

HORNELL NEWS

St. Ann's Busy Band

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Hornell Correspondent

Hornell — The sparkling green and white uniforms of the St. Ann's School Band are familiar to parade-goers in the Southern Tier. Sixty-two children comprise the band, color guard and majorettes. They range from grade 2 to 8.

Mrs. Nathan Hardy of Almond is music instructor and Raymond Rahmlow, Hornell, is field director. The band was originally formed under the direction of Sister Raymond Joseph in 1959.

Fund raising projects, usually directed by parents, help defray the expenses of the band. Rahmlow, who has directed the marching band for about nine years with no salary says, "Only through the efforts of the parents can the band do what it is able to do."

Mrs. Hardy, who selects the music, tries to stick with traditional marching numbers but also selects some current popular number.

During the summer, parades are frequent, and the young-

sters march almost weekly. "Being in the band is good for them," Rahmlow said, citing self-confidence, responsibility, punctuality and neatness as results of being a member.

Each child purchases his own uniform. Most instruments also belong to the youngsters, although the band does own some instruments, especially drums.

Officers are: president: Bernard Casamento; secretary: Olga Kinsman; treasurer: Theresa Bigger. Mrs. George (Pat) Prete instructs the Majorettes.

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Fr. Falcone and the 'Modern Beatitudes'

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Ithaca — Father Sebastian Falcone, professor of Scripture at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, recently delivered a lecture at St. Catherine of Siena Church entitled "The Beatitudes — Commitment to Radical Christianity."

Father Falcone's thesis is that the beatitudes offer men a "ceiling ethic," an essentially open-ended opportunity for commitment to Christian life. Unlike the Ten Commandments which express a basic, barebones "threshold morality" in negative terms, he says the beatitudes provide a more positive formula for Christian living. Beyond that, however, they leave to each individual the decision of how far his personal commitment will carry him in search of the promise offered by each beatitude.

Much of the trouble in understanding the beatitudes, Father Falcone indicated, comes from two sources. The first of these is attempting to interpret their words in terms of modern life in a literal way.

For instance, the reference to the "pure of heart" in the beatitudes tends to carry modern overtones relating it to the sixth and ninth commandments and notions of sexual purity. In fact, such an interpretation mistakenly displaces the Biblical idea of the non-hypocritical purity or honesty of heart as was found lacking in the Pharisees whose private activities often belied their pietistical public actions. The less difficult second problem is one of translation. The accustomed first word "Blessed," states Father Sebastian, should actually be understood as "Oh the bliss of" or "Congratulations upon."

Remedying these misunderstandings that have crept into the beatitudes yields a more recognizable and understandable guide to modern living, he said. Father Falcone's beatitudes may be paraphrased thus:

Oh the bliss of those who remain faithful in spite of oppression and depression as the Israelites did, for they shall inherit the blessings of God's kingdom.

Oh the bliss of those who are meek in recognizing their dependence on God, for they shall inherit His gifts.

Oh the bliss of those who

mourn their realistic self-assessment of their unresponsiveness to God's calling, for they shall have His comfort.

Oh the bliss of those who strive for ethical excellence, for they shall experience human moral fulfillment.

Oh the bliss of those who show the mercy of a mother's love for her child, for they obtain such mercy.

Oh the bliss of those who are not hypocritical in their relations with others, for they shall experience God.

Oh the bliss of those who bring peace, fulfillment, and prosperity to others, for they shall be called sons of God.

Oh the bliss of those who accept the trials of these Christian challenges, for theirs shall be the blessings of God's kingdom.

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Hornell Area Notes

Perkinsville — On Sunday, June 13, parish men will sponsor a Communion Breakfast for Mothers and Daughters. Tickets can be purchased at Project REACH from John V. Malter and from Robert Didas at his home.

Wayland — Winners of the student poster contest conducted in St. Joseph's School in connection with the annual Summer Festival July 16-17 have been announced.

They are Cathy Wise, first prize; Susan McLaughlin, second; and John Kuhn and Luke Lorenzo, third.

Fr. Vogt on Radio

Hornell — The Canisteo Council of Churches presents a daily program of inspiration and "words to live by" narration. The five participants select their own music and message. Their program is broadcast twice a day at 6:50 a.m. and 12:50 p.m., Monday through Friday on Radio Station WLEA

Ithaca Area Notes

Ithaca — The parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish in Ithaca recently selected new members at large on the Parish Council. Elected were Madelyn Mahoney, Nan True, Frank Spadaro, David Sprague, and Joan Loehr.

Ithaca — St. Catherine of Siena Parish will hold pre-registration for the fall Religious Education Program Sunday, June 13. Registration forms may be deposited in designated boxes at the church entrances on that date.

here. The five participants are: Father Otto J. Vogt, St. Joachim's Church; the Rev. Frederick M. Carlsen, 1st United Methodist Church; the Rev. David Owen, 1st Baptist Church; the Rev. Gerald F. Wright, Wesleyan Church and the Rev. Robert Clingen, United Presbyterian Church.



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