

# Carmelites' Fun-D Days 'Overwhelming Success'

By DICK BAUMBACH

Waverly—"An overwhelming success," "The most gratifying experience I have ever seen" and "It's just unbelievable," were some of the expressions used to explain what the outcome of the first annual Carmelite Fun-D Days was like when held here recently.

The program, which lasted two days, was the work of lay persons living in the Waverly area. The aim of the project was to solicit funds for the Carmelite Fathers who reside in a monastery atop Our Lady's Hill near Waverly.

The Carmelites were in need of cash to pay off a \$280,000 construction bill due for the erection of a new monastery.

In November of last year a group of residents interested in the continuation of the Carmelites' work began to plan an event which would provide funds for the partial payment of the construction bill.

Two weeks ago their plan was

put into action on the monastery grounds as more than 10,000 persons showed up for the carnival.

Individuals from as far away as Syracuse and Rochester traveled to the monastery to take part in the carnival, billed as Fun-D Days.

At present donations are still being received by the Carmelites, but first returns show more than \$25,000 has been received by the order.

Father James Hushek, a member of the Carmelites, said shortly after the event ended, "It looks like we'll be able to make our first full yearly payment for the first time in three years."

Several individuals close to the project said they expected Fun-D Days to become an annual event at the monastery.

A check among the Fun-D Days sponsors revealed that they were overwhelmed by the number of people who turned

out for the fund drive. One individual said, "We expected a couple of thousand people, but nothing like this."

"We were prepared to serve a maximum of 300 spaghetti dinners on the two days. Boy, were we off in our figuring. We ended up serving more than 1,200 spaghetti meals."

Father Hushel said he felt some money would be received from the Fun-D Days operation, but he never expected to receive as much money as the drive turned in.

"We did twice as much as we anticipated," Father Hushek reported.

## Horseheads Names KC Man

Horseheads—The Horseheads Council 6159 Knights of Columbus has elected John K. Bushway grand knight. A charter member of Council 6158, Bushway served as deputy grand knight last year.

The new grand knight was elected along with 11 other officers to head the Horseheads Council.

Other new officers in the organization are: David Turner, deputy grand knight; Joseph Rambisz, chancellor; Russell Gridley, recorder; Joseph Maggi, advocate; Walter Dobek, warden; Nicholas Maggi, inner guard; Stephen Hickey and Thomas Stiles, outer guards; Albert Purino, treasurer; Donald Stebbins, three year trustee and Joseph Along, financial secretary.

## Religious Programs Set in Montreal

Elmira—Catholics attending churches in the Elmira area were recently told, through their bulletin, of a special religious program in Montreal during the summer months.

Two main events, pointed out for vacationers who may be visiting the Montreal area, were a religious play held every Tuesday and Thursday at St. Joseph's Oratory and a special nine days of thanksgiving to St. Joseph held in August.

The Holy Cross Fathers, who operate the Oratory, offer free admittance to the Passion Play performed by the Mount Royal Players.

From August 1 through 9 the thanksgiving session will be held with prayers and sermons

at 2:30 and 8:30 p.m. every day during the nine day thanksgiving.

Any Elmira resident interested in attending either of the two affairs should contact their respective pastors for the location of the Oratory.

## Parish Salutes Trio

Elmira—Three members of Sts. Peter and Paul Church here were recently saluted in the parish's weekly bulletin for special donations they made to the church.

The donations were not in the form of monetary gifts, but along the lines of helping improve the church's appearance.

Donald Kalec was cited for his donation of new furnishings for the rectory, while Paul Telech and his son, Paul Jr., were commended for the construction work the two men had done in the rectory.

**CHURCH BREAKFAST**  
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## CYO Slates 'Fun Program'

The CYO has established a special end-of-Summer Fun Program for boys and girls ages 5-14. The program will take place on the four Saturdays in August in two sessions beginning at 9 a.m. and 10:40 a.m.

50 Chestnut St. or by phoning 454-2030.

## 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ver Hoeven of Somerset St., Rochester, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, Sunday, July 16, at the Westgate Nursing Home where Mrs. Ver Hoeven has been a patient since January.

Helping the couple celebrate were their two sons, Ralph and Donald, and their families, friends and the staff of the home.

All the facilities of the CYO at 50 Chestnut St. will be used during the program, including the olympic size swimming pool. The sessions will include swimming and gym instruction, trampoline and other indoor activities.

The first class begins Aug. 7. Registration can be made at

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