

Facing newsmen at conference are, left to right, Mrs. Robert Heilbrunn, Kidney Foundation vice president and fund raising chairman; Alan Carey, president; Dr. Richard Freeman, director; and William Lieberman, treasurer.

Kidney Fund Drive Begins

A "crisis" in care for chronically-ill kidney patients living in the Rochester region has prompted the newly-formed Kidney Foundation of Genesce Valley to begin a fund-raising drive to open a new dialysis unit at Monroe Community hospital, according to Dr. Richard Freeman, director and medical advisor to the group.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will serve on the foundation's board of advisors.

"There are 48 hospital slots in the regional program set up in 1967," said Dr. Freeman at a news conference Wednesday, Jan. 19. "At present, there are 45 patients in those slots who need regular care." Complicating the shortage, he said, is the fact that two of the remaining places are in Elmira, which leaves only-one for the Monroe County area.

In June, said Dr. Freeman, the current program had no



ACT Directors Plan Expanded Program

Ithaca — Plans for an expanded 1972 program for Area Congregations Together (ACT) were the topic for discussion at the organization's recent board meeting. The ecumenical group has endeavored to develop a social action program on a ground common to all religious congregations in Tompkins County.

Principal speaker of the evening was Elmer Ewing, chairman of the board of Tompco Housing, Inc., an organization started in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King with the aim of improving the quantity and quality of housing available to people of low or moderate incomes.

After describing Tompco's work in making possible the building or buying of new homes, principally with federal assistance, Ewing suggested two asociated undertakings which seemed to catch the imagination of the ACT board. The ist people a plan to with repairs to their homes by providing tools and a relatively inexpensive source of labor when government help is unavailable. The board decided to investigate the availability of tools currently in disuse in home basements and elsewhere, in the hope of creating an inventory of equipment for use by a volunteer labor force. The second program was one for volunteer financial counsellors to advise families seeking home financing with the aid of Tompco. Persons interested in doing counselling work can contact ACT or Tompco for details

ACT's 1972 budget disclosed an increase in proposed expenditures of more than 100 per cent. Funds pledged by area churches constitute ACT's principal income. Two of the largest individual contributors are Ithaca's Catholic parishes, Im-maculate Conception and St. Catherine of Siena.

Other projects currently being pursued with the help of ACT members were also discussed. These include Kitchen Cupboard, a program to provide food and occasionally financial assistance for those in need, and a project to improve conditions in the Tompkins County jail.

hospital slots available, and was faced with the prospect of turning away candidates for treatment.

Two transplants have since eased the shortage, said Dr. Freeman, but the "need is only going to increase."

Space has been made available for the dialysis unit by Monroe Community Hospital, and renovation began Monday, Jan. 17. The aim of the drive by the foundation is to raise \$200,000 for dialysis machines, operation of the unit for the first three months, a drug bank and educational programs.

The drive will start with a \$100-a-plate dinner at the Towne House Motor Inn in Rochester on Feb. 26. The annual cost of dialysis for one patient is around \$25,000.

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officers of the Knights of Equity will take place at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Saturday, Jan. 29.

Following a 5 p.m. Mass there will be a social hour in the club room. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Reservations should be made not later than Thursday, noon, Jan. 27.

New officers to be installed are: Alfred C. Grove, Worthy Sir Knight; James J. Hassan, Worthy Vice Sir Knight; J. Arthur McGee, Worthy Lecturer; Joseph P. Kennedy, Treasurer; Martin F. Scahill, Asst. Treasurer; William A. Morrissey, Fin. Secretary; Dennis

Priest to Join ND House Staff

Canandaigua — Father Em-mett J. Wolfe, C.SS.R., who has spent several years as a missioner in Brazil, will join the staff of Notre Dame Retreat House next month. He will be concerned with youth activities, the Christian Family Seminar program and men's retreats.

Father Wolfe is expected around Feb. 9, as a replacement for Father Dennis Kelleher, who was transferred in September.

Since his return to the United States nine months ago, Father Wolfe has been taking a theology refresher course at the Redemptorist seminary in Esopus. He had been stationed for five years at Campo Grande, "the order's vice provincial headquarters in Brazil. He was ordained in 1963, after training in Redemptorist seminaries. He is a native of Brooklyn.

The annual installation of O'Reilly, Recording Secretary; ficers of the Knights of James McGee, Asst. Recording Secretary; John Hogan, Auditor; Thomas R. Coughlin, Con-ductor; John McCarthy, War-

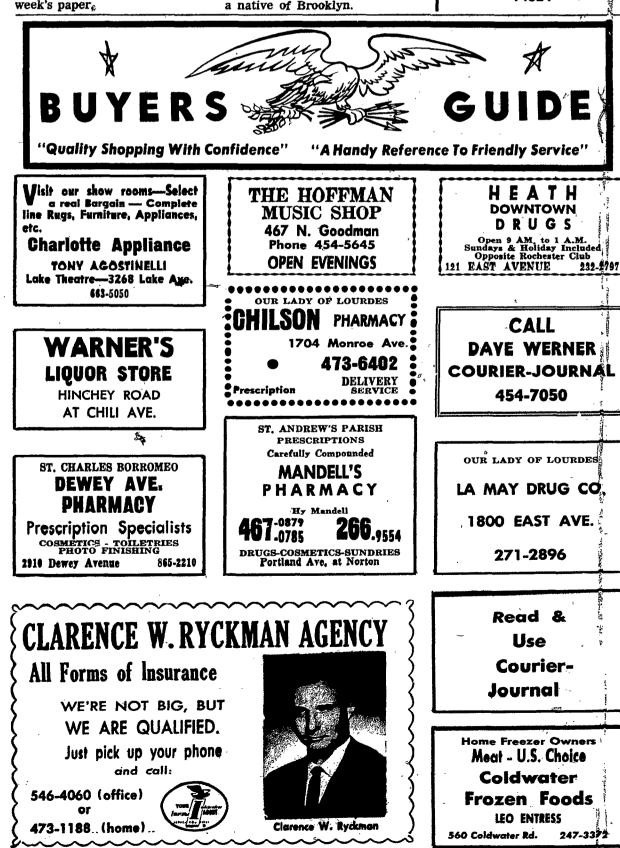
> Trustees to be installed are: James F. McCormick, Michael T. Ryan, George W. Moore, Kenneth T. Power, Thomas H. Davis, Christopher Delanty.

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Ithaca Area Notes

Watkins Glen - St. Mary of the Lake parish expressed its thanks to those who have assisted in parish work during the past year at its appreciation dinner held on Monday, Jan. 17. in the Jefferson Hotel, Guests of honor included lay teachers, readers, ushers, and others instrumental in carrying on parish activities.

Ithaca — A letter from The Salvation Army addressed to several area groups and parishes was received recently. It expressed the Army's thanks for assistance in providing gifts for those in need at Christmas. Through the generosity of the local community, the Army provided 280 food and toy baskets, 829 gifts to hospitals and nursing homes, 115 gifts to servicemen overseas, and a variety of other gifts including Christmas trees, used bikes, and truck-loads of toys and clothing.

Since being launched less than a year ago, Kitchen Cupboard has responded to several hundred requests for assistance and now receives about two calls daily from people in need of food. According to the program's chairwoman, the demand for help is taxing the supply of available resources of food, money, and manpower. Addi-tional volunteers to help in the work of Kitchen Cupboard should contact Joan Loehr of Immaculate Conception in Ithaca.

ACT has also been credited by the Sheriff of Tompkins County with being one of the principal forces in generating a movement to improve jail conditions. Money provided by ACT was recently used to complete the repanelling of the jail's day room, The invaluable social work of

ACT is expanding, limited perhaps only by the availability of funds and volunteers to make its work possible. Persons wishing to assist in the work should contact their local parish representative or ACT's Executive Director, Mr. Percy Dunn.

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