

## Carmelite Monastery Readies Fund Drive

Waverly—Plans to seek funds in the Southern Tier to reduce the \$280,000 debt on the Carmelite Fathers Monastery here were announced Sunday.

Major activity planned at this time will be a two-day fair July 17-18. A committee of 18 men and women from parishes in the Valley area made the decision at a second meeting Sunday, Dec. 13, in the Epiphany School at Sayre, Pa. Another meeting is slated Jan. 10.

The monastery was erected nine years ago on Our Lady's Hill, a 93-acre site off Route 17 overlooking the Chemung River, at a cost of nearly \$1 million. The property was donated to the Discalced Fathers of Immaculate Heart of Mary Province by Edwin and William O'Brien, brothers of Father Bartholomew O'Brien, now pastor of St. Mary Our Mother Church, Horseheads.

The province, which governs several monasteries in northern United States, has previously provided for repayment of the local monastery building cost. This has now been delegated to the monastery here.

Father Cyril Guise, OCD., monastery superior, and Father James Hushek outlined the financial problem to various parish representatives.

## Baptists Plan Dance Program At St. Michael's

The first Baptist Church of Rochester, Allen Creek Rd., will present an ecumenical Vesper Service in St. Michael's Church, Clinton Ave. North, on Sunday, Dec. 20, as a Christmas gift to the parish.

Feature of the vesper program will be a dance drama entitled "The Joyful Mysteries", presented by Baptist Church members. About 50 dancers, singers and musicians will be involved.

Readings will be done by Dr. John Skoglund of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and Rev. Maurice Bettison, pastor of First Baptist.

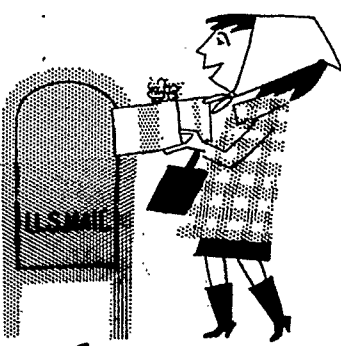
Father Benedict A. Ehmann, pastor of St. Michael's invites the general public to share this unique seasonal presentation.

## Victor Choirs To Sing Oratorio

Handel's "Messiah" will be sung in St. Patrick's Church, Victor, on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 20, at 4 p.m.

Leola L. Wilson will direct the choir of more than 50 voices from the host church, St. John's Lutheran church, the Victor Presbyterian and Methodist churches.

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## Jewish Woman Active in CFM

This year a Jewish woman is chairing the efforts of a Christian Family Movement unit. The lady is Mrs. Charles O'Jeen, and the CFM project she most recently headed was a Christmas party for senior citizens in the Gates-Chili area.

According to Mrs. O'Jeen, the CFM of Holy Ghost Church, on Coldwater Road, recently sponsored a donut sale and the proceeds went to regaling 150 senior citizens last Sunday in the church hall. The party included a buffet, choir music, and games.

Mrs. O'Jeen, whose husband is a parishioner at Holy Ghost, said she attended CFM meetings and was very impressed with the social action of the group.

She also was influenced by Father Bernard Dollen, assistant pastor of the parish and CFM chaplain. "After I went to the meetings, I got talked into it," she said.

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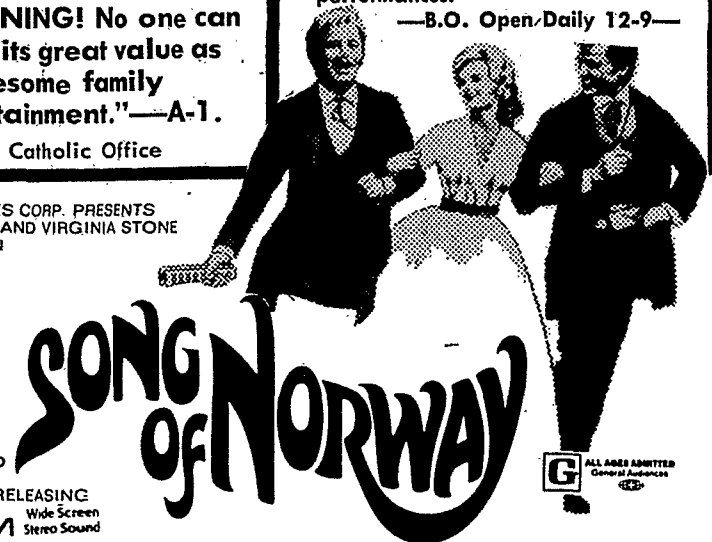
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