

New School Comptroller

'Catholic Education a Necessity'

"You have to believe in this consolidation. Everyone must be 100 per cent committed to the idea that it will work."

That's the feeling of Arnold Bentley, the newly named research comptroller for the Chemung County Catholic Consolidated School System.

Bentley, who officially takes over his duties as comptroller of the new school system tomorrow, has been working on his own since June 1 to make sure everything is functioning smoothly when school begins in the Fall.

The new comptroller is responsible for the financial affairs of five elementary and one junior high school included in the new consolidation plan.

Asked why he decided to seek the comptroller's position with the consolidated school system Bentley said, "I believe that a Catholic education is a necessity in these times. It's a challenge

and an honor to work with these people who back this plan."

In addition to handling all the financial transactions of the six schools Bentley said "special emphasis is being placed on cost reduction and cost control."

"I'm like a business manager. I make recommendations to the Catholic School Board on any matters dealing with the financial situation," Bentley said.

One major obstacle which Bentley is overcoming in his new position is that of setting a budget for the Catholic consolidated schools in Chemung County.

"I have to set a budget. Its never been done before and this is something you have to really work out," the more-than-10-year-employee of Corning Glass Works said.

Bentley was a plant accountant while working at the glass

works firm in Corning.

A member of the Elmira chapter of the National Association of Accountants, Bentley also is involved in church work at his parish, St. Mary's Southside.

Prior to moving into St. Mary's parish he was a member of St. John the Baptist Church, also in Elmira. He was a lay leader at St. John's and was president of the Holy Name Society of that parish.

Summing up his role in the new Catholic school consolidation program Bentley said, "I feel that besides this position being one of great challenge and opportunity, it is something I can do for Catholic education.

"Something which is so vitally needed and something that I can put my talents to work so that hopefully in a year we can make a success of this consolidation.

Picnic Planned In Owego

Owego—St. Patrick's Church here will hold its annual Parish Family Picnic on July 11 at Skyline Park from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Members of the Holy Name Society, Rosary and Altar Society, Catholic Daughters of America and CFM will be assisting the parish priests in making arrangements for the picnic.

Families are requested to bring their own lunch and table service.

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Horizon House Opens

Elmira—New Horizon House for senior citizens became a reality last week here when the doors of the new center opened.

A major role in renovating the former St. Patrick's Church convent was played by the Chemung County Ladies of Charity.

At College Avenue and Clinton Street in downtown Elmira the New Horizon House occupies the first floor of the former convent.

Mrs. Gerry Emerson, director of the new facility, said plans call for a complete recreational program dependent upon the wishes of the persons visiting the senior citizens center.

An additional facet of the New Horizon House is an informational program, which will be started shortly, Mrs. Emerson said.

Persons visiting the facility will be provided information on social security, medicare and legal questions.

Harry Seeback, chairman of the Board of Directors of the New Horizon House, said the name for the center was chosen because "it means a new beginning, a new start, a new chapter in life."

Seeback pointed out that anyone, regardless of race or religion, is invited to visit the New Horizon House.

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Elmira — Bishop Joseph L. Hogan is greeted by Rev. C. Irving Sullivan outside the Dominican Monastery here. Bishop Hogan visited the 21 sisters who are members of the monastery's cloister. The bishop also visited Friday the monks at Mt. Savior Monastery in Elmira and later gave the commencement address at Notre Dame High School here.

Special Mass for Graduates

Elmira Heights — A special Mass for graduates from Thomas A. Edison High School here and Notre Dame High School, was held Sunday at St. Charles Borromeo Church here.

The graduates were seated in the front pews of the church in their caps and gowns. The special Mass was suggested by the graduates who are members of St. Charles Borromeo.

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