

Episcopal Cleric, Author At Elmira Pentecost Rite

Rev. William A. Norgren, executive director of the Department of Faith and Order of the National Council of Churches, will be principal speaker at an Ecumenical Assembly to be held at the Campus Center of Elmira College Sunday, May 14, at 7:45 p.m. Catholic and Protestant clergy and laymen as well as an ecumenical choir will take part in the Pentecost evening worship service.

Father Norgren, a priest of the Episcopal Church, was an advisor to the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, India in 1961 and was an official observer at the Second Vatican Council. He is co-author of the popular book "Living Room Dialogues."

Father Joseph M. Egan, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, and Rev. Gordon Mattice, pastor of the Lake Street Presbyterian Church, will conduct the service. Sunday's ecumenical service is part of a program of the newly formed Elmira area Inter-Faith Relations Committee.

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Ithaca — A Council, made up primarily of laymen, has been formed to assist in directing and coordinating all activities of Immaculate Conception Parish. Formation of the Parish Council was announced this week by Father John S. Maloney, pastor of Immaculate Conception, which is the largest Catholic parish in Tompkins County.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Dorothy A. Zemaitis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Zemaitis, North Lane Dr., and Ensign George F. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Williams, Winona

Ithaca Parish Forms Council

addition to three members of the religious community.

"Formation of the Council is the result of more than a year of study and planning by lay and religious members of our parish," Father Maloney said. "In keeping with the spirit of Vatican II, we sought to develop an organization that will lead to much greater involvement of laymen in all aspects of parish affairs and programs. The

Council will assist members of the parish in fulfilling their roles as Christians in the religious formation of the parish."

Father Maloney, the principal of Immaculate Conception School, Sister Clare Francis, and Sister Joseph Marie, Superior of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, who direct a religious education program for young Catholics in the Ithaca area.

The 15 lay members of the Council include: the president, vice president, secretary and the chairmen and vice chairmen of six Council divisions intended to direct and coordinate the basic functions of the parish.

The three religious members of the Council are the pastor, De Wysocki (333 Snyder Hill

Rd.) and secretary Mrs. Jane Reed (116 W. Clinton).

The Council's six Divisions are: Family; Parochial School; Religious Education; Parish and Community—Public Relations; Business and Administration.

Father Maloney said present officers of the Council will serve on an interim basis during the initial phase of Council operations and parish-wide election of officers will be held next year. Chairmen and vice chairmen of the Divisions will direct the southwest cluster. A Protestant minister for this area is yet to be named.

Seminaries

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Beginning in the Fall the program will expand to include two additional parish "clusters." Rev. James A. Rice, community minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Genesee Valley, and Father John D. Dillon, curate of St. Boniface Church, will lead the southeast cluster, and Father Robert G. Kreckel, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, will direct the southwest cluster. A Protestant minister for this area is yet to be named.

The STIR project will be launched against a background of strong ecumenical programs already in operation in several sections of the city.

An outstanding example is the cooperative ministry in the Edgerton Area which is part of the northwest parish cluster.

Christ Presbyterian, Lake Avenue Baptist, St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's have pioneered an ecumenical approach to neighborhood needs for the past few years — linking their clergy and lay people in efforts to reach youngsters who have little or no church affiliation.

A coffee-house called "The Place" is operated at Christ Presbyterian Church on Locust St. Thursday and Saturday evenings for teenagers. Dr. Nelson estimates, "We get 30 or 40 a night and over a few months time we reach as many as 200. Youngsters of junior high school age have a program at St. Patrick's Church Saturday evenings and at Christ Presbyterian on Friday evenings.

No direct religious "sales pitch" is made to these youngsters. Dr. Nelson explained, "If we did, it'd be the last time we'd see them."

Young adults of the Edgerton Area churches are "on hand" for the teenage and pre-teen evening program and also relate to the youth beyond the four walls of the church in "street ministry."

A combined religious instruction program called NIP (Neighborhood Inter-Church Program) was inaugurated last summer with a daily attendance of 200 children. This summer, pastors expect a total of 300. Classes were held last summer at Lake Avenue Baptist Church. This summer, added classes will be held at St. Patrick's and Christ Presbyterian Churches.

Seminarians from St. Bernard's and Colgate Rochester have also been meeting Sunday evenings with 50 Catholic and Protestant youngsters of high school age for biblical study. Lake Avenue Baptist Church has youngsters with aid to NIP program with children this summer.

Details of the STIR project



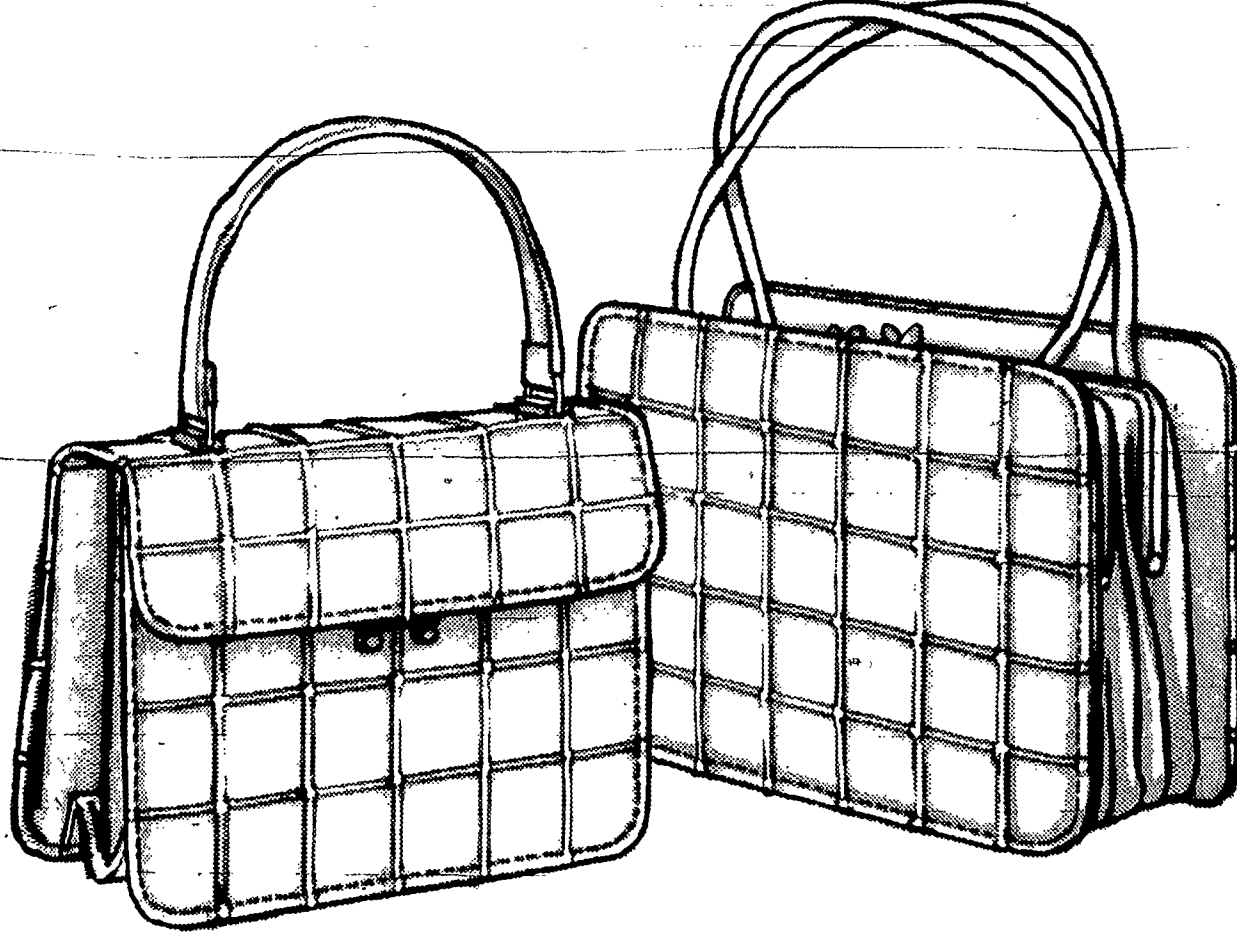
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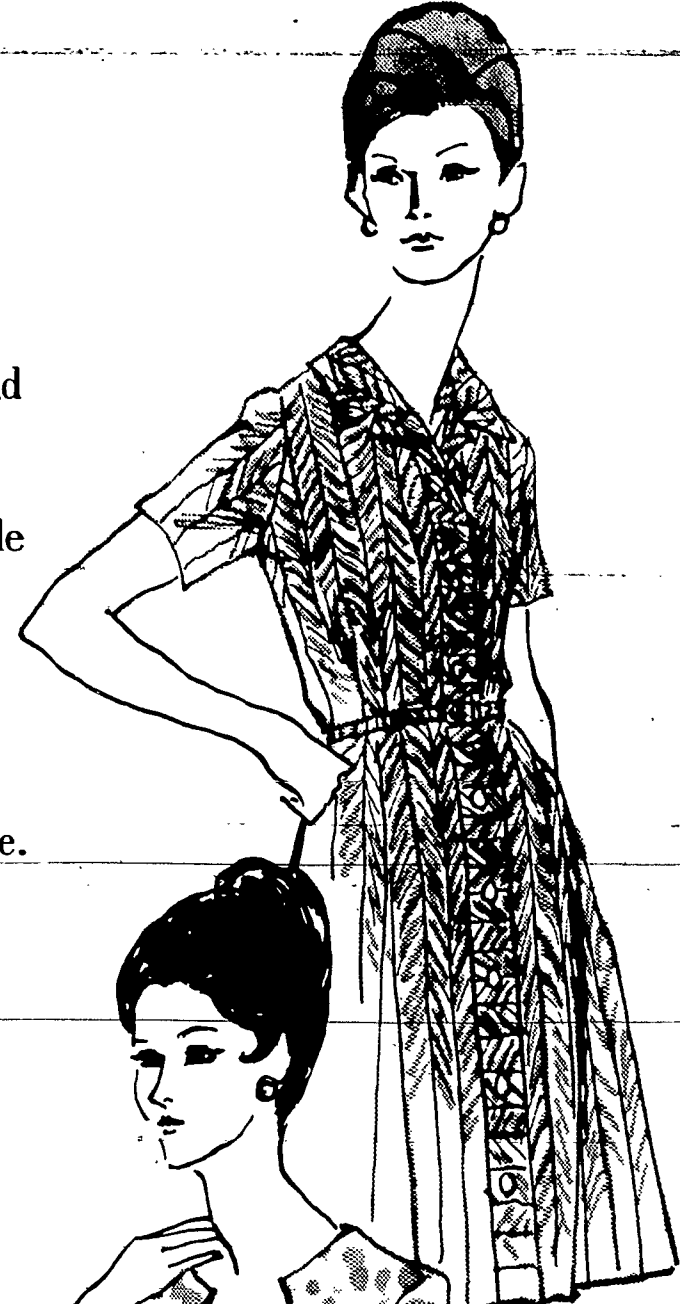
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