

Ludlowville Parish Of Brave Traditions

Tucked away at the foot of a hill near Cayuga Lake is Ludlowville. The return trip, uphill, worked up the appetite for a big Sunday dinner. The men took turns pumping white women and children sat around the car's edge—a joy ride on sunny summer days but a bitter experience in a winter's blizzard.

Even though they may miss the charming little village, they can't miss All Saints parish church perched atop the hill rising from the highway.

Catholics there are bolstered in their faith by traditions of courage and stamina dating back half a century.

THE TRADITIONS of courage describe pioneer families in the early years of this century who had to go to Ithaca, 10 miles away, for Sunday Mass.

This was B.C.—before cars—and trains did not run on Sunday. A section-hand railroad was commandeered to take the few Catholics down to Ludlowville. The trip there was downhill so they usually were on time for Mass.

When a railroad line was completed in 1872 the station was named Ludlowville, though local officials retained the name Myers in memory of the area's pioneer.

FIRST KNOWN Catholics to come to Ludlowville were Frank and Brigit Gallagher who settled there about 1878. A tenant house on the Gallagher farm was used from 1920 as a church where Father John B. Doran of Scipio Center came for Mass.

The salt industry, begun in 1892, attracted Slav and Hungarian immigrants to the area and soon the tenant house was too small for its growing congregation. The Gallaghers then turned their spacious dining room into a Sunday chapel.

Their kitchen table served as an altar and it is still kept at the parish rectory in nearby King Ferry.

Father Doran in 1913 built a parish church, now used as a hall, on a site sold for the nominal price of \$175 by its Protestant owners, the David Barr family of Ithaca.

The present church was erected in 1932 under the pastorage of Rev. George M. Kalb now of Webster. Bishop O'Hern solemnly blessed the edifice on May 7, 1933. Clergy attending

St. Mary's Unit Slates Party

St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society, Elmira, will hold the annual Christmas Party Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the auditorium. The party will be held immediately after recitation of the Rosary and Benediction at 8 p.m. in the church.

Members will bring gift-wrapped canned fruit, vegetables and jellies for the Sisters. St. Mary's Convent who will be the honored guests.

The new members will also be given an opportunity to make cash donations to the Pope's Warehouse, thus having a part in his charitable projects.

Those attending the party will exchange gifts not to exceed 50c in value. The committee in charge have planned an entertaining program.

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

Sunday, Nov. 29—Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. John the Evangelist, St. Mary, St. Patrick, Rochester; St. Mary, Auburn; St. Peter and Paul, Elmira.

Open House Set Sunday At St. Mary's Rectory

Open house will be held at the new St. Mary's Rectory, Elmira on Sunday afternoon from 2 until 5 with members of the Rosary Altar Society acting as escort to parishioners and friends.

Rhode Couple Marks 65th Wedded Year

A Mass of Thanksgiving is being offered today at noon in St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, in observance of the 65th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave F. Rhode, 711 Sullivan St., Elmira.

They will be hosts at a reception in the afternoon and evening at their home from 3 until 9 in an affair given by their daughter, Mrs. Clarence G. Bixby.

Both the jubilarians were born in Prechlau, Germany. Mrs. Rhode coming here in 1872 at the age of 16 and Mr. Rhode came in 1873 at the age of 12. Although born in the same place, neither were acquainted until they came to this country.

THEY WERE married in St. John's Church on Lake Street on November 24, 1894 by the late Father Francis J. Trautwein. Their attendants were Edward Rehwinkel and Bertha Sass.

Both are loyal parishioners and were in attendance at the annual parish picnic held this past summer at Harris Hill.

Mr. Rhode received his education by attending night school. He was employed at the American LaFrance for 48 years until his retirement in 1945. He served as secretary treasurer of the Metal Polishers Union for 30 years and was a trustee and usher at the church for 27 years.

Mrs. Rhode takes great pleasure in working her vegetable and flower garden and spends much time visiting the sick and elderly. She keeps up with the world and local news via radio and television and the Courier Journal. They were the parents of three children, including Mrs. Bixby, Leo F. Rhode and the late Simon N. Rhode. They have four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Forty Hours

Living accommodations for the household staff, offices, conference rooms, dining and kitchen, rooms, laundry, storage space and additional offices in the lower level complete the building that was started earlier this year.

Masses Celebrated On New Main Altar

The first Masses were offered yesterday, Thanksgiving Day, at the new main altar in St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira. As part of the redecoration program the 65 year old altar was removed and replaced by an oak altar and tester designed by William J. Woerner and Sons and given as a memorial by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane.

K.C. Chalice To Be Given Father Nolan

During the past two months the entire interior of the church was refurbished and all appointments replaced. During the next three weeks Stations of the Cross carved in Italy will be erected and the sanctuary floor and aisles will be carpeted.

New doors are being installed to complete the exterior treatment of the building which was sandblasted and pointed during the summer. As part of a \$60,000 program a new sacristy is nearing completion. The church was completely rewired and new lighting fixtures were installed.

The church was last decorated 20 years ago when the Rev. Raymond G. Heissig, now pastor, was assistant pastor to the late Rev. John B. Stemmler.

St. John's now serves the downtown workers and shopkeepers with its daily Masses at 12:10 noon and at 5:15 p.m.

Cayuga Council Hears Mt. Carmel Glee Club

Auburn—Mrs. William J. Coleman, president of the Cayuga Deacony Council of Catholic Women, conducted the council's regular November meeting. The Rev. Paul R. Schnacky, moderator, announced plans for an open meeting scheduled for Jan. 18 in Holy Family auditorium.

Mrs. Veronica M. Smith, chairman of the organization and development committee and a former president of the council, outlined the purposes and objects of the council.

The Mt. Carmel High School Glee Club presented a musical program consisting of religious and semi-classical songs. Soloists were Laraine Baran, Carole

Canis Session Held In Ithaca

Ithaca—The Family Life and Parent Education Committee of the Tompkins-Tioga Deacony of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women of which Mrs. Paul Gillis is Chairman sponsored a Canis II (Parent-Child Relationship) Conference at the Knights of Columbus Home, Sunday evening, Nov. 22.

The Conference was given by Rev. Otto J. Vogt, assistant pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Edward Ratkowski and Mrs. John Bowman.

ANOTHER CANIS II Conference is scheduled for Dec. 5 at the Knights of Columbus Home at 7:30 p.m. All couples who have made a Canis I Conference are invited to attend.

About 231 couples have now made a Canis I Conference in the Tompkins-Tioga Deacony, and 36 couples have returned to make Canis II.

Parents View Nursing School Students Work

Parents of about 80 students at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, were guests of the faculty and student body at a parents program on Thursday night, Nov. 19.

The exercises were opened formally by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Little Flower Chapel by the Rev. Philip E. McGhan, hospital chaplain.

IN HIS ADDRESS to the parents, Father McGhan welcomed them in the name of the faculty and described the educational program of the nursing student.

He pointed out the serious responsibility that the student is expected to carry as the progresses in her three-year course and encouraged the parents to give the students support and understanding.

Classroom and library exhibits showing various phases of the student's nursing program were shown, and parents toured the school.

Following the tour, parents were entertained at an informal reception in the school auditorium. Members of the Womens Auxiliary and the Candy Strippers of the Junior Auxiliary served refreshments.

Joanna Woepffel Requiem Offered

Corning—Miss Joanna Theresa Woepffel of 316 Park Ave. died at her home Thursday, Nov. 19, 1959, following a heart attack.

The Rosary was recited at the residence Sunday night, followed by Solemn High Mass Monday morning at this week in St. Patrick's Church followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

She was born in Corning, March 12, 1881. She was a member of St. Patrick's Church, was graduated from St. Mary's School.

Surviving are five sisters, Sister Catherine Aloisia of Elmira, Mrs. Catherine Schaefer, Miss Martha Woepffel, Miss Theresa Woepffel, Miss Mary Woepffel, all at home; three brothers, Dr. J. Woepffel of Corning, Alcyon at home and Bernard of Corning and several nieces and nephews.

New Book By Fr. Shannon

Three younger priests of the Diocese of Rochester have come to the fore in the past few years as authors: Father Bartholomew O'Brien of Elmira, Father Albert Shannon of St. Andrew's Seminary, and Father E. Charles Bauer of Newark. Now Father William H. Shannon has joined their ranks with his "The Church of Christ," Rochester, Christopher Press, Inc., \$4.50. Father Shannon is chaplain and a faculty member at Nazareth College.

"The Church of Christ," as the author points out in his brief preface, was written primarily as a college textbook. He has taught a course on the subject for several years; and this book is the distillation of his Nazareth lectures.

NOW A PRIEST who sets out to reduce a theological tract which he himself has studied in Scholastic Latin into an Eng-lish text for college students, is faced with many problems. While he must naturally preserve the basic teaching of the faith, he must concentrate it into a smaller space.

What is more, he must adapt it, in pattern, and in emphasis, to the lay mind; and he must not forget to explain such theological terms as are new to his readers.

Father Shannon has met this challenge admirably. "The Church of Christ" is the work of a good pedagogue.

In the first place, he has organized his material well. Following the contemporary practice among theologians, he has divided his treatment into two phases. The apologetic phase books, encyclicals, and articles, presents the Catholic Church as all of which are available in the only reasonable claimant to being the church founded by Christ.

The dogmatic phase describes, in a well-conceived

FATHER SHANNON What is the Church?

Christ's Church as His Mystical Body. The author takes full advantage of this latter phase to present an excellent discussion of the meaning of a Christian vocation, whether to the priesthood, the religious calling, or the lay life.

In the second place, Father Shannon writes well. His style is not showy, but it is clear, compelling in its order, and economical in its use of words.

Only rarely does he become imprecise, and then in secondary matters. Only rarely does he use technical terms which he fails to define or illustrate. (As a rule he casts his sentences carefully, and discusses with patient persuasion.)

At the end he provides a selected bibliography of fifty-seven titles, and several other "Church Laws, Regulations, and Policies."

—Reviewed by Father Robert McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Christmas Tea Set In Corning

Corning—The Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church was held last week with Recitation of the Rosary and Benediction in the church followed by the business meeting in the school hall.

Plans for future meetings were reviewed at the meeting, at which Mrs. Helen Quattrini, president, announced that school insignia will be sold by members of the Society.

The annual Christmas tea will be held Dec. 20 from 3 to 5 at the Marconi Lodge rooms. The next meeting is planned for Jan. 3, 1960.

The meeting was opened and closed with prayer by the Rev. James Malley, moderator.

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PARENTS NIGHT at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing has these in picture reviewing Freshmen introductory research products: (from left) Barbara Marshall, freshman; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall of Penn Yan and Mrs. Edna Bowman, school's librarian.

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Annual Tea Scheduled By Stella Maris Society

Corning—A special program on Christmas decorations was held in conjunction with the picnic supper meeting of the Stella Maris Society of St. Patrick's Church last week.

Mrs. Ralph Simon gave a demonstration of Christmas decorations and table arrangements, and ideas for gift wrapping.

DURING THE business meeting conducted by Mrs. Vincent Semontell, president, it was voted to donate encyclopedias to the school and the nuns as reference material in connection with the St. Patrick's education system.

It was announced that the annual tea is planned for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at the school parish hall with Mrs. Thomas Tunney Jr. and Mrs. J. Edward Berry in charge of arrangements. A Yule theme is to be followed with a program by the children of St. Patrick's School under the supervision of Sister St. John.

After the close of the meeting a buffet supper was served from an attractive table in a Thanksgiving theme with a centerpiece of gourds and pumpkin.

Mrs. Thomas Manley and Mrs. Lee Poland were co-chairmen.

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Action Society Hears Fr. Morgan

Corning—The Rev. John Morgan, assistant pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Elmira, spoke on "The Background, Purpose and Value of the Ecumenical or General Council," before about 100 members of the Catholic Action Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Church a week ago.

A short business meeting was held with Mrs. Robert Pease, president, in charge. The group voted to hold a silver tea on Dec. 14.

Refreshments were served.

Lourdes Society Slates Meeting

Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Elmira, will meet on Tuesday, December 3 preceded by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the church at 7:45 p.m.

Mrs. Bart Maloney, chairman of the meeting has arranged a Christmas program and a talk on the Advent Wreath will be given by Mrs. James Hall. Each member is requested to bring an article of infant clothing for shipment to the Papal storehouse.

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