Horseheads School Reverses Decision

BY DICK BAUMBACH

Elmira-St. Mary Our Mother Church, Horseheads, has reversed its decision of several weeks ago and will continue to be a member of the consolidation program for Catholic schools in Chemung County.

At a meeting of the Chemung County Catholic School Board last week, V. Thomas Agan, president of the school board, announced the decision by Father Bartholomew J. O'Brien, pastor of St. Mary's.

1 Bishop Joseph L. Hogan met

St. Patrick's **Cheerleaders** Win Two Firsts

Elmira --- Two divisional first place trophies were earned by members of St. Patrick's Church cheerleading squad during recent CYO competition in a countywide Cheerleading Tournament.

Members of St. Mary Our Mother cheerleading squad from Horseheads copped first place honors in the high school division.

The 11th annual tournament was sponsored by the Chemung County Catholic Youth Organization. Winning teams will receive their trophies March 19 at a communion breakfast at Notre Dame High School. A total of 159 cheerleaders participated in the competition.

High School winners: St. Mary Our Mother, first place; St. Charles Borromeo, second; St. Casimir's, third.

A Division (seventh and eighth grades): St. Patrick's, first; St. Mary's Southside, sec-ond; Our Lady of Lourdes, third.

B Division (fifth and sixth grades): St. Patrick's, first; St. Mary Our Mother, second; St. Mary's Southside, third.

Mothers' Club Organized

Elmira - In an effort to creates a clearer relationship between St. Mary's Southside and St. Patrick's, several individuals have formed a Mothers' Club for mothers with students attending the regional Catholic



with the pastor and local board members earlier last week, and it was decided that St. Mary's would continue in the consoli-dation as a "policy member," Agan said.

He explained that the churchschool would handle all its own financial matters separately from the school board However, in the interest of unity, St. Mary's would continue to act as a member of the board.

Several weeks ago Father O'Brien announced that his parish would be leaving the consolidation program which officially got under way last September.

At the time, Father O'Brien listed three reasons for the de-cision. "One of the purposes of consolidation was to cut down on costs.

"Our costs have so escalated (\$22,384) that we are far behind on our debt payments.

"Economic necessity rather

Paper Dismisses Critic, Stirs Controversy

New York — (RNS) — An award-winning entertainment critic charged here that he was dismissed as a weekly columnist for the national Catholic weekly, Our Sunday Visitor, be-cause of complaints about his listing two "condemned" movies among his "10 best of the year."

John E. Fitzgerald, who has written a column for the Huntington, Ind., paper for 16 years. said complaints came from bishops, editors of the OSV diocesan editions and from indignant readers over his inclusion of "Clockwork Orange" and "The Last Picture Show" on the list.

Father Albert J. Nevins, MM, editor of OSV, denied Fitzgerald's charges. He told Religious News Service that the columnist's dismissal resulted from a combination of factors.

than a lack of interest in the overall promotion of Catholic education on the county level is the important reason for this change in policy.

"2) Our school is complete with eight grades, small convent, and good facilities. The children of this area are not directly involved in the consolidation.

"3) This is a separate community, working with a separate school district. The matter of distance is a major factor. Association with a consolidation program in another area is of questionable value."

In other business, it was announced that the school district has prepared a \$495,000 budget for the next school year. Agan said discussions will begin shortly on modifying or expanding the budget.

Fitzgerald, who works out of

New York City and also writes

a film column for the Catholic

News there, said the protests

leading to his ouster stressed

that "any film rated 'C' (con-

demned) should never be re-

viewed, much less praised, in a

publication which calls itself

Fitzgerald, a former holder of the Directors Guild of Amer-

ica's "Best Critic" award, has

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for the Catholic film office.

Catholic."

At the meeting last week Father O'Brien said he was pleased the matter was resolved in a Christian-like way.

be among the head table guests at the "golden" testimonial honoring John Temmerman attend. who retired recently as director of the County Public Safe-

Bishop Hogan to Attend

Temmerman Testimonial

ty Laboratory. The dinner is scheduled at the Downtown Holiday Inn, Sunday, March 19, at 6 p.m., following a cocktail hour.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will

Temmerman and his wife, Marion, are members of St. Anne's parish and Msgr William Naughton, pastor, also will be among the dignitaries at the head table.

Mark Tuohey will be toastmaster and Hyman J. Mandell is chairman of the testimonial committee. Battalion Chief Morton Fink headed the organizing committee.

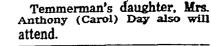
Among head table guests will be County Manager Lucien Morin, Rochester Mayor Stephen May, U.S. Rep. Frank Horton and W. G. Kirchgessner, who succeeded Temmer-

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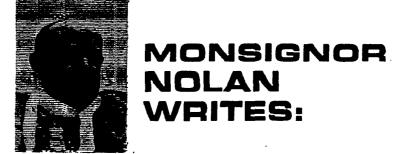
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The Mothers' Club is also attempting to create stronger ties between the students' homes and school.

New officers recently elected to head up the organization are Mrs. Teresa Zinn, president; Mrs. Patricia Sullivan, vice president; Mrs. Marge McCarthy, secretary, and Mrs. Delores DeSocio treasurer.

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