

Dryden Given Status As Holy Cross Parish

The Parish of the Holy Cross of Dryden, was formally incorporated at a recent meeting at the Chancery Office. The new parish will replace the Dryden Catholic Mission which has served the spiritual needs of the people of the area for the past twelve years. Present at the meeting were Bishop Kearney, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McNiff, Vicar-General of the Diocese,

located in Tompkins County. In this township are situated the villages of Dryden, Freeville, McLean and Etna. The new parish will be part of the Ithaca Deanery.



FATHER CLEARY

the Rev. Thomas K. Cleary, Pastor, James Lissaman and Stephen Kiersznowski, the lay trustees of the new parish.

THE BOUNDARIES of the new parish include most of the township of Dryden, which is

Fund Drive For \$25,000 At St. Felix

Clifton Springs—John Fabrizio and Frank DeMarco are heading up a \$25,000 fund campaign to be conducted by the men of St. Felix Church from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 4.

BISHOP KEARNEY has approved plans for complete renovation of the interior of the church. This will include new altars, new pews, refectory statues, remodeling or purchase of new stations, redecoration of walls, ceiling and woodwork.

All workers for the drive will meet at noon Sunday at the church hall for a buffet lunch and final instructions on the canvass, according to the Rev. Francis Turner, pastor.

Ellis Weld, Jr., is in charge of special gifts solicitation. Drive leaders for the various districts of the area include: Edwin Morphy, Ettore Bugnoli, Glenn Robinson, Stephen Stapleton, Edward Walters, Merwin Knauss, Robert Allen, Bernard Meath, Joseph Liss, Paul Donk, Clinton Smith, Gus Antheunis, Thomas Loughlin, Jack Curran and Leonard Walters.

EACH SOLICITOR has approximately six families to visit and then return to the church hall where a group of members of the Rosary and Altar Society will tabulate and post the returns.

The renovation of the exterior of the church was completed last fall with the installation of new doors to the church. This followed the sandblasting of the brick exterior.

Twelve years ago Father Cleary was appointed administrator of the Dryden Catholic Mission and Catholic Chaplain of the George Junior Republic in Freeville. Throughout these years, the members of the Dryden Catholic Mission have attended Mass and other religious services at the chapel at the George Junior Republic.

During this period the number of families has grown from forty to approximately 200. There are two hundred and twenty children in the four public schools located in the boundaries of the parish who are receiving religious instructions.

Father Cleary announced that there will be a general meeting of the parish at the Dryden Village Hall on March 11, at which time the overall Building Program for the new Holy Cross Parish will be presented.



New Catechetical Center

AUXILIARY BISHOP CASEY will bless the new Catechetical Center at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Scottsville, on Sunday, March 4 at 4:30 p.m. The new center shown in the left photo will serve as both a catechetical center for children attending public schools and as a parish hall. Four floor-to-ceiling folding wood panels are used to divide the large hall into four classrooms as is demonstrated by the Rev. Edward H. Hartmann in the right hand photo. Cornerstone for the 90-by-40-foot building was laid on Thanksgiving Day last year. In addition to the large hall-classroom space, the building also houses a kitchen, storage room, cloak room and rest rooms. The building has a brick exterior and tile interior. It was built at a cost in excess of \$90,000. Eight public address speakers are located in the acoustic ceiling. There are more than 200 children now enrolled in the released-time classes taught by Father Hartmann and five other teachers. Edward Linkerscheider was the architect in association with David Miller. Anthony Link Sons Inc. were general contractors with subcontractors Howe and Bassett Co. Inc., and Dwyer Electric Co. Inc.

Can't Help With Homework

Parents Of Third Graders Baffled By New Approach To Arithmetic

By JEREMY RYAN

"Susan had some crayons. She gave away 6 crayons. Then she had 8 crayons left. How many crayons did she have to start with?"

If you have a son or daughter in the third grade in one of the parochial schools in the Rochester diocese, don't attempt to help answer that question. It's loaded.

True, you and your precocious offspring will (or should) arrive at the same answer: 14. But there's a difference; your child will have a much better understanding of how he got there than you will have.

IT'S ALL PART of a new approach to mathematics now being used in the third grades of all diocesan schools and in a few higher grades. The program is based on the premise that understanding of concepts must be introduced prior to manipulation of symbols.

Confused?

If you are, you have plenty of company, according to Sister M. Dorothea, chairman of the Nazareth College Mathematics Department. And she should know. Sister Dorothea and colleague Sister Barbara Ann, have spent the last two years training elementary school teachers to discard the traditional "don't ask why, just remember the rule" approach in favor of modern arithmetic methods.

Just what is this "new arithmetic" and why is it considered superior to traditional arithmetic?

"In the past," says Sister Dorothea, "many youngsters developed an extreme dislike for this subject as a result of their failure to comprehend what seemed like an interminable list of arbitrary, mechanical rules." (The percentage of church pupils failing in arithmetic over the years has surpassed that for

any other subject in the curriculum.)

"We told them to invert the divisor, move the decimal point, bring down the next number, and so forth. We emphasized mechanical skills without paying the necessary attention to the all-important question: 'Why?'"

The "new" arithmetic is new only in approach. For the first time, we are separating the "sense" of the problem from the computation.

By THE TIME the third grader gets to struggle with the question of how many crayons Susan had before she started giving them away, he has already learned the basic approach of the new system; that each of the basic facts in arith-

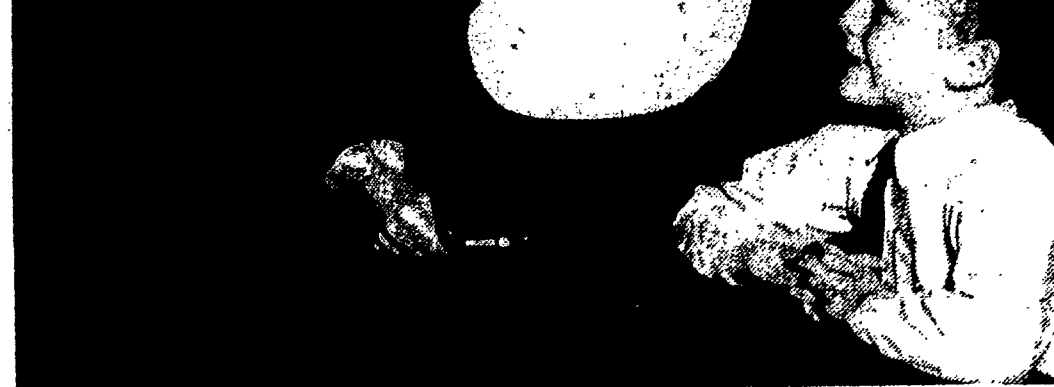
metic problem is part of how many there are to start an arithmetic "sentence" or with, you must add, you don't subtract. (A problem type, by the way, ons. Joan gave her six more than today's parents probably never grappled with until the eighth or ninth grade level.)

But here comes a curve. Problem B: "Susan had some crayons. Joan gave her six more than Susan had. How many crayons did Susan have to start with?"

The problem seems easy to you. You remember what you were told when you worked a third-grader. Remember that problem A: "When you don't know how many there were to start with, you must add." So you add 6 to 8 and get 14. But in deciding which computational process to use, down 20 as your answer. Gold dunces cap.

As a third-grader trained by the old method, you would remember that the words "gave the new method, you would away" are cue words that mean have looked at both problems subtract. But subtract what? As logical mathematical sentence. Since 8 is bigger than 6, you'd better subtract 6 from 8. Your answer is 2, and that doesn't seem to make any sense.

HOW MANY CRAYONS does Susan have to start with in problem A? The story doesn't tell you, so you write "n." (Continued on page 12)



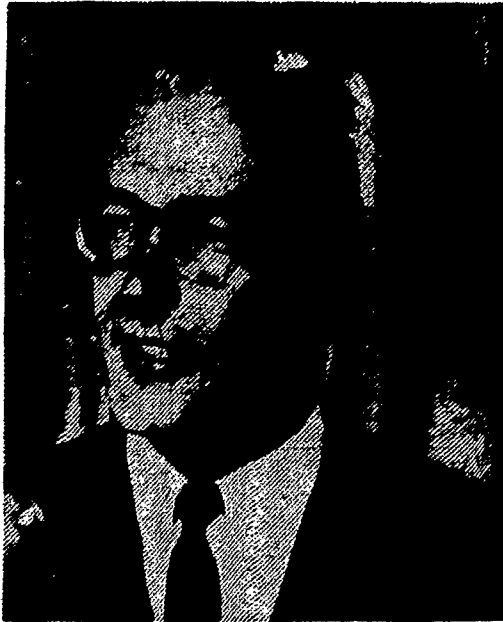
MATH TEACHERS Sister Barbara Ann and Sister Dorothea of Nazareth College show Kevin O'Connor, a third grader at St. Thomas More School, the new and parent-baffling approach to arithmetic.

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Family Rosary for Peace

12th Year, Pilgrim Tour

The Family Rosary for Peace program broadcast nightly at 7 p.m. by radio station WSAY, will mark its twelfth anniversary Sunday, March 4.

Frank Wolfe, a member of the program's executive committee for the full twelve years, will lead in recitation of the Rosary during Sunday evening's broadcast.

Father Joseph Cirincione, director of the program and pastor of St. Francis of Assisi parish, where the broadcast originates, said, "We believe we reached our goal set for the year—15 million Rosaries—a total of 140 million Rosaries in the twelve years." The PROGRAM has frequently won ratings indicating it has one of the largest listening audiences in the Rochester area.

Station WSAY also broadcasts the Angelus at 7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. daily, a practice believed unique in the country. The Family Rosary for Peace program arranges the Angelus prayer also.

Father Cirincione will conduct a Family Rosary for Peace Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, home and other shrines in Europe Sept. 6 to Oct. 17. Tour members will be in Rome at the time the Ecumenical Council opens and at Fatima to take part in ceremonies for the fifty-fifth anniversary of the famed "Miracle of the Sun" which occurred Oct. 13, 1917. Further information available from DePrez Travel Bureau, Rochester.

Scouts Schedule Bishop's Dinner

The Catholic Committee on Scouting announces the appointment of Dr. John Brophy, Director of the School of Business Administration of the University of Rochester, as chairman of the Bishop's Dinner to be held on Wednesday evening, May 2, at St. Margaret Mary School Hall on Rogers Parkway.

JOHN MCCARTHY, past chairman will assist Dr. Brophy. Each year, the Committee on Scouting makes its report to the Bishop on the physical and spiritual progress of the boys and leaders in the Scouting program under Catholic guidance.

Clarence Deckman, diocesan chairman, in charge of the seven Council area will be responsible for the representatives from those areas to participate in the program.

Dennis Merritt, Rochester deanery chairman, will be contact man for the Otielara Council area comprising over 400 Scouting Units in Monroe County. The Rochester area will be divided into four sections for the distribution of tickets for this annual dinner.

Ed Leederman assisted by Elmer Lussow, Ed Murtka, John Baker and Maurice Petrin, will conduct local Units. Candidates for the Saint George Award, highest Catholic honor for adult Scouters, will be presented by Paul Von Bacho, vice president of Otielara Council. Nominations are now being accepted by the Diocesan chaplain, Rev. Eugene

William Simons and Vincent Carroll are assigned to the arrangements and decorations of the school hall. Because this is a Diocesan wide activity, any Diocesan wide activity, any Scout planning on attending this honorary dinner should contact the Catholic Committee on Scouting to make reservations.

Wayne Women Set Luncheon

Clyde — The First Saturday Luncheon of the Wayne Deanery of the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women, will be held at Matty's Ship Lantern Inn, Clyde, preceded by Mass at St. John's Church, Clyde, at 11:30 a.m., March 3.

MRS. EDWARD DOANE, De1-3771, is taking reservations, and the speaker will be the Rev. Lawrence Murphy, assistant director of St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester.

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