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Miss Barbara Flanagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter V. Flanagan of Ingwood Drive, has been appointed Executive Director of Rochester Area Multiple Sclerosis, Inc., a Community Chest Agency serving patients in the Rochester Area. Multiple Sclerosis is a neurological disease.



MISS BARBARA FLANAGAN

Miss Flanagan, a 1958 graduate of Nazareth College has worked as a speech therapist for the Monroe County Board of Cooperative Educational Services. Her most recent position was Director of Patient Services for the New York County Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Manhattan.

Miss Flanagan was active in the Rochester Music Theater and the Blackfriars Guild.

She is a member of the National Rehabilitation Counselors Association and attended the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

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Ladies Slate Prayer Day

The Tenth Annual Day of Recollection of the Southern Tier area Ladies of Charity will take place on Sunday, Feb. 27.

This spiritual exercise is open to any woman, teenager or girl who wishes to attend. Telephone 732-7197 for information, or to send in names for reservations.

Father Bartholomew J. O'Brien will be the Retreat Master. Registration will be at 1:15 p.m. at the Little Flower Chapel at the Dunn Memorial Nurses Residence in Elmira. A Holy Hour from 5-6 p.m. will conclude the afternoon conference.

Cosponsoring the Day of Recollection with the Ladies of Charity are all the Elmira area women.

AOH Sponsors Essay Contest

James F. Larkin (left), Monsignor John J. Lee Division, contest chairman for the New York State Board Ancient Order of Hibernians Essay Contest, Elmira, discusses the competitions with Irish Historian Bart Maloney. Competition No. 1 subject for students attending parochial, private or public elementary schools is "Ireland's Contribution to American Independence." No. 2 subject for all students attending high schools or academies is "An Irish Felon—Thomas Clarke." No. 3 subject for all students attending colleges and universities and friends of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is "The Story of Ireland's Progress Since She Won Her Independence."

In addition to state prizes, the first and second place winners in competitions No. 1 and No. 2 will also receive prizes from the Division.

Essays must be in prior to March 1.

John Reisdorf Marks 96 Years

Auburn — John Reisdorf of 247 1/2 Seymour St., celebrated his 96th birthday on Sunday, Jan. 23, and "it was a day I'll remember if I live to be a hundred," he remarked to the scores of relatives and friends who called on him to wish him happy birthday.

Despite the stormy weather, two carloads of nuns came from Geneva and another group from St. Aloysius and St. Alphonsus parish in Auburn.

Sister Rose Irene of Geneva and Sister Frances Raphael of Rochester are daughters of Mr. Reisdorf.

Mr. Reisdorf walks to the library and reads books and magazines every day. He has lived in his Seymour Street home for more than 50 years. He retired 36 years ago from the International Harvester Company.

Fraternal Units Plan Meeting

Auburn — The second in a series of "get-togethers" has been arranged by the Fraternal Fellowship Group, composed of the Elks, Masons and Knights of Columbus.

The inter-Fraternal party will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Elks Home with Henry Stack, chairman.

A social hour will open the party and will be followed by a buffet dinner at 4 p.m. There will also be special entertainment. The affair is open to the members of the three organizations.

Catholic Book Week
"Bridges of International Understanding" is the theme for national observance of Catholic Book Week, Feb. 20-26, 1966, sponsored by the Catholic Library Association.

Ithaca Youth In Unity Quest

Ithaca—More than 200 high school students representing fifteen churches in the Ithaca area gathered at the Immaculate Conception School last Sunday for a conference on Christian Unity. Also attending were some thirty ministers and lay workers.

Four students of different denominations led the worship service, which opened the three hour conference. The scripture service consisted of hymns, scripture readings followed by brief homilies, and prayers.

Participants then divided into eighteen discussion groups, each group representing several churches. They explored the possibilities for unity by discussing the beliefs Christians hold in common, the need for greater unity, and the opportunities for furthering unity.

After a spaghetti dinner, prepared by ladies of Immaculate Conception parish, and folk singing, the students viewed the movie "The Hat" and discussed it. The film indicates not only the lines which divide men, but also the unity that binds him together despite himself. A final Scripture reading and a hymn ended the day.

HIGHLIGHTS of the conference were many. Two hundred voices joining in song to praise God and to thank Him for the ecumenical movement; asking forgiveness for all the sins against unity, and finally petitioning the Father for greater unity.

Conclusions drawn from the discussions were (1) the need for more ecumenical meetings, possibly once a month, to better understand other faiths, and to realize the common beliefs shared by all, and (2) a fuller knowledge of one's own faith.

This first ecumenical conference for the high school students of this area must be termed a success as it ended on a note of hope—as one young

man put it, "It seems we are in agreement on most of the major points, the important things. Surely in time we can reach agreement on the points that seem smaller by comparison."

This was the first official use of the new auditorium at the Immaculate Conception School.

and it seems most fitting to have the addition "christened" by two hundred teen-agers working together to discover a way to serve God and fulfill His own wish: "that all may be one."

The planning committee for the Christian Unity meeting included the following:

Fathers John M. Mulligan and William E. Graf of Immaculate Conception Church; Rev. Robert M. Brusio of the Lutheran Church; Rev. Warren E. Covell of St. Paul's Methodist Church; and Rev. Michael H. Wilson of St. John's Church (Episcopal).

—by Margaret Steele



CHRISTIAN CONCERN for unity is reflected in the intent faces of Ithaca's youth in one of the 18 individual discussion groups at the Christian Unity meeting.



JOHN GILLMEISTER of the Lutheran Church is shown leading the audience of more than 200 Ithaca high-school students in prayer for unity.

'Facts of Life' Are Parents' Job

Hornell — Sex instruction, the birth control pill and who should be "boss" were among the subjects discussed by Father Joseph F. Cantillon, S.J., at a Cans' Conference last Sunday in St. Ann's school hall.

The conference, attended by 50 couples, was the first in a series to be sponsored by the Christian Family Movement of St. Ann's.

Father Cantillon, who directed Sunday's sessions, is a member of the sociology department of Canisius College, Buffalo.

Regarding the question of who should exert greater authority, Father Cantillon said that the "Christian family in which the husband and wife make decisions together on their knees."

He deplored the tendency of parents to shelve the obligation to tell their children the "beautiful facts of life." He said:

"Less than 20 per cent of all American children learn the facts of life from their parents. It's your job, and don't let anyone take it from you."

Supper donation: Adults, \$1.50; children under 12, 75 cents; pre-schoolers, free. No reservations necessary.

A large selection of spring hats, no two alike, all priced at \$2.95 will be featured.

Anniversary In Horseheads

A parish mission will mark the 100th anniversary of St. Mary Our Mother Church, Horseheads, opening on Sunday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. The week-long mission will close Saturday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m.

The mission will be conducted by Father Charles F. X. Dolan, S.J. Father Dolan is stationed at St. Peter's College, Jersey City, N.J.

Fourth Degree Dinner On Washington's Day

Geneva—Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree of Geneva, Newark, and Canandaigua, will hold their annual Washington Day dinner at the Town Pump Restaurant.

Announcement of the event was made by the Faithful Navigator John A. Murray of the Geneva Assembly. George F. Gleason is general chairman.

John F. Gleason is arranging for a speaker, Thomas J. Gallagher, head of the ticket committee.

"Start when a child starts to ask questions. When your youngster asks where babies come from, don't put him off with some vague pleasantry. Just say four simple words, 'from their mothers' bodies.'"

"Always bring God into the picture."

"Remember that children never are embarrassed by sex questions, so don't pass on your emotions and discomfort to them."

"With this information it's better to be a year too soon than an hour too late."

An informal question and answer period followed three conferences by Father Cantillon. Members of the Christian Family Movement were hosts at the conference. The conference closed with the renewal of the marriage vows.

MAKES DEAN'S LIST

Nanette A. Kingsbury of St. Augustine parish has made the Dean's List for the second semester at Rosary Hill College in Buffalo, Miss Kingsbury, a sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kingsbury, 105 Hobart St. in Rochester.

Boy Scouts Set Breakfast

Bath—Fathers of Boy Scouts and adult leaders of Pack and Troop 59 will mark Boy Scout Sunday on Feb. 13 by attending 8:30 Mass at St. Mary's Church, followed by breakfast in the parish hall.

The Steuben Council Catholic Committee on Scouting is under the chairmanship of Michael L. Aiello of Corning. Bath area chairmen are Sebastian Cannarella and Dr. Michael Mangano. Committee members include Richard O. Deegan and James M. Fagan.

Arrangements for the breakfast program were made by Robert M. Roche, president of St. Mary's Men's Club, and Anthony J. Delio, Members of Our Lady's Sodality will serve.

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