

THE BIRTHPLACE OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM  
UPON THIS SITE STOOD THE HYDESVILLE COTTAGE  
THE HOME OF THE FOX SISTERS  
THROUGH WHOSE MEDIUMSHIP COMMUNICATION WITH THE SPIRIT WORLD WAS ESTABLISHED  
MARCH 31, 1848  
THERE IS NO DEATH THERE ARE NO DEAD  
PLACED HERE BY W. L. ...

FOX SISTER'S MONUMENT stands in a field in the town of Hydeville, a mile and a half from Newark. The photo above was taken "on the run" by our Courier photographer, who was not partial to the snake-infested field.

### 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, regarding details of the 1960 New York State Hibernian convention, which will be held in Elmira.

The conference was held in Rochester's Hibernian Club.

IN ATTENDANCE from the Chemung County division were: James F. Hogan, division president; Raymond B. Hourigan, division financial secretary; Dr. James R. Powell, division missions chairman, and members of the division's Catholic Action committee, Thomas F. Coggins, Matthias F. Fennell and Donald J. Seaman, all division past presidents.

Anderson, in addition to his duties as a Hibernian New York State director, is also president of the Monroe County Board, A.O.H.

### Clambake Set By KC In Corning

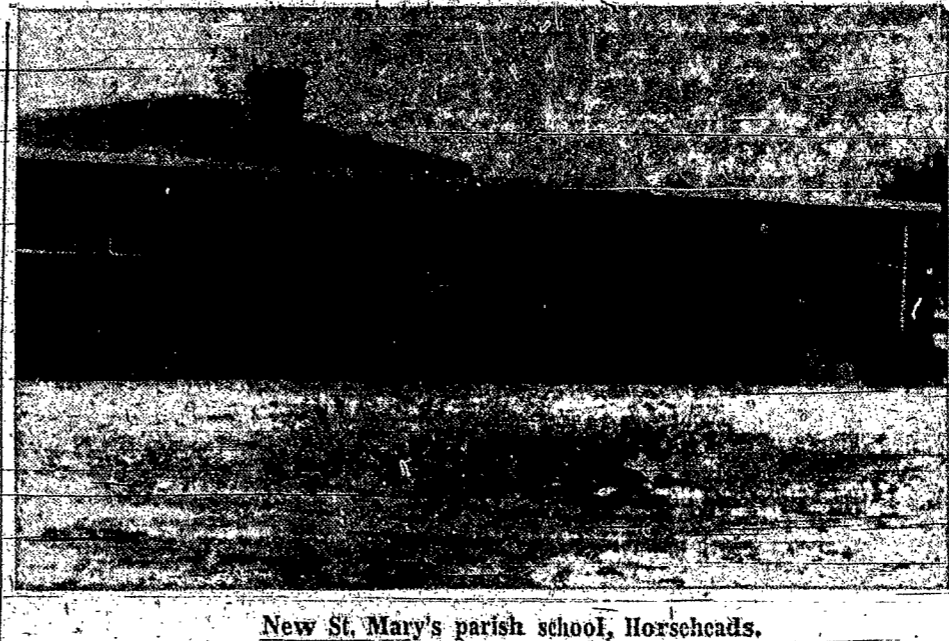
Corning—Annual Knights of Columbus clambake will be held on Sept. 27 in the Knights of Columbus home, Council activities chairman Frank DiLiberto announced Thursday night at the Council's business meeting.

DiLiberto also named a clambake committee composed of Joseph Daley, William Richardson, W. W. Babcock, George Schaller, Robert Young, Dominic Ferreira, Joseph DiGiacomo and Grand Knight James Botha.

The Knights of Columbus corporate Communion will be at 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sept. 13 in St. Vincent de Paul's Church, Alfred, Corning, Catholic activities chairman, told the group.

DiLiberto said that the first annual Catholic College Alumni Dance will be held on Dec. 29 in the Knights of Columbus home. Armond Bobrick will be general chairman for the dance, with Joseph Shine, David Shaddock, Francis Olmstead and John Astello assisting him.

Grand Knight Botha announced the Knights of Columbus new post-office box number is 1012.



New St. Mary's parish school, Horseheads.

### Courier Editor To Address Seminary Meet

Rev. Henry Atwell, editor of the "Courier Journal" will address the Twelfth Annual Seminary Conference to be held this year at the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, Ontario, August 29-31.

The conference is attended by seminarians and priests from the United States and Canada. The topic of this year's conference is "Communications and the Word of God."

FATHER ATWELL will talk on the role of the Catholic Press in a world which has been revolutionized by new media of communication.

Father Gustav Weigel, S.J., professor of Theology at Woodstock College, Maryland, will also address the seminarians.

THIS AUTHORITY on Protestantism in the United States will speak of the attitudes of the modern Protestant toward the Church.

OTHER SPEAKERS will include Dr. Herbert McLuhan, professor of English at the University of Toronto; Rev. R. A. F. Mackenzie, S.J., professor of Sacred Scripture at the Jesuit Seminary in Toronto; Rev. Albert Nevin, M.M., editor of "Field-Ar" and author of "The Making of a Priest."

Rev. John Griffin, C.S.S.R., professor of Sacred Eloquence at St. Mary's College-Brockville, Ontario; Very Rev. John H. Maddox, C.S.B., superior of St. Michael's College; Rev. James Hanrahan, C.S.B., professor of History at the University of British Columbia.

### School Blessing Set In Horseheads

Work is rapidly being completed on the new St. Mary's School, Horseheads, according to the Rev. Francis J. Reilly, pastor.

Plans call for Bishop Kearney to dedicate the new school in ceremonies to be held on Sunday, September 13.

The school to be staff by Sisters of St. Joseph will open in September with grades one through three and an expected enrollment of 150 students.

THE BUILDING will have accommodations for 400 students and an additional grade will be added each year until all 8 grades have been provided for.

Cost of the school with furnishings is expected to be near the \$300,000 mark and it is located on an 8 acre plot that will be utilized in the future for construction of a new church, convent, rectory, playground and parking area.

A feature of the new school building includes a combination gymnasium-auditorium with a seating capacity of 600. This will be available for athletic activities, social affairs and future plans are for its use for Sunday Masses to relieve the present overcrowded conditions in the present church.

ST. MARY'S PARISH, one of the fastest growing parishes in the Diocese now has over 500 families and five Masses are celebrated each Sunday morning.

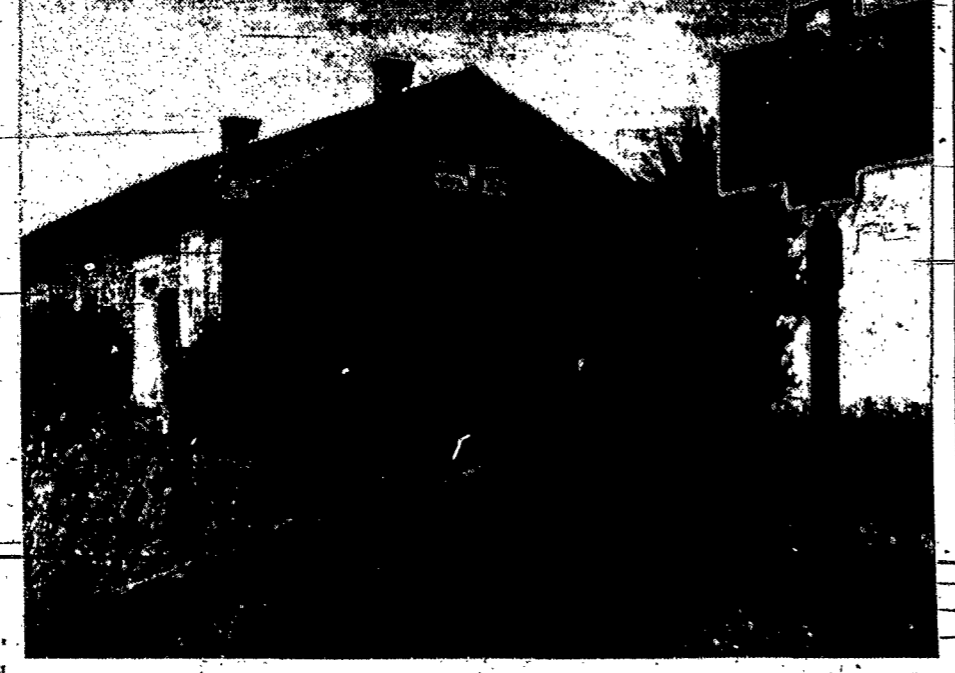
### God's Handprint And Man's Fantasy Picturesque Genesee Country, Home of Cults and Occult

by ROBERT SMETT

This was a very special land. A land especially blessed by the Gitchi Manitou, according to an old legend. A very special land—the valley of the Genesee. A land that God had chosen for His very own.

Though no longer beautiful, the woman showed traces of a handsomeness now lost in an overfirmness of the chin, a cruelty in the eyes and around the mouth.

She stretched her foot out over the icy blue water of Keuka Lake, then slowly drew it back. She had said she could walk on the water. "Would she do it? Who was this woman dressed in the severe manliness of a riding habit?"



QUAKER MEETING HOUSE on Quaker Road in the township of Wheatland, near Scottsville, is still used today as a Grange Hall. The "Shaking" Quakers gave way to the Hicksites who finally joined a new sect, the Fouries. None remain in the area today.

The shores of Keuka were not native to Jenima Wilkinson. She was born in Rhode Island—a young girl—she suffered a comatose illness, which was thought to be fatal. However she rose from her sick bed completely cured and announced that she had died and was now a reborn Christ.

Jenima Wilkinson could not read or write, but she possessed a prodigious memory that enabled her to memorize practically the whole Bible simply by having it read to her.

She had a magnetic personality that attracted the simple farmer as well as the man of letters.

Her congregation followed her from Rhode Island in search of a "promised land." They found it in a land where God's Handprint in the form of long slender lakes was surrounded by green pined hills and covered by an incomparably blue sky.

Her followers built her a beautiful home high above the "lady of the finger lakes"—Keuka—and from a mahogany banistered staircase the Universal Friend, as she called herself, preached an illogical religion and was obeyed like a medieval tyrant.

Jenima Wilkinson, albeit illiterate, was a shrewd woman. Jenima Wilkinson was also accused of being a swindler. Her followers were not allowed to marry, not for any puristic reason, but simply in order that upon death, their wills would name but one beneficiary—the Universal Friend.

Jenima Wilkinson was a clever woman. She drew her foot back from the calm Keuka waters and turned to her followers crowded on the shores.

As calm as Keuka and as cold, she asked, "Have you faith in me?" "Yes—oh yes," they responded. "If you have faith, no evidence of my powers is necessary," she stated. Then Jenima Wilkinson—put on her shoe and went home.

On that same night in 1848 a group of white-robed men and women stood on Cobb's Hill in Rochester and waited for the world to end. They were followers of William Miller, who had left his plough in Vermont, defied the Farmer's Almanac and prophesied that the earth's destruction was upon us. And my great grandfather was only half way through his volume of Newman.

Dawn came with nary a thunderbolt having disturbed the April calm. The Millerites decided to go home. Most of them had forgotten that they had sold all of their possessions, and didn't own a pillow on which to lay their heads.

The Society of Christian Believers was a nice, quiet group—except when they prayed. They would twitch and squirm as if their clothing had been invaded by a family of ants.

Hence the non-believers dubbed them Shakers or Shaking Quakers. Their founder, Ann Lee, who like Jenima Wilkinson claimed to be a reincarnation of Christ, led them from eastern York state to the fertile farm lands of Sodas.

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 Fourier 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 Fourier brought financial disaster. Shakers, Hicksites and Fourierites were buried in a common grave. It was just as well. It was all becoming too complicated.

Katy Fox snapped her toes in Hydeville and the sound was heard around the world. Hydeville is just a hole and a snoller 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.

### Last Rites Held For J. L. Otis

Ithaca—James L. Otis, 52, of 413 E. Seneca St. died unexpectedly at his home about 2 p.m. Friday, August 14, 1959.

He was executive officer of the Tompkins County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of the Ithaca Council 277, Knights of Columbus, and was a past grand knight. Also a member and past president of Cayuga Hoop Co. 1 and a member of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Assn. Also a member of Ithaca Lodge 636, BPO Elks. At one time he was a member of the City Board of Fire Commissioners.

He was a member of the Holy Name Society of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anne Otis and a sister, Miss Cecelia C. Otis of Rochester.

### Funeral Services Held For J. L. Otis

Funeral services were held at 8 a.m. Monday, August 17, at the Shea Funeral Home, 314 West State St., followed by a Solemn High Mass of Requiem, celebrated by Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Byrne at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Rev. William M. Thomas and Rev. Otto Vogt assisted.

Honorary bearers were John E. Barrett, James J. Clynes Sr., Kenneth F. Flynn, Robert J. Granville, Thos. J. Griffin and Peter Piech. Active bearers included James E. Barry, Joseph E. Conway, Raymond J. Franchini, Rev. Ryan, James E. Saunders and Howard J. Sinsbaugh.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery and prayers at the grave were said by Father Vogt.

### Deanery Women State Meeting

First fall meeting of the Chemung-Schuyler Deanery Council, Rochester Diocese, Council of Catholic Women, will be held Monday, Aug. 24, at 8 p.m. in the Dunn Memorial, Elmira.

Affiliate presidents are requested to bring dates of their forthcoming parish events to be cleared on the Deanery calendar.

MRS. F. P. HOMME, Deanery president, will conduct the business meeting and afterwards will present a short workshop on the duties of committed chairmen.

### College Nuns Attend Workshops, Conventions

Several members of the Nazareth College faculty will be attending conferences and workshops during the last weeks of summer, before the opening of classes at the college in September.

SISTER FRANCIS SOLANO, chairman of the Biology Department and Sister Christine Francis, assistant professor of Biology, will attend the ninth International Biological Congress at McGill University, Montreal, Canada, from August 19 to August 29.

Internationally famous biologists in all the major fields of current biological research will participate in symposia, demonstrations, and the lecture program.

Sister Helen Daniel, chairman of the Speech Department, is attending the National Catholic Theatre Conference Convention at Notre Dame University this week.

Sister Kathleen, chairman of the Music Department and Sister Mary Francis, Associate Professor of Music, are attending the Research Conference of the National Catholic Music Educators at Manhattanville, representatives from colleges throughout the country will attend the college session of which Dr. Gerald Keenan, Dean School of Music, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh is the chairman. The Nazareth Sisters will participate in the Musicology section.

Sister M. Paulette, chairman of the Sociology Department, and Sister M. Edwardine, Social Studies teacher at St. Agnes High School will attend the annual convention of the National Catholic Sociological Society, which is being held in connection with the annual convention of the National Sociological Society in Chicago, August 30 to September 5.

Sessions of the Catholic group will be held at Mundelein College and Loyola University. Sister Paulette has been appointed the resource person in the Workshop on Curriculum Planning.

### Construction Advances On New Wing For School

Corning—Work is advancing at the site of the new wing of St. Mary's School with construction for footings started according to Eugene C. Manning, president of the Manning Corporation.

Excavation for the building is still under way by E. R. Wolcott of Big Flats, to whom this portion of the work was subcontracted by the Manning firm.

A few of the footings forms have been put in, Manning said.

HIS COMPANY is also constructing a new floor in the gymnasium. This is located in the newly remodeled building. It was discovered that the wood floor in the gymnasium would have to be replaced, and this work is being done by the Manning company, instead of by W. E. Granger & Sons of Elmira, the general contractor for the remodeling work.

### Seaway Sessions Attended By Nuns

Potsdam—Among those attending the Potsdam Seaway Conference held last week (August 12-16) 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. Wiltons, 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.

The following are serving in the various booths: Mrs. Louis Izzo, Mrs. Thomas Rossi, Mrs. John DeCesare, Mrs. John DiGiacomo, Mrs. Fred Lippa, Mike Nick Petrucci, Leonard Larmino, Herbert Louis Tartaglia, Armand Grieco, John DeCesare and Joseph Falandays.

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**'Clean-Up' Day Set By Knights**  
Ithaca—Grand Knight John E. Barrett of the Ithaca Council 277, Knights of Columbus, announces that the annual Clean-Up Party will be held at the Home at 114 South Albany St. on Saturday, August 22.

Dusting, polishing and cleaning equipment will be issued starting at 1 p.m. and until all of the rooms and halls have been cleaned. Food and refreshments will be served to all who join in.

THIS AFFAIR is under the sponsorship of the Board of Directors of the Home Association, whose members include: Barrett, Lawrence Flynn, David Corina, Dr. William Gray, Thomas P. Solan, Clinton Simpson, Carl J. Yengo, Robert Shannon, Peter Piech, James Eisenberg, John M. Herson and Gus Ginnetti. All members and their wives are invited to participate.

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