



THE FRIEND HOUSE, high above Keyka Lake near Branchport was built for Jimima Wilkinson by her followers in 1809. The lovely old place was recently restored by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Florence of Hornell, who have made it their home.



BRIGHAM YOUNG'S WIFE, Miriam Works Young, is buried on Boughton Hill Road in her native Mendon. When Joseph Smith was killed, Young became head of the new Mormon church and led the group to Salt Lake City in 1843. Miriam Works Young was the first of his 27 wives.

## Hibernians Map Elmira State Meet For 1960

Officials of the Msgr. John J. Lee Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, conferred recently at Rochester with Hibernian State Director Walter A. Anderson, re- York State Hibernian conven- tion, which will be held in Elmira.

### New Books In Library

These books have been received by the Rochester Public Library and residents of Monroe, Livingston, and Wayne counties may borrow them from their community libraries through the inter-library loan services of the Pioneer-Library System.

Amiot, Francis — History of the Mass (Twentieth Century Encyclopedia V. 110, Part 10), Hawthorn, 1959.

Cayre, F. — Spiritual Writers of the Mass (Twentieth Century Encyclopedia V. 33), Hawthorn, 1959.

Christiani, Leon — The Origins of Man, by Nicholas Corte (PSEUD) (Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Catholicism, V. 28, Section 3), Hawthorn, 1958.

Christiani, Leon — Who Is the Devil? by Nicholas Corte Pseud. (Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Catholicism, V. 21, Section 2), Hawthorn, 1958.

Christiani, Leon — Why We Believe. (Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Catholicism, V. 107, Pt. 9), Hawthorn, 1959.

Douillet, Jacques — What Is a Saint? (Twentieth Century Encyclopedia Vol. 40), Hawthorn, 1958.

Fichtel, Joseph H. — Parochial School: A Sociological Study. Univ. of Notre Dame Press, 1958.

Jolivet, Regis — The God of Reason (Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Catholicism, V. 15, Section 1), Hawthorn, 1958.

Lepp, Ignace — From Karl Marx to Jesus Christ. Sheed & Ward, 1958.

McCluskey, Neil — Public Schools and Moral Education. Columbia, 1958.

Omey, Reginald — Psychical Phenomena (Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Catholicism, V. 36, Section 3), Hawthorn, 1958.

Sloyan, Rev. Gerard S. — Shaping the Christian Message. Macmillan, 1958.

Steinmann, Jean — Biblical Criticism. (Twentieth Century Encyclopedia Vol. 63), Hawthorn, 1958.

Yonker, Dom Hubert — Approach to Prayer. Sheed & Ward, 1958.

Ward, Leo R. — New Life in Catholic Schools. Herder, 1958.

### Seaway Sessions Attended By Nuns

Potsdam — Among those attending the Potsdam Seaway Conference held last week (August 12-15) at Potsdam State University Teachers College were Sisters Mary Beatrice and Mary Edwina, teachers at Notre Dame High School in Elmira.

After being greeted by President Frederick W. Crumb, the Sisters listened to T. G. Wil- lows, field project engineer of the St. Lawrence Power Project and Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario open the conference by speaking on preliminary Seaway problems.

A tour of the American and Canadian sides of the power and seaway projects on Aug. 13 was followed by a dinner meeting where Albert B. Cohey, state historian, spoke on Canadian-American relations.

About 130 social studies teachers and local historians from throughout the state attended the conference sponsored by the college and the State University Committee on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

## God's Handprint

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York state to the fertile farm lands of Sodus.

A disagreement in doctrine caused a rift in their calm little community and gave birth to the Hicksites. It would be difficult for the layman to tell a Shaker from a Hicksite—but they knew. All was going well, despite the schism, when a Frenchman named Fowler introduced a form of communism into the area. The Hicksites took to it with open arms.

Although it had been working for centuries in Christian monasteries, the communal living preached by Fowler brought financial disaster. Shakerism, Hicksism and Fourierism were buried in a common grave. It was just as well. It was all becoming too complicated.

Katy Fox snapped her toes in Hydesville and the sound was heard around the world. Hydesville is just a hoot and a holler away from Newark, New York. The Fox family, recently from Rochester, moved into a house that unfortunately had been the scene of a murder a few years before.

Things were rather dull in 1848 to 12-year old Katy Fox and her sister Margaret, so living in a house where an ill-

erant peddler was believed to have been "done in," added a little spice-to-life.

The sisters heard "rappings" during the night. Obviously, it was the dead peddler. A neighbor, all too willingly, worked out a code for the adolescent girls whereby they could communicate with the spirit of the deceased man who they decided must be buried in the cellar.

A little digging proved he wasn't, but once you get one of these things started, best go through with it.

Katy would snap her fingers above the table (in code) asking the murdered peddler a question, then answer herself (in code) under the table with her, very flexible toe joints.

As many as five hundred people visited the Fox home in Hydesville in a single day hoping to hear a message from the outer world and as long as Katy's toe joints held out, they did.

Hydesville never saw 500 people at one time before—or since. In 1848, there were no Howard Johnsons or Treadways so the Foxes moved back to Rochester to get away from it all.

Katy and Margaret's married sister Leah lived in Rochester and, lo and behold, she too could crack her toes with the best of them, so "Modern

Spiritualism" was born and the seance became vogue. If you hadn't heard from "the other side" since your last pinochle party, you were as gauche as they come.

The Foxes had a thriving little thing going for a number of years despite protests of non-believers who became so threatening that the girls admitted finally that the whole thing was a fraud. By this time, however, it was too late.

The cult liked what it was doing, fraud or no. Followers of the Fox girls toled the Hydesville homestead to Boston and enshrined it there as the cradle of Spiritualism.

They erected a monument in a snake-infested field where the house had stood and inscribed it with these definite statements: "There is no death." If there were not, the Fox girls would have been out of business.

The story of Mormonism—Joseph Smith of Palmyra—has been told recently in this newspaper. The Mormon faith has sullied the fly-by-night cults that rose in the valley of the Genesee.

The Mormons today exist as a God-fearing and righteous people who have found a "clear as crystal" way of life that Joseph Smith never lived to see. He was assassinated in Ohio and his followers endured untold outrage in Missouri on their westward trek to a promised land. They finally arrived at what was to become Salt Lake City. Utah and when their first crops were being devoured by locusts, a flock of sea gulls, obviously way off-course, in turn devoured the locusts and saved the day.

All of this firmly established the Mormons. Their founder was martyred; they suffered the tolls of a Hegira, a persecution, and the sun-basking desert life of a "miracle." Today the Mormons have forgotten their polygamist customs that shocked a Victorian world.

They have by-passed the embarrassing historical facts of their foundation but, to the admiration of all, they have tacitly "stuck" to the basic Christian



ALL THAT REMAINS of the Quaker religion in this area lies in this quaint old cemetery on Quaker Meeting House Road, Mendon.

principles that existed long before Joseph Smith climbed the still stand amazed at the glory of the Finger Lakes where he pressed his hand. Some searched for him in ignorance, others with chicanery. On a summer afternoon in this God-drenched country you feel it—the Beauty of the Finger Lakes where he pressed his hand. Some searched for him in ignorance, others with chicanery. On a summer afternoon in this God-drenched country you feel it—the Beauty of the Finger Lakes where he pressed his hand. Some searched for him in ignorance, others with chicanery. On a summer afternoon in this God-drenched country you feel it—the Beauty of the Finger Lakes where he pressed his hand.

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## School, Career Girls Fashion Show Stated

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira will sponsor a Back to School and Career Girl Fashion Show on August 26 at the Mark Twain Hotel Ball Room at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Robert Huddle is general chairman with the following committee members: Mesdames Richard Monahan, Lawrence Creighton, Thomas Sullivan, William Coughlin, Jean Millen, James Steiner, Walter Edwin, Jr., James Palford and the

## Women Bowlers To Begin Play

Members of Rochester Catholic Women's Bowling League will begin bowling Tuesday, Sept. 8 at Atlantic Recreation Center at 1 p.m.

There is an opening for one team, plus several individual openings. Anyone interested in joining may call Hopkins 7-3780.

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