald Burke, a seminarian from St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers who is aiding the pastor during the summer months, work was begun.

Soon the badly cracked plaster walls and ceilings were repaired and ready for painting. The floors were sanded and ready for refinishing.

AS BURKE rallied a small crew around him in the day-time to plaster, wash and scrub, other men volunteered their time in the evening and on week-ends. Working in cooperation with an interior decorator of a large paint company, the young seminarian met each volunteer with a paint brush or roller as he entered the school.

During the past week the men of the parish have turned the final phase of readying the school into the hands of the Christian Mothers Society. The women have come in twos and threes and in large groups to clean the windows and put the finishing touch on the building.

Father Marklinger expressed his appreciation to the many men and women who volunteered their time, to the many who contributed for paint and supplies, to a local merchant who donated educational toys for the kindergarten, and to the public school for the use of the scaffolds.

Kitchen Equipment Added At Seminary

Geneva—Crusaders of St. Francis will purchase added equipment needed to complete the kitchen at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Lochland Rd. The equipment will cost \$500.

Members discussed this project at a recent meeting in the Seminary. Anthony Pifer, chairman of the entertainment committee, called attention of members to the change in date of the annual clambake, now set for Sept. 7. The event will be held on the Seminary grounds.

Nocturnal Central Body Elects Kress, Kalb

Urban G. Kress was elected executive secretary to succeed the late Joseph W. Benn at the last meeting of the Central Committee of the Rochester Nocturnal Adoration Society. Robert H. Kalb was elected assistant executive secretary and Sylvester G. Englert was reelected treasurer.

THE CENTRAL Committee is the governing body of the four centers of the Society in Rochester, located at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Blessed Sacrament, St. Monica and St. Andrew churches.

Present officers of the various centers are: Cathedral Spiritual Director Most Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, President John Sillito, Secretary Edward J. Bach, Blessed Sacrament Spiritual Director Monsignor Thomas F. Connors, President John A. Matyle, Secretary Emery D. Crevelly, St. Monica Spiritual Director Monsignor Gerald C. Lambert, President Leo J. Herrmann, Secretary Edward D. Elmann, St. Andrew Spiritual Director Monsignor George W. Ekkh, President William M. Mulcahy, Secretary Urban G. Kress.

ONE OF THE aims of the Central Committee is to increase membership and new members are received at the various centers on the last Saturday night of each month at 9:30 p.m.

Cenacle Retreat Set For Business Girls

A Retreat for members of the Coudere Guild and Young Business Girls will be held at the Cenacle Convent, 693 East Avenue, on the weekend of Sept. 5-7. Rev. John Hayes, S.M., will be the Retreat Master. Reservations for the Retreat, which is open to all young business girls, may be made by letter or by telephoning the Convent, BR 9755.

Aquinas Institute Class Of '48 Slates Reunion

Tenth year reunion of the Aquinas Institute class of 1948 will be held at Corbett's Glen on Saturday, Sept. 20. Activities will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Capri Club Plans Dance, Outing

The Capri Club will have a dance (tonight) Friday, August 22, at the Columbus Civic Center ballroom, 9:30 to 12:30, to the music of Mike Russo and his orchestra. Admission of \$1.25 includes refreshments, and all single Catholics over 25 are welcome to attend.

During intermission Members of the Club who are going to the Adirondacks for Labor Day Weekend will complete their plans. About 33 members will make the trip.

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MAIN ALTAR and Epistle side of St. Pius Church, Cohocton.

St. Pius V, Cohocton Parish Nears Centennial

By FRANK KELLY
Two years from now the Republican Party will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's election to the presidency of the United States.

Catholics in the village of Cohocton in Steuben County will also celebrate an anniversary that year—the foundation of the parish of St. Pius V.

Still a little bit too early to start formal preparations for that eventful year, the parishioners of this town just a short distance southeast of Dansville, nevertheless reflect the deep-seated faith that made their forefathers seek for a church in a town that was predominantly Protestant.

NOW UNDER the spiritual care of Bishop Kearney and the Diocese of Rochester, Cohocton was first under the guidance of Bishop John Timon of Buffalo, and it wasn't until 1897 that St. Pius V and the rest of the churches in Steuben, Chemung, Tioga and Schuyler counties became part of the Rochester Diocese.

Parish records tell us that the church was built in 1861—also



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BETWEEN THE PINES in Cohocton

another memorable year in American history—the rebel firing on Fort Sumter and the start of the Civil War. The new brick portion of the church was built in 1883. On Oct. 16 of the latter year, the Rt. Rev. Stephen V. Ryan, second Bishop of Buffalo, visited Cohocton and was given "the nicest and most imposing reception ever given in this village to an individual"—according to parish records.

This reception included a parade led by a band with members holding torch lights and a guard of honor surrounding the Bishop's carriage.

The people in Cohocton attended Mass in Perkinsville prior to the formation of their own parish. A Father Steger celebrated Mass for the first time in Cohocton then called Liberty—in 1860.

It was also Father Steger who also started the first parish Bap-

timonial and Interment records, which he prefaced with a short history of the mission.

Not too much is known of the history of the parish until 1883 when the new addition to the church was built. However, the parsonage was built in 1880 and parish records state that the cemetery was built in 1884.

FATHER HERBERT L. Sturmer, present pastor of St. Pius V Church, said that the parish is made up predominantly of people of German descent, whose forefathers founded the parish.

"There are people of French and Irish descent in the parish now, but they still are in the minority," Father Sturmer said.

Father Sturmer, a native of Rochester where he attended

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