No Single Kind of Alcoholic, County Psychiatrist Says

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By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

The only common factor among alcoholic patients is they drink too much.

"That is the only similarity," explained Dr. Susan Hanson, director of the Monroe County Psychiatric Unit.

The Monroe County Psychiatric Unit or 2-West, as it is usually called, is an emergency psychiatric treatment and diagnostic unit which is a tenant of the County Board of Mental Health and licensed separately by the state department of Mental Hygiene.

The free-standing county psychiatric hospital unit is unique in the state. It was started because Strong Memorial takes only voluntary patients and State Hospital takes only inpatients.

Dr. Harold C. Miles, director of the County Department of Mental Health, felt there was a need for an in-between place, a well-staffed emergency center, to respond to the psychiatric emergencies. Only 40% of the men and women treated there are victims of alcoholism.

Dr. Hanson explained that, "The tradition that has always existed in hospitals is that the alcoholic is worthy of care, he is recognized as sick, but not the right kind of sick to get one of their beds.

"They work on the belief that the alcoholic only needs to dry out, but the fact is that there is a death rate of 10-30% in alcohol withdrawal. Nobody knows why people die from DT's," Dr. Hanson admitted, "because until recently medical schools didn't touch alcoholism."

"My personal hunch," she continued, "is that someday we will find a whole bunch of alcoholisms: bio-chemical, purely psychological, and inherited tendency. There is not one answer to alcoholism — because of this mistaken assumption there has only been one kind

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Gerald Sullivan and pick-up van for alcoholics.

From left, Sister Mary Brigid Quinn, corresponding secretary and treasurer; Sister Elizabeth Anne LeValley, vice president; Sister Maria Lauren, recording secretary; and Sister Bonaventure Hall, president.

Sisters Elect Officers

The Sisters' Council, representing more than 1400 religious women in the diocese recently elected its officers for 1971-72: Sister Bonaventure Hall, RSM, president; Sister Elizabeth Anne LeValley, SSJ, vice president; Sister Maria Lauren, MSBT, recording secretary; and Sister Mary Brigid Quinn, RSM, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

The council, formed in September 1970, has 20 active members, representing 11 different orders of nuns in the diocese.

Over the past year, this council has heard several talks on current issues.

One of the year's projects which has been most effective is the establishment of seven Penance Centers throughout the diocese where, once a month, a communal penance service is held for any Sisters who wish to attend. Various priests, suggested by the Sisters and contacted by Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, have agreed to serve at one of these centers every month.

Students' Self-Concept Stressed to Educators

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

More than 1,200 elementary teachers and administrators learned of the ways and means for a person-to-person approach to teaching from the superintendent of Rochester's school district and from an authority on the English approach to informal education at the annual diocesan education conference at the Flagship-Rochester Hotel, last week.

Dr. John Franco, former teacher and principal and present superintendent of Rochester's school district, directed Project Beacon, a program set up seven years ago to solve the education problems peculiar to the disadvantaged schools. From this project he found three major problem areas: students must improve their view of themselves; irrelevant educational materials were being used; and language arts must be improved.

One solution to these problem areas is the self-concept book or the who-am-I book which children write and illustrate themselves, answering various key questions about themselves in a construction paper booklet.

Franco cited studies that proved an individual's behavior is influenced by how he perceives himself. "There is a high correlation between a positive self-concept and a child's reading ability two years later," he explained.

He concluded that a positive self-concept is teachable and it is up to teachers to teach it, "like it or not."

Prof. Lilian Weber, associate professor in elementary education at City College of New York, has pioneered informal education in several New York City schools.

After 25 years of work in early childhood education, Prof. Weber went to England to

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Adults from 71 Parishes To Be Confirmed Oct. 31

Adult confirmation ceremonies will be held simultaneously in three cities of the diocese on the eve of all Saints Day.

At 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will confer the sacrament on candidates from 19 parishes, assembled in St. Stephen's Church, Geneva.

Thirty-seven parishes will be represented in Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty's class, in St. Patrick's Church, Elmira. At Holy Family, Auburn, Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will confirm adults from 15 other parishes.

The Geneva ceremony is for people from Canandaigua, Clifton Springs, East Bloomfield, Geneva, Interlaken, Lyons, Naples, Newark, Ovid, Palmyra, Penn Yan, Phelps, Seneca Falls, Shortsville, Sodus, Stanley, Waterloo and Wolcott.

The Elmira class draws on the following places: Apalachin, Bath, Bradford, Canisteo, Cohocton, Corning, Elmira, Elmira Heights, Freeville, Groton, Hammondsport, Hornell, Horseheads, Ithaca.

Also, Newark Valley, Trumansburg, Van Etten, Watkins Glen, Waverly, Wayland, Owego, Addison, Painted Post, Perkinsville and Dansville.

Those at Auburn will come from seven parishes in the city and from Aurora, Cato, Clyde, King Ferry, Montezuma, Moravia, Scipio Center and Weedsport.

2 Area Projects Get Development Grants

By MARGARET CONNOLLY

A child development center in Perkinsville and a journalistic enterprise that employs and trains Rochester youngsters will be bolstered by grants from the U.S. Bishops' Human Development Campaign.

The Perkinsville project, undertaken on the promise of a large government grant, will receive a $5,500 supplement.

The Rochester monthly newspaper, The Journal, will get $7,000 to continue an on-the-job training program begun with Summer Youth Opportunity funds.

The development grants are from the national campaign chest, not from the 25 per cent share allocated to the diocese for local use. They were among 30 awards announced in Boston last week at a regional meeting of campaign directors.

The Perkinsville center will provide pre-school education and day care for approximately 50 children, whose mothers thus will be free to work for wages. It will open Nov. 1, closing date of the day-care center that Project REACH has been operating for migrant farm families.

The Rev. Stewart Mitchell, REACH director, described the developing center as "a fairly elaborate operation; no fly-by-night thing." Federal funds are coming through the Appalachian Regional Commission, and with them, stringent regulations concerning facilities, services and staff, Mr. Mitchell explained.

Mrs. Lucy Austin is the director and Mrs. Ruth Brown, liaison with REACH. Schedules will be worked out around industrial shifts, and the service will be available to the community at large, with charges scaled to income.

The Rochester award was made to Options Open, parent corporation of The Journal, to "involve innercity residents" and bring "the poverty community" special interest news which might be bypassed by the daily press.

Paul Dubois, a Cornell Ph.D. candidate, former FIGHT executive and present part-time employe of the Genesee Region-

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