

## Marriage Preparation New Family Service Goal

Elmira — Father Joseph F. D'Aurizio's day begins just like any other priest's. But after he has celebrated Mass at St. Mary's Southside, it gets different.

Father D'Aurizio is the executive director of Catholic Family Service in Elmira and associate director of Catholic Charities for the Southern Tier of the Rochester Diocese.

The young looking priest is in charge of six staff members at the Catholic Family Service. He explained the new role the local organization will be taking on within the next two months saying, "After much deliberation between ourselves and other social agencies in Elmira we have come to the decision that we will continue to show our own identity by providing individual and family counseling, becoming more involved in marriage preparation programs and starting innova-

tive programs for the elderly."

Father D'Aurizio said other social service functions will be carried out by other social agencies in Chemung County, of which Elmira is the county seat.

The priest, who lives at St. Mary's, pointed out that the facilities and counseling services of Catholic Family Service are open to all denominations and stressed that he was trying to have his programs bring about more and more "community involvement."

Father D'Aurizio received his master's degree in social work from Boston College in 1963. He has worked in the social services field since 1961 and has been Family Service director since 1966. A native of Rochester, he graduated from St. Andrew's Grammar School and the diocesan seminaries.

The biggest social problem



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that comes to his attention, he said, is marital discord among the young.

"These are people who have been married less than two years and in some cases even less than a year," he explained. "I'm talking about people in their teens and early twenties. I don't think that many of them are mature enough to know what marriage involves, such as earning money for a living and the responsibility of raising a family."

"These people have been spoiled too much and they think of marriage as an extension of going steady or being engaged. Usually there's a pregnancy involved so the couple just says let's go ahead and get married, not realizing what lies ahead."

"This is the reason I am trying to start a program of marriage preparedness."

"You know, it's funny that you have to go through all kinds of procedures to get a driver's license or even a dog license, but all you need for a marriage license is two bucks. It doesn't make any sense." Father D'Aurizio concluded.

## Elmira Area Notes

Elmira — The Rosary and Sacred Heart Society of St. Casimir's Church will hold a card party tonight, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m. in the school hall.

Elmira — A Jitney Supper sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Cecilia's Church will be held in the parish hall Saturday, Nov. 13, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. The public is invited.

Horseheads — The Second Sunday series being sponsored by St. Mary Our Mother Church will be held Sunday, Nov. 14, in the church hall. Father Joseph F. D'Aurizio, executive director of the Catholic Family Service in Elmira, will give a talk on "Abortion-What Should Be the Catholic Response?"

Horseheads — The Legion of Mary at St. Mary Our Mother Church recently counted its 600th regular meeting, a dinner held in the church's Council Room.

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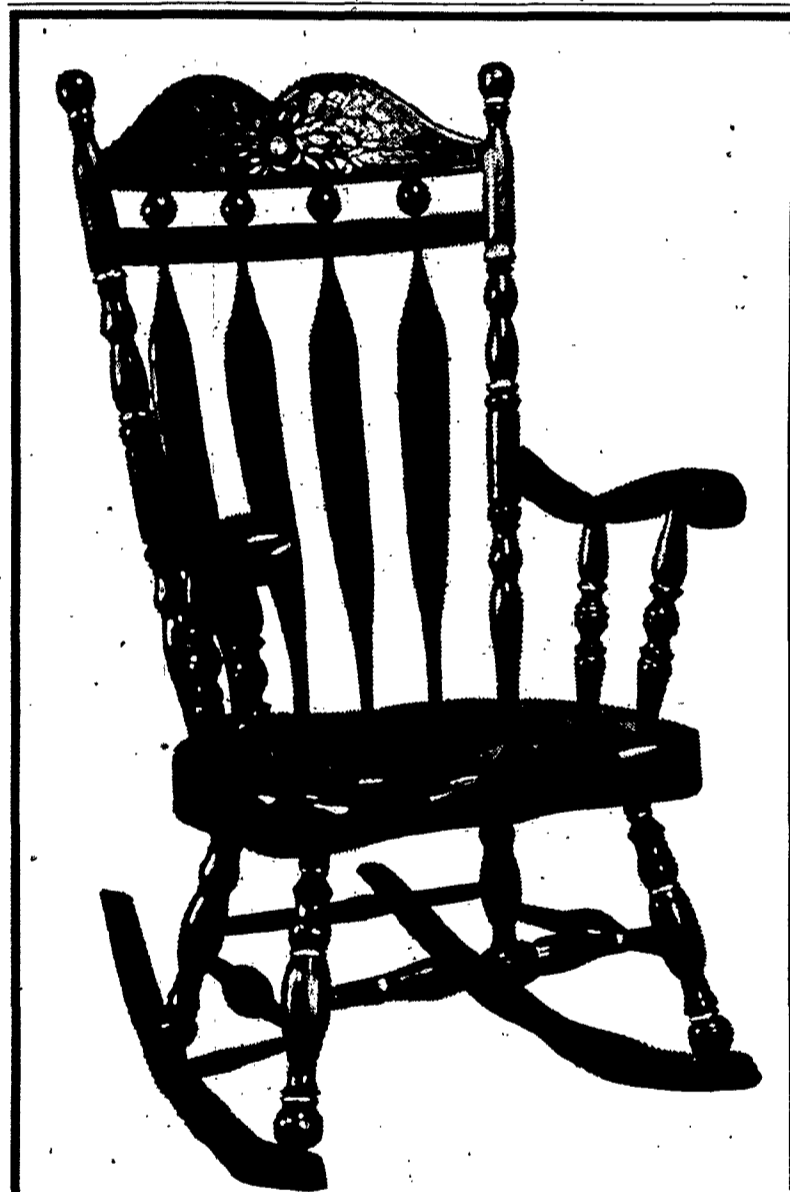
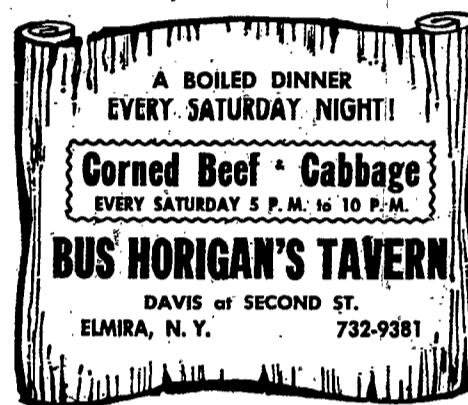
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