



Graduates pose with Bishop Hickey after ceremonies last Sunday: Christine Haynes, Hornell; Sharon Ferraro, Elmira; Miss Patricia Buckpitt, Canisteo; Miss Sharyn Burns, Corning.

Hornell Hospital Graduates 19

Hornell — Bishop Dennis W. Hickey presented diplomas to 19 students of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing at commencement exercises, Sunday, June 9 at St. Ann's Church, Hornell.

In his address, Bishop Hickey thanked the new nurses for "Your perseverance which is a tribute to your fellow man whom you have chosen to serve. In this world of violence today, it is wonderful that you have chosen to work for the preservation and care of life."

Four members of the School of Nursing Class received awards for scholastic excellence:

Miss Sharyn Burns of Corning received the Sister Mary Aid award, given by the hospital, as the nurse, who in the opinion of the faculty qualifies as the "best all-around nurse."

The Women's Board award for the highest scholastic average was received by Miss

Nursing Conference At Hornell Hospital

Hornell — Health personnel concerned with rehabilitation will hear Sister Regina Welch, C.S.J., R.N., clinical nursing specialist, rehabilitation, of St. Mary's Hospital, Tucson, Ariz., lecture at a "Rehabilitation in Nursing" conference scheduled at St. James Mercy Hospital, June 14 and 15.

The daylong programs will commence Friday and Saturday at 9 a.m. Luncheons will be served in the hospital cafeteria at 1 p.m., and following adjournment at 4:30 p.m., tours of the new hospital unit and rehabilitation unit are planned.

Interfaith Services

Elmira — The Senior Baccalaureate Service for graduates of Horseheads High School will be held June 21 in St. Mary Our Mother Church at 7:30 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Horseheads-Big Flats Ecumenical Council. Church services are to be conducted by an interfaith committee.

Dr. Baird W. Whitlock, professor at Elmira College, will be speaker. Dr. Whitlock, a Ph.D. from Edinburgh, is the director of liberal studies program at the college.

Members of the Council include 11 Protestant and Catholic clergymen of the area.

Ecumenical Memorial Services

Hornell — Clergymen of five Protestant denominations joined with priests from Hornell and the area at a memorial Mass for Senator Robert F. Kennedy Saturday, June 8.

Father James C. Lane, pastor of St. Ann's here, celebrated the Mass at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary were Father Paul J. Cuddy, chaplain of St. James Mercy Hospital, who gave the homily; Father Joseph P. Haffey, pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Church; Father Vincent P. Collins, pastor of St. Joachim's in Canisteo and St. Mary's in Rexville; and Fathers Thomas Kane and Gerald T. Connors of St. Ann's.

The Rev. Denton Durland, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, read the Gospel for the Mass and Dr. Richard Hasler, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, the Epistle.

Other ministers in the sanctuary were the Rev. Samuel Pehl, pastor of First Baptist Church; the Rev. Stewart Brady, pastor of Glad Tidings Episcopal Church; and the Rev. Earl Burdick, assistant pastor of Park Methodist Church.



Rev. Emile Sharanevych, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Auburn blessed the newly erected cross on the convent Sunday, a gift of a parishioner, Mrs. Katherin Bolak. Members of various church organizations held ribbons that were tied to the cross during the ceremony.

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Msgr. Schwab has served many years as chaplain of Elmira Council and Faithful Friar of Elmira Assembly of the Fourth Degree.

Bishop John McCafferty, auxiliary bishop of Rochester, will be the principal speaker at the dinner.

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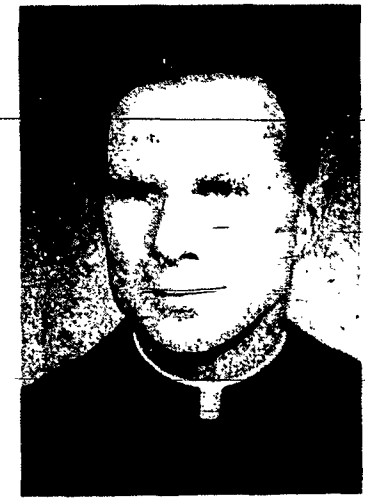
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Father C. David Scanlin, O.M.I., formerly of Elmira, was awarded a Doctors Degree in Philosophy, at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., recently. Father Scanlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Scanlin, 313 Woodlawn Ave., Elmira, attended St. Patrick's School, and Elmira Catholic High School.

Money Woes May Disband Student Unit

Washington—(NC)—After 31 years of operation the National Federation of Catholic College Students now is in dire financial difficulties and may disband.

Msgr. Thomas J. Leonard, director, Youth Department, U.S. Catholic Conference, confirmed the dismal NFCCS situation, but said "it is too early now to state whether the organization will be disbanded." He said a definite decision will be made before August.

The NFCCS, the Newman Student Federation, which disbanded a year ago, and the flourishing National Catholic Youth Organization Federation made up the National Council of Catholic Youth under the banner of the USCC Youth Department.

Once active in more than 150 Catholic colleges and universities, the NFCCS fostered Catholic action work among students. Since the early 1960s, interest in NFCCS has waned as students chose to identify themselves with other student government organizations.

Nailing Down A Mission Job

New York—(CPF)—If he had a hammer, the Rev. Richard J. Becker, S.J., could build a school, thanks to one of the most unusual training courses ever taken by a Catholic missionary.

The 33-year-old Jesuit, who returned June 1 to a mission assignment in the Caroline Islands where he will be in charge of a vocational trades school, spent the past year learning the tools of the house-building trade—by using them.

High point of the year was what Father Becker calls his "thirty days' hard labor," when he hired himself out as a \$2.50-an-hour carpenter and helped put up about 15 new houses in West Roxbury, Mass., just outside Boston.

Staying at a Jesuit house in Boston — from which other young priests would each day go to classes at Harvard or M.I.T. — Father Becker would show up at the construction site every morning at 7, with overalls and lunch pail, and go to work on the \$20,000-\$25,000 Cape Cod, Split-levels, Ranches and Colonials.

Once the other builders knew his real purpose—to learn the building business from the ground-floor up in order to teach it in the Caroline Islands—they taught him as much as they could.

In addition to the one-month on-the-job training in West Roxbury, Father Becker took construction-technology courses at New York State University and at Manhattan College, where the curriculum included architectural drafting and design, structural drawing and design, surveying, blueprint reading, estimating building costs, concrete mixing and special lab sessions on how to test the strength of steel and one on soil mechanics.

"I got soil samples sent to me from the Carolines and I'd lab test them to determine how strong a foundation the soil could provide," he explained. Father Becker's interest in

the construction trade began eight years ago when, while still a scholastic, he was assigned to teach Latin at Xavier High School on the Caroline island of Truk.

"One of the students was older than I was, a bright fellow with no interest in Virgil but with considerable talent as a general handyman," Fr. Becker recalled. "I couldn't help but feel that this young man, and others like him, would be better off in a good trade school."

"Whether they ever live in the houses we teach them to build is not the primary consideration," he added. "It's giving them something to be proud of, a sense of dignity."
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