

State Aide Praises Diocesan - Run Camp

A state leader's approval was given Camp Stella Maris, diocesan summer camp for boys and girls on Copenus Lake, it was learned at the camp, this week.

Robert J. Davern of the New York State Conservation Department, described Camp Stella Maris as "the best I have seen" after a visit there. An instructor for the Education and Safety Division, Davern conducted an instructor's course for Motor Boat safety at the diocesan camp. Staff members of three summer camps, Livingston County Sheriff's deputies and several lake residents were certified as instructors.

THE STATE AID was high in his praise of the Stella Maris waterfront. With more than 400 feet of dock supported by adjustable pipe standards, the waterfront has three separate swimming areas, each

with its own "buddy board" and life guards.

Each morning three swimming classes of 40 minutes each are conducted for the entire camp with a ratio of eight campers for each instructor. Recreational or "free" swimming is held every afternoon for an hour.

Water skiing was introduced this summer for the advanced swimmers. All campers are given the opportunity to pass Red Cross tests and to earn their swimming cards.

JOHN GYOMPOR of St. Bernard's Seminary is Waterfront Director assisted by a staff of Red Cross life guards. Daniel Holland of St. Bernard's attended the N.C.C.A. water safety school at Cathedral Camp, Massachusetts.

The new boat house on the beach serves as an office for Red Cross records and buddy boards and a storeroom for the cars and paddles for the 9 row-boats and 2 canoes.

Davern who has visited many camps throughout New York State gave Stella Maris a high rating for its complete waterfront equipment and its fine facilities for teaching swimming.

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CAMP STELLA MARIS counselors for this summer are shown above: from left (seated) Timothy Welder, John O'Connor, George Wiant, Rev. Eugene H. McFarland, camp director; Edward Golden, Albert Cason, Savaria Vittarino; (second row) Philip Billotte, Joseph Russo, James Kolleher, Walter Walwright, Thomas Kelley, James Schwarz, Mack Spellacy, John Lawrence; (third row) Christopher Werthman, Rev. Mr. James Sarkis, Walter Hames, Daniel Holland, James Lawlor, David Kutz, William Gall, Daniel Fisher; (absent) Dennis Mascuso, Bernard Haefner, David Heinsberg.

600 Boys Set Stella Maris Camp Record
More than 600 boys enjoyed a week at Camp Stella Maris, this summer, and they set a record for attendance in the 25 year history of the diocesan camp on Copenus Lake.

George Wiant is finishing his second season as Head Counselor assisted by Edward Golden. Both counselors, along with James Sarkis are slated to be ordained in June 1961.

The staff of 25 seminarians has supervised the camping program of boys from the Rochester Diocese and Western New York. John O'Connor has been Waterfront Director for two seasons. Other directors are: Athletic, Albert Cason; Craft, Savaria Vittarino; Campfire, Timothy Welder.

Ten Sisters of Mercy are in charge of the kitchen and laundry. Dr. Robert Collins of Avon is Camp Physician and Joseph March Jr., is Camp Manager. Rev. Eugene H. McFarland is the Camp Director and resident Chaplain.

400 View Presentation Of Villa Marie Awards
More than four hundred parents, brothers, sisters and friends attended the closing program and Court of Awards at Camp Villa Marie, Elmira on Tuesday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m.

After a program of music and dancing in which the entire camp participated, Miss Constance Frank, Director, presented the awards for special achievements as follows:

Best All-round Campers: Joan of Arc, Kathy Sanchez, Jacinta, Mary Kelly, Christopher, Sheila Calkins; Takakwithas, Kathy Tighe.

Sports: Joan of Arc, Mary Claire Young, Jacinta, Mary Rose, Ragas, Christopher, Kathy Dunlavy; Takakwithas, Mary Jo Vandeleark.

Craft: Joan of Arc, Terri Sullivan; Jacinta, Ellen Creighton; Christopher, Mary Theresa Flynn; Takakwithas, Mary Griley.

Music: Joan of Arc, Nancy O'Bryan; Jacinta, Christine Amey; Christopher, Kathy Bragg; Takakwithas, Mildred Antonacci.

Mattei Couple Marks Jubilee
Coming — The 40th anniversary of their marriage in St. Anthony's Church in Elmira on July 23, 1920, was observed recently by Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Mattei of 225 Commerce St. with a surprise lawn party given at the home of a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Barozzi of 245 E. Putney St. Approximately 40 persons attended the celebration which was given by their three daughters — Mrs. Kenneth Seibert of Buffalo, Mrs. George Montross of Corning and Mrs. Josephine of Corning and Mrs. Josephine of Corning. Mr. and Mrs. Mattei also have a son, Ralph Mattei of Bradford, Pa.

Mr. Mattei was born near Rome, Italy, and Mrs. Mattei, was born in Castelvecchio di Compio, near Lucca, Italy.

BOYS CAME to the United States as young people and were married at St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, July 23, 1920. After their marriage, they settled in Corning where Mr. Mattei was employed by the New York Central Railroad for 24 years. He then worked for the Corning Glass Works for 19 years, retiring in December, 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Mattei have 13 grandchildren.

Ernest Sareen Requiem Sung
Address — The funeral of Ernest Sareen, 8, of 6 Baldwin Ave., was held Thursday, July 28, 1960, with the Rev. Leo T. Matuzewski, pastor, celebrating High Mass of Requiem in St. Catherine's Church. Interment was in St. Catherine's Cemetery.

Mr. Sareen had died the previous Monday in Corning Hospital where he had been a patient for a week.

Born in Italy March 24, 1872, Mr. Sareen came to this country when a young child.

Mr. Sareen was a communist of St. Catherine's Church, Mrs. Robert Berns of Buffalo.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Richard Osborne of Painted Post, Mrs. John Phillips of Scio and Mrs. Joseph Bondy of Corning; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Former Curate Feted By Ithaca Parishioners

Ithaca—A Farewell Reception in Parish Hall given for the Rev. William M. Thomas, former assistant pastor at Church of the Immaculate Conception attracted a large number, Father Thomas is now assistant pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Corning.

Anthony Di Giacomo, master of ceremonies, presented a purse to Father Thomas from the Ithaca parishioners. A presentation was also made by Edward Schano, Jr. from the Catholic Youth Organization and Sodality. On behalf of the Third Order of St. Francis, Mrs. Ellis Smith, secretary, gave Father Thomas a framed spiritual bouquet.

Guests included Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, mother of the guest of honor and Mrs. Genevieve Carey, his aunt, both of Elmira.

Leo Maliski, president of the Holy Name Society was in charge of the committee on arrangements.

Owego Parish Reports News

Owego—Robert A. Wolcott, immediate past-president of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Parish, has received a permanent appointment as postmaster of the Owego postoffice. The United States Senate approved the appointment on July 27.

Wolcott's wife was the former Mary Alice Maloney of Auburn. They have two sons, John, 7, a student in St. Patrick's School and Robert, 5.

Owego — Five members of Court St. Rose of Lima, 498 Catholic Daughters of America, were in Watkins Glen Saturday, July 23, as guests of Court Lodge, No. 628.

The affair, in the form of a summer picnic, was held in honor of Mrs. Mary D. Harrington of Dunkirk, State Regent of the Catholic Daughters. More than 100 members from various courts in the Southern Tier attended. The Owego group was headed by Mrs. Beatrice Cleveland, Grand Regent.

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