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Flag Essay Winners

Elmira — Three girls from Catholic schools swept the prizes in an essay contest on the flag sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Monetary awards and flag pins were presented to Kathleen Sheehan, St. Patrick's, first place; Kathy Drake, St. Mary Our Mother, second place; and Mary Klugo, St. Casimir's, third place.

City Proclaims Msgr. Eckl Day

The Rochester City Council has passed a resolution honoring Msgr. George W. Eckl who will celebrate his 70th anniversary in the priesthood on June 6.

Mayor Stephen May has proclaimed the date as Msgr. Eckl Day in the city.

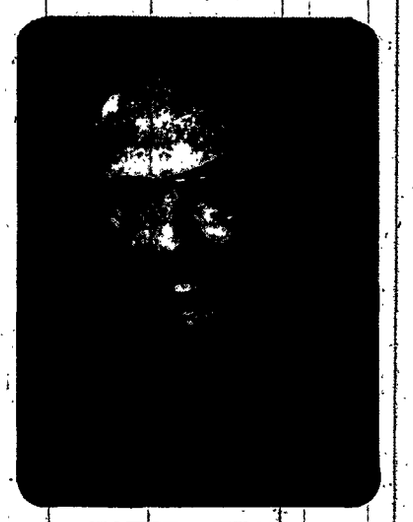
The oldest priest in the diocese and the oldest alumnus of St. Bernard's Seminary, Msgr. Eckl was praised by the council for his accomplishments.

The resolution was introduced by Councilman Urban Kress and says:

"Through seven decades as a vicar of Christ he has been known as a house-going priest whose activities resulted in a church-going people.

"He has exemplified in his life and stewardship all those attributes of a true follower of Christ . . . and in retirement continues to be one of the most active priests in the diocese."

The council went on record "in heart-felt gratitude" to Msgr. Eckl.



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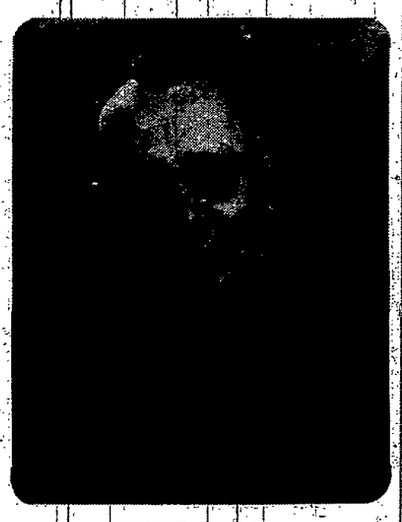

MSGR. VOGT

4 Priests to Note 40th Jubilees

Four priests of the Rochester Diocese will reach the 40th anniversary of their ordination June 6.

Msgr. John S. Randall, Msgr. Joseph E. Vogt, and Fathers John J. Healy and Ralph F. Neagle were in the class of 1931 at St. Bernard's Seminary. The 37 men graduated that year included eight ordained for the Diocese of Rochester by the late Bishop John Francis O'Hern.

Two of the 40-year men are pastors in the diocese — Msgr. Vogt at Holy Redeemer, Rochester, and Father Healey at St. Ann's, Palmyra.

Msgr. Randall, who retired last January, is with the New York City office of the Catholic Near East Missions.

Father Neagle is a hospital chaplain with the Veterans Administration at Oteen, N.C.

Msgr. Randall, who was managing editor of the Courier-Journal for 28 years, recently was cited by the Catholic Pres Association for his 20 years' work on the directory it publishes. He was president of the association for two terms, 1965-1968.

From 1938 until 1952, he was diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith, and for the next 14 years he served as pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester. Meanwhile, he had taken on the Courier post in 1942.

In addition to his other duties, he was the organizer and director of many diocesan-wide fund drives that took place over three decades. His early assignments were to St. Patrick's Cathedral, then to Holy Family, Auburn, as assistant pastor. He also served as chaplain to the Carmelite Sisters in Pittsford, from 1938-'71.

Msgr. Vogt, who had served with diocesan Catholic Charities and then as chaplain at the state school at Industry, was appointed in 1955 to the pastorate of his home church, Holy Redeemer.

As social action director for the charities office, 1937-1944, he had charge of youth work in the diocese, including what is now the Catholic Youth Organization and Camp Stella Maris. He also taught extension courses for Niagara University and Nazareth College. His first assignment was as assistant pator at St. Boniface.

Father Healy has been engaged in parish work except for eight years as chaplain at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell, 1943-1951. He served at St. Francis de Sales, Geneva; Holy Family, Auburn, and Holy Family, Rochester, before being appointed in 1957 to the Palmyra parish.

Father Neagle has been a chaplain in government service for nearly 30 years. He entered the Army Chaplain Corps in 1942, was discharged as a major in 1946, and became chaplain at the VA facility in Bath.

He was transferred to his present North Carolina post in 1952.

His wartime service was at base hospitals on Guadalcanal and Okinawa. Earlier, he had been assistant pastor at Ss. Peter and Paul and St. Bridget's, Rochester; St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, and St. Cecelia, Elmira.

Irondequoit Schools To Reopen Early

Pupils at four Catholic area schools will head back to classes next fall after a summer even more abreviated than usual. The following spring, however, they will get out earlier than this year.

The Irondequoit Association of Catholic School Administrators has prepared a calendar for next school year which begins Sept. 1, ahead of the accustomed post Labor Day openings. Schools involved in the early opening are Christ the King, St. Josaphat's, St. Margaret Mary and St. Thomas the Apostle.

The experimental calendar aims at alleviating the common scholarly lassitude which besets pupils late in the school year, commonly known as "spring fever." The present closing date of June 14 means that the buildings get too hot for studying, says Sister Stephania of St. Margaret Mary's School.

Late closings also interfere with the educational plans of teachers at the schools involved, because most summer school programs begin before classes are finished.

The new calendar is being distributed this week to the parents of students involved.

Film Festival Slated in Ithaca

Ithaca Film Schedule

July 7 (8) — "A Place in the Sun"
"Para 1000"
"Problem"
"Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?"

July 14 (15) — "The Hole"
"Time Out of War"
"The Hat"

July 21 (22) — "Moods of Surfing"
"Why Do You Smile, Mona Lisa"
"The General"

July 28 (29) — "The Seekers"
"No Reason to Stay"

Aug. 4 (5) — "Thursday Children"
"The World of Three"

Aug. 11 (12) — "Day after Day"
"Unswerving Arrow"

Aug. 18 (19) — "The Hangman"
"No Man Is an Island"
"Two Men and a Wardrobe"

Aug. 25 (26) — "No Hiding Place"
"A"

(Date in parentheses is rain date)

Ithaca — The Interdenominational Religious Education Workers have planned a Summer Outdoor Film Festival open to all age groups in Dewitt Park here on consecutive Wednesday nights beginning July 7 and continuing through Aug. 25.

Two, three, or four short films, with a total time of about one hour, will be shown at each session. Discussions will follow the films.

The festival has been organized by Mike Stanley of St. Catherine of Siena Church and Rev. Joe Leonard of the First Baptist Church and is being sponsored by ACT (Area Congregations Together).

Other area churches and their educators who taking part are Sister Nancy McGowan and Father David Gramkee of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, JoAnn Gilmour and Frank Sadowski of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Sandy Scherer of the First Congregational Church, Rev. Ted Jones of St. John's Episcopal Church, and Rev. Jack Thomas of the Presbyterian Church. All are members of the newly-formed Interdenominational Religious Education Workers, an organization that developed from the Ministers Association of Tompkins County.

The educators believe that their youth groups might better

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Scouting Awards Made To St. James Cadettes

Father Robert Winterkorn, Diocesan Scout Chaplain, recently presented the Marian Award, the highest achievement for Catholic Girl Scouts, to Scouts of Cadette Troops of St. James Parish, #958 and #499.

Mrs. Robert Gleichauf served as advisor for the following girls: Laura Logar, Kyle Schakow, Paula Schmidt, Sue Walsh, Terry White, Lisa Yockel, Ann Gleichauf, Toni Rotondo, Lorriane Szatko and Lisa Valle.

Father Winterkorn also presented the Regina Coeli Award to Junior Scouts of Troop #597 whose advisor was Mrs. Frank Wohlganger.

The Ave Maria Award was presented to the Brownies of Troop #596. Adviser for this award was Mrs. Joseph Zanche.

Mrs. Arthur Rogers received the St. Anne Award in appreciation for her dedication and active service in working with the Girl Scout Troops at St. James Parish.

At the same time, The First Class Award, the highest Scouting award attainable in Girl Scouts was presented to Denise Schakow, Karen Smith, Mary Pat Seibert, Lori Roessel, Marikay Norris, Jeannette Savine, and Barbara Moreland of Cadette Troop #598 whose leader is Mrs. George Schakow.

Scouts of Junior Troop #597 led by Mrs. Gerald Skerrett received the Sign of the Star and the Sign of the Arrow.

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