

State Track Meet Slated In Elmira

A newly-formed track team, with plenty of potential, the Long Island Striders, will send a strong delegation to the Fourth Annual New York State Track and Field Championships, Saturday, Aug. 1 at Elmira's Parker Field.

The meet is sponsored by the Elmira Chapter of the Long Island Striders, Inc. It is the first time in the history of the club that it has sent a team to the state meet.

But, the talent now available on Long Island may well prove this club along with it. In fact, Coach Byrnes is able to bring all the competitors he has in mind, this club could well challenge for the team title at Elmira.

The team title has been captured for three straight years by the Garden Town Track Club of Buffalo, which has successfully thwarted the challenges of top powers, the New York Athletic Club, the New York Pioneer Club, and the Tarrytown Track Club.

Forty athletes are now working out with the Striders and some 90 of them are expected to invade Elmira, headed by three lads who qualified for the

National AAU Championships at Rutgers University. They are Tom Levin, a University of North Carolina dash man who has done 9.5 in the 100, Paddy McCarty, a 48-flat 440 who also doubles in the 880, and John Rockwell, who is 48-flat plus triple jump mark was a national high school record.

McCarty comes from a theatrical family. He is the son of Peter McCarty and Jim Falkenberg. McCarty, a former actress of note and her brother were also tennis stars.

Already entered, unattached, is the former West Point star, Bill Straub. He is entered in the mile, 2 miles and 880.

Bill was recently voted the top contributor to intercollegiate athletics during his class stay at the Point. He is a State Meet defending champion and record holder.

The field events and time trials start at 5 p.m. August 1, with main track events at 7. Admission is \$1. and 50 cents for grammar school children accompanied by an adult.—E.S.

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State Hibernian Conclave Reported From Elmira

A final report on the recent State Hibernian Convention, held in Elmira, was presented on two occasions last week by General Chairman Matthew F. Fennell and Ladies' Chairman Mrs. Thomas F. Coggins.

Chairman Fennell gave the first report to the members of the Msgr. John J. Lee Division at their July 10 meeting.

A joint report by the general chairman and Mrs. Coggins was presented the next night, July 11, at a picnic supper for Convention workers from the division and its Ladies' Auxiliary at the Coggins home, 634 W. Water St.

The report singled out all committee workers for the efficient manner in which each event was carried out.

Particular praise was due the division chairmen, the Rev. John S. Hayes, pastor of St. Patrick's Church and chaplain of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the Rev. John J. Leary, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church and chaplain of the men's division.

The 1964 Convention, the 72nd biennial State meeting of the oldest Catholic lay organization in this country, was held in Elmira in 1960.

Some 700 Hibernian men and ladies from all corners of the Empire State took part in the conclave which began with registration at the Mark Twain Hotel on Wednesday afternoon, June 24. A welcome party for delegates was held that evening.

St. Patrick's Church was the scene, Thursday morning, of the first formal session opening the Convention, a Solemn High Mass at the Most Rev. Bishop of Rochester, presided and spoke.

The celebrant was the Very Rev. Donald M. O'Callaghan, O. Carm., of New York City, National Chaplain and Deputy Cardinal Spelman, Archbishop of New York, National Chaplain.

Father Hayes, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, acted as attendant to the Bishops.

Prior to the Mass, the delegates marched up N. Main Street, behind massed colors with the Elmira Fourth Degree Assembly and the Hibernian band leading.

The marchers were guided to the church by the traditional Green Line on the pavement. Capt. Thomas Whitford was parade marshal.

BISHOP KEARNEY and participating clergy, together with the Hon. Edward T. Lagomastro, Mayor of the City of Elmira, reviewed the marchers on the church steps.

The girls choir of St. Patrick's School, under the direction of Sister Mary Bellarmine, responded.

Following Mass, the Convention picture was taken in front of St. Patrick's Church.

The Communion Breakfast held at Convention headquarters in the Mark Twain Hotel, following the picture featured an address by Father O'Callaghan and the civic welcome by Mayor Lagomastro.

Father O'Callaghan, known as the country's foremost speaker on the Irish Catholics, inspired the delegates with his remarks, among which were, speaking on Civil Rights, he reminded them: "We, whose forebears were chains, should be the first to strike the shackles off others."

Chemung County District Attorney Paul H. McCabe, was toastmaster.

The Convention business sessions were opened Thursday afternoon with State President William Kinzie of Brooklyn.

compliance with Civil Rights legislation; called for all legitimate means for the end of the partition of Ireland, and thanked Bishop Kearney for presiding at the opening of the Convention and further thanked the clergy of Elmira for its assistance and expressed gratitude to the civil authorities of Elmira for their courtesies, and congratulated the local Hibernians on the fine Convention.

That evening, Irish Nite was held in the Hotel Ballroom, highlighted by Old Time Irish entertainment of the Irish bagpipers, Jim Gowrie and Jim Sinclair; the voices of the local Barbershop Chorus and the wit of Mike Morgan of Station WELM, and the organ music of Jerry Thomas, plus delegate volunteers. Awards were made of Waterford Glass, gifts from Irish Air Lines and local merchants.

Prior to Irish Nite, the Chemung County Ladies' auxiliary, entertained the ladies with a social, attended by 350 ladies.

Attending both the social and the Irish Nite was Miss Myra Doyle, an air hostess with Irish Air Lines, in her trim green uniform.

Friday Morning was the solemn occasion of the Memorial Mass at St. Patrick's Church, for the deceased members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and in particular remembrance for our late president, John F. Kennedy.

FATHER HAYES was the celebrant for the Solemn Requiem Mass.

The preacher was Father Leary who complimented the remembrance with thoughts about the late president.

He underlined the great loss to the American people by his untimely death and described the late President as "one late comer to the Hibernian ranks," having joined in 1947.

At noon, the Clergy Luncheon, with Fathers Leary and Hayes as hosts, was held at the Hotel for all attending and area priests.

Lee R. Gow, Upstate representative of Irish Air Lines, made a plaque presentation at 1 p.m. to the local division, a memento of the award-winning State essay of Bart J. Maloney, a division member.

The delegates moved to Harrow Hill, called States' sliding center, to enjoy the Glider-Vue picnic supper and glider demonstration in the rarified air. Many delegates were treated to their first glider ride and awards by Irish Air Lines.

They were back at the hotel to enjoy the Convention Ball that evening with Mark Terry's Orchestra providing the entertainment, joined by the Tom Dole Chorus, members of the Dr. Tom Dooley Division, Camillus.

Business sessions were held Friday morning and afternoon, and thanks to a fast-moving and efficiently run operation, nominations were made that day and elections held Saturday Noon.

The most important Resolutions Committee, under the chairmanship of Father O'Callaghan reported Friday and called for a pledge of allegiance to Pope Paul VI and prayers for Christian Unity and for harmony among all religious groups; asserted the loyalty of all Hibernians to this country's constitution; called for the revision of the admission of Red China to the U.N.; called for

Also introduced at the banquet were the recent past State presidents: John R. Kane of Queens County, Timothy J. Driscoll of the Bronx; Atty. Joseph J. Giblin of New York City, and Michael J. Lennon of Schenectady.

Following the banquet, the installation of officers was held.

THOMAS F. COGGINS of Elmira was elected as a State Director. Tom is the charter president of the Msgr. John J. Lee Division.

The other officers installed were: President, Reagen; vice-president William J. Bartlett Jr., Staten Island; secretary, John P. Dunn, Schenectady; treasurer, John J. Thornton, Flushing.

Ladies—President, Mrs. Murphy; vice-president Mrs. Mary Collins, Nassau; secretary, Mrs. Margaret McAllister, Brooklyn; treasurer, Miss Marion Guilfoyle, Rochester; historian, Mrs. Vera Cline, Rochester; chairwomen among all religious groups, asserted the loyalty of all Hibernians to this country's constitution; called for the revision of the admission of Red China to the U.N.; called for

Selma Patient, Age 117 Says She Feels 'Tolable'

WILLIE BANKS, 117-year-old patient at Good Samaritan Hospital, Selma, Alabama, is shown with Sister Eleanor, S.S.J., of Rochester. The former Barbara Lum, Sister is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lum, 233 Flower City Park. A graduate of Sacred Heart School, Nazareth Academy and Nazareth College, Sister Eleanor is completing her fifth year at the hospital where she is Director of Nursing Service.

"I want to be a light for the Good Lord — not one of those blinking lights that goes off and on, but one that shines all the time."

Good Samaritan Hospital in Selma, Alabama, had a very special person as a patient recently. She was Mrs. Willie Banks, who was treated for a fractured left arm. The hospital is operated by the Rochester Sisters of St. Joseph.

Willie Banks, as she is known affectionately to friends in Perry and Dallas counties, is reported to be 117 years old. Verification for her age, according to Mrs. Virginia Rooper, of the Department of Pensions and Security office in Marion, Alabama, came from her date of birth listed on her marriage record.

THIS RECORD shows Willie's date and year of birth as March 6, 1847. It further states that she was married in Perry County on February 24, 1881 to Andrew Banks, a school teacher, by A.W. McKinney, M.G. (Minister of God).

It is easy to understand the excitement that admission of Willie caused among nurses and staff members at Good Samaritan. The tiny little woman is only about 4 1/2 feet tall and weighs less than 80 pounds. Her eyes are clear and bright and she talks with a captivating sense of humor. But the touch of time is beginning to steal the sharpness of her keen mind as in recent years she has become forgetful.

Asked how she feels, Willie smiles, "her eyes wrinkle and she says, 'Oh, I feel tola-ble.'"

Willie's daughter, Mrs. Katie Griffin, with whom she lives in Marion, says her mother never complains about feeling bad.

Born in Dallas County during the days of slavery, Willie was her "mama," Dr. William Kent, Mrs. Griffin recalls that her mother completed the fifth grade and Willie can remember being taught to read and write by Mrs. Kent.

The beloved Negro woman gave birth to six children, cared for a sickly husband the last five years of his life, then spent most of her life nursing the sick and caring for new babies born to white mothers.

Highlight of her life came on her hundredth birthday when she received an orchid from radio star Tom Brennenman who also announced her birthday on his nationwide show.

Making arrangements for the honor was Mrs. N.B. Mason of Marion, a white friend of Willie's for many years.

MRS. MASON remembers that Willie came by her house the following Sunday proudly wearing her orchid to church.

Up until about ten years ago, Willie attended Sunday church services regularly. Her daughter said she was forced to stop going after "breaking her leg" which kept her in Perry County Hospital almost a year. After her return home, dozens of her white friends visited Willie to see how she was recovering from her fall.

Even after she passed her 100th birthday, Willie crocheted and pieced quilts and grew

Sr. Michael Ann Named To Head Selma Hospital

Sister Michael Ann, S.S.J., has been named Administrator of Good Samaritan Hospital, Selma, Alabama, succeeding Sister Louis, Bertrand, S.S.J. The appointment was effective July 2.

Sister Louis Bertrand was administrator of Good Samaritan Hospital for nineteen years. She was also instrumental in the formation of Good Samaritan Hospital School of Practical Nursing.

GOOD SAMARITAN Hospital is owned by the Sisters of St. Joseph and is operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester.

An impressive new four-story 60-bed hospital is expected to be completed in October. The new hospital will have a larger capacity for Pediatrics, Obstetrics, Medicine and Surgery plus increased Emergency and Operating Room facilities.

In addition to the present 50-bed hospital, Sister Michael Ann, S.S.J., has under her direction Good Samaritan Nursing Home, a 26-bed home for crippled and aging and the hospital's school of Practical Nursing.

Sister Michael Ann, the former Margaret Hanly of Convent, is the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Hanly and the late Mr. T.V. Hanly of 120 West 3rd Street, Corning, N.Y. A brother, James Hanly, resides at 403 West Church St., Elmira.

This is the third assignment to Good Samaritan for the new administrator. She was Supervisor and Clinical Instructor in obstetrics, pediatrics and communicable diseases from 1949 to 1953. Sister served as Acting Administrator and Director of the School of Practical Nursing from 1954 to 1955.

Sister Michael Ann is a graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School, Corning, Free Academy and St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Elmira. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, on Sept. 8, 1945, and made her Final Vows July 2, 1951.

In 1948 Sister did advanced work in obstetrics at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, N.Y. She received a B.S. degree from Nazareth College, Rochester, in 1958. In the summer of 1959, Sister Michael Ann did a special study at the St. Joseph's Hospital, N.Y., a skilled psychiatric center for disturbed children from the New York City area.

SHE RECEIVED a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the Catholic University of Washington, D.C. in 1960 on the completion of studies made possible through a U.S. Public Health Mental Health grant. Her dissertation, "Problems Encountered by the Nurse Psychotherapist in Establishing Therapeutic Relationship With Schizophrenic Children," is considered

Final tribute to Dr. Arthur B. O'Brien, widely known Rochester physician was paid at a Solemn Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral by fellow staff physicians of St. Mary's Hospital, nurses, American Legion members, Knights of Columbus, Order of the Alhambra, Monsignor William M. Hart, vicar general and 20 other priests including three from Elmira, were present.

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