

Hammondsport Parish Reports Activities

Hammondsport — Mrs. James E. Eckel is the retiring president of the St. Gabriel's Rosary Society at this week's meeting of the group.

Other officers chosen for the 1960-61 year were: Mrs. Louis Natale, vice president; Mrs. Joseph Limerick, secretary; and Mrs. Frederick Eckel, treasurer.

A REPORT ON the Madonna Plan, sponsored by the Society as a Lenten project to help needy mothers and infants throughout the world, disclosed a total of \$70.50 contributed by women of St. Gabriel's parish.

Complete returns on the annual benefit card party held April 25 in the social rooms of the church, were not in but the event was reported a success by the president, Mrs. Robert Abbey and Mrs. Joseph W. Ryan were co-chairmen.

Mrs. Frank VanGelder and Mrs. Eric Crichtley volunteered to take charge of preparing the parish children for the procession for Forty Hours Devotion which will commence May 22 at St. Gabriel's. Society voted to purchase the white headpieces for the girls taking part.

Date for the annual bake sale was set for Saturday, June 11 at Smellies Drug Store. Mrs. Walter Aber and Mrs. Hoffman Wagner will be co-chairmen.

FINAL MEETING of the year will be a dinner party Monday, June 6, Miss Helen Miller and Mrs. Aber may be contacted by members for reservations.

Mrs. Eckel announced that St. Gabriel's Mothers' Circle has offered to sponsor the Madonna Plan and annual Christmas Party for the children in the future. Next meeting of the Circle is scheduled for next Monday at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. John Pizura in Pulteney.

Mrs. Karl Millard has care of the altar and sanctuary in May. Refreshments were served by Mrs. James Drake and Mrs. Robert Abbey. Mrs. Harry Nebel related some amusing anecdotes during refreshments.

Coming Talk Set
"White Gloves — Sparkling Clean" will be the subject of a talk by Mrs. E. Fitzgerald, executive director of Catholic Family Service, Elmira, at a Communion and Breakfast to be held by the Stella Maris Society of Corning, Sunday, May 15 at 10 a.m. at the Baron Stauben Hotel.

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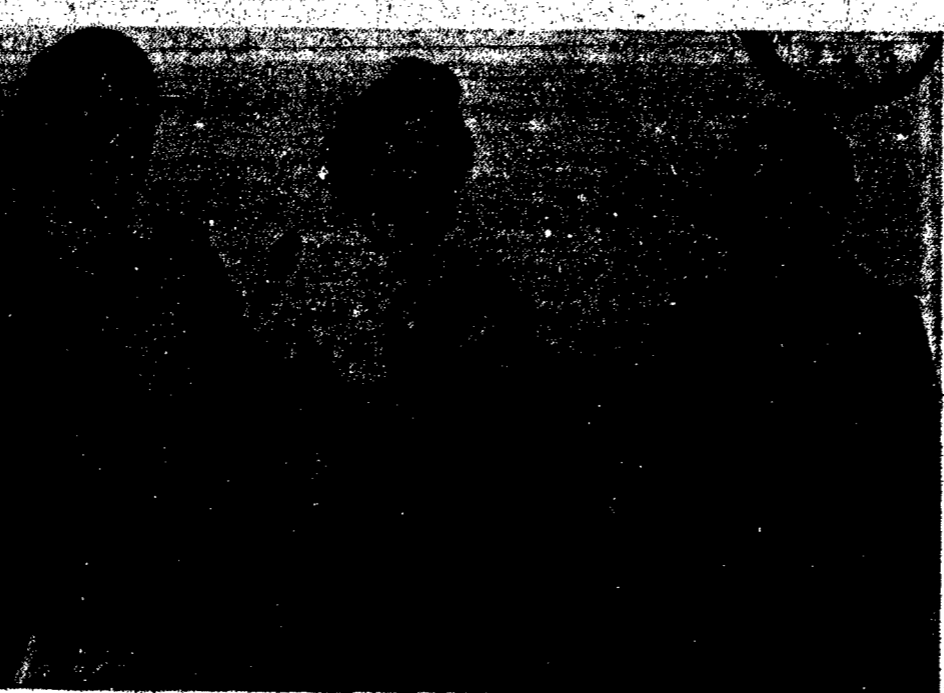
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To Mark Silver Jubilee
DISCUSSING details for the Silver Jubilee observance in June of Rev. Raymond G. Heisel are seated (from left) Mrs. James W. Campbell, Miss Helen M. Schneider, Miss Agnes Zaback. In rear (from left) are Mrs. Samuel A. DeRenzo, Mrs. Charles F. Ruhmel and Miss Grace E. Miller.

Devotion To Mary Role Explained At Luncheon

Morell — Why devotion to Mary, the Mother of Christ, occupies such an important place in the life of every Catholic was discussed by the Rev. William A. Schwinger at a First Saturday luncheon in the Moose Club on Seneca St.

Father Schwinger, administrator of St. Brendan's Church in Almond, was principal speaker at the final luncheon of the season sponsored by St. Eusebius, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

In presenting Father Schwinger, the Rev. William H. Hickey, spiritual director of the Diocese, reviewed his background which included service with the U.S. Marine Corps at Okinawa during World War II, several years as a public school teacher and for entering the seminary to study for the priesthood and after ordination, graduate study at Niagara University. Father Schwinger has been appointed to the faculty of Bishop Turner High School in Buffalo effective this next September.

"We honor Mary because God the Father honored her. He paid her the greatest honor ever bestowed upon a human being — He selected her to be the mother of His incarnate Son." Father Schwinger told the luncheon group. ALTHOUGH MARY would have had to be all good, all pure and all holy to be selected to be the Mother of the Divine Son of God, the Catholic devotion to Mary primarily does not spring from mere recognition of those virtues. Father Schwinger added:

"Mary is honored because of her association with Christ. Think of the many statues and the paintings of Madonnas which are so familiar to all of us. They almost invariably show Mary holding the Infant Jesus in her arms. They are inseparable.

"Just as any friend is pleased when we pay homage to his mother, so is Jesus pleased with our veneration of His Mother. Devotion to Mary in no way detracts from devotion to Christ. Rather, we honor Jesus when we honor Mary." Father Schwinger concluded.

Mrs. J. Gerald Griffin, Deanery president, expressed gratitude to the luncheon reservation committee for the "concocted" luncheon and members of the committee for their work during the season. She commended the Misses Elizabeth and Angela Bill for the "concocted" luncheon and members of the committee for their work during the season. She commended the Misses Elizabeth and Angela Bill for the "concocted" luncheon and members of the committee for their work during the season.

Prayer Day Lists Jesuit
A general day of recollection for women will be held at the Cenacle Retreat House, 682 East Ave., Rochester, on Thursday, May 19, from 9:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cana Session Listed At Glen
The Chemung-Schuyler Deanery of the National Council of Catholic Women will hold a Cana Conference for married couples on Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's of the Lake in Watkins Glen. The Rev. Benedict Eumann will be the moderator.

Mrs. Raymond Granston of Watkins Glen is chairman and Mrs. Charles Kay of Elmira is co-chairman. Mr. and Mrs. William Chereck of Watkins Glen will head the reception committee.

The Retreat chapel in the newly constructed wing of the retreat house will be in use for the women making the day of prayer.

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Ladies Of Charity Schedule Events

The committee is donating one campship to Camp Villa Marie. They also will donate enough funds to the Barat Retreat League to send one high school girl on retreat this summer.

Executive Committee
The new and continuing chairmen and co-chairmen of the Ladies of Charity committee for 1960-61 were announced by Mrs. James B. Walsh, president, at their executive meeting, Wednesday, May 4, at 374 W. Church St.

Mother Cabrini: Mrs. Frank A. Belligotti, new chairman and Mrs. Donald E. Kalec, new co-chairman. St. Elizabeth of Hungary: Mrs. Joseph J. Bannon, new chairman and Mrs. Herle Rose of Lima: Mrs. Charles Emery, new chairman and Mrs. Walter Komer, continuing co-chairman. Guardian Angel: Miss Thelma C. Gensieve, new co-chairman, continuing Mrs. Walter Ledstrom, chairman and Mrs. Agnes Hourigan, continuing co-chairman. Infant of Prague: Mrs. Lawrence Sherwood, continuing chairman and Miss Shirley Bush, new co-chairman. Our Lady of Good Counsel: Mrs. Mary F. Link, continuing chairman and Mrs. Bernard Hassen, continuing co-chairman.

Our Lady of Nazareth: Mrs. Theresa Lynch, continuing chairman. Mother Seton: Mrs. Ronald Prechtl, continuing chairman and Mrs. Anthony J. Stuzinski, continuing co-chairman. Holy Family: Mrs. D. Preston, continuing chairman.

The Executive staff will remain the same for the next year. Mrs. Eberly and Mrs. Walsh, president, Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, executive director; Mrs. Geraldine Moran, vice president; Miss Eleanor Collins, secretary; Mrs. Thomas R. Sullivan, treasurer; Mrs. Francis D. Preston, continuing treasurer; Miss Laurette Bixby, assistant, and Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, moderator.

The officers are planning to hold a dinner-meeting, June 1 at the Hickory House. The new, continuing and retiring chairmen and co-chairmen, advisory executive officers will be present. The members of standing committees are invited to attend. Reverend moderator at the Ladies of Charity, Hubert A. Bisky will be their guest.

Infant of Prague
Miss Shirley Bush, new co-chairman of the Infant of Prague Committee will be present at their business meeting, Monday, May 16, at 8 p.m. at 374 W. Church St.

Mrs. Lawrence Sherwood, continuing chairman will preside.

Ithaca CDA Elects Staff
Ithaca — At the regular monthly business meeting of the Catholic Daughters' Court at the Ithaca Club, Ithaca, on Tuesday evening, May 3, election of officers took place.

Named were: Grand Regent, Mrs. George Senechal, re-elected; Vice Grand Regent, Mrs. Joseph Leese, re-elected; Prophetess, Mrs. John Barretto; Monitor, Mrs. Julia Gabrielli; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Finnegan; Historian, Miss Anne Treacy; re-elected; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Claude Colley; Treasurer, Mrs. Lillian Personius, re-elected; Sentinel, Mrs. Cosmo Salamone; Organist, Mrs. Benedetta Porter, re-elected; Trustee, Miss Mary Clines, re-elected. Mrs. Willis Cross, installation of these officers will be held on Tuesday, June 7, at Parish Hall.

Plans were announced for the Catholic Daughters Picnic to be held at Stewart Park on Wednesday, June 1, at 8:30 p.m. with Mrs. Cosmo Salamone and Mrs. Aurora Valenti as co-chairmen.

Mrs. Ann S. Riley and Mrs. Rita Smith were co-chairmen of the Catholic Daughters' Communion and breakfast at the K. of C. Home on May 1. The breakfast was served by members of the Ithaca Council 277, K. of C.

New Community
Liquor: No. — (RNS) — The second community of Redemptorist Nuns in the U. S. has been established on the grounds of the Redemptorist Fathers' publication center here.

Improve Mail Boxes
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Rural Life Sunday
Washington, D. C. — (RNS) Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson urged Americans to observe Sunday, May 22, as Rural Life Sunday.

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