



Brightened Up

St. Agnes Church in Avon, is freshly repainted in time for Holy Week and Easter. Robert Richards, an artist from Toronto, Canada, puts finishing touches on one of the Stations of the Cross. Avon parishioner William Donahue did the painting of the walls and arched ceiling areas.

Youth Group Seeks Center

Wayland — A youth group seeking a teen center has taken its request for help directly to government leaders at a formal board session.

In response to the appearance of Deacon Robert Rice of St. Joseph's Church with Wayland Central School seniors John Maloney, Pat McAllister and Marcia Gardner, action toward a youth recreation center, long discussed has become an immediate matter of business with both town and village officials.

A committee, Deacon Rice, Rev. Ferdinand Kurz, Jr., who is village trustee and member of

the youth recreation committee, and Gordon Sick, town councilman as well as village trustee, met Friday, March 17, to investigate possible locations for youth gatherings.

Rev. Kurz said the group will look at several properties which might serve as a recreation center including the former fire house on E. Naples St., which is now being used for storage; the former Methodist Church on North Lackawanna St. and the abandoned Birdseye office building in the village. Consideration of the Legion Theatre long discussed as a possibility, has been postponed until the investigation is over.

The young people, with Maloney as spokesman, attended a

meeting of the town board, March 13, when members of the village board were also present. The youths asked the cooperation of both boards to locate a facility for young people to congregate and to assist in providing recreational equipment.

The group assured officials they will provide maintenance themselves and have already obtained promises of adult supervision.

Both Mayor Bert Bonadonna and Supervisor Ardean Warner pledged their support of the group's efforts. Both government units have also agreed to continue a joint sponsorship of the Saturday morning swimming program at the Wayland school pool.



DURSO

School Board Names Durso

Hornell — The Hornell School board recently named Michael Durso to succeed Robert Johnson as principal of Hornell High School.

Durso is a graduate of Bloomsburg College, Bloomsburg, Pa., and has done graduate work at Alfred University and Geneseo State College.

He and his wife, the former Mary Louise Walters, and their five children live on Rural Avenue. They are parishioners of St. Ann's.

Hornell Area Notes

Bath — The Rosary and Altar Society meeting will be held April 5 at 8 p.m.

Bath — A day of recollection for St. Mary's Parish will be held Wednesday, March 29, and is sponsored by the Rosary and Altar Society.

Hornell — Eighth grade girls from St. Ann's School entertained patients of the Clancey Nursing Home and the Hornell Nursing Home with a program of Irish tunes, under the direction of Sister Patrice, Sunday, March 19. Poems were recited by sixth grade boys. Sister Jude accompanied the group.

Hornell — A seder celebration will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. at DeSales Hall of St. James Mercy hospital.

Bath — Haverling Senior class member, Miss Jennifer Bingham has been accepted at Buffalo State college where she will study special education for emotionally disturbed children. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willford E. Bingham, she was recently named to Who's Who in American High Schools. She has also been awarded a scholarship by Catholic Scholarships for Negroes, Inc.

Hornell — Thomas Cannon and Nancy Berry were honored in the youth leadership contest and the National Foundation "most valuable student" contest sponsored by the Hornell Elks Club. Both are parishioners of St. ANN'S.

Day Care Center Slated to Open

Wayland — The Wayland Child Development Center has received approval for a \$50,934 federal grant from the Appalachia Regional Commission.

The center at 18 Lackawanna St. to open in April is a special program of Project REACH in Perkinsville.

The money will be used for program expenses such as staff training, teaching material, play equipment, utilities and other costs.

The center will open with full program and staff directed by Mrs. Lucy Austin. The staff includes Miss Sally Bill, teacher; Mrs. Joan Zeh of North Cohocton, Mrs. Nancy Anderson and Mrs. Theresa Buss, aides; Mrs. Marie Kiefer, cook; and Edward Dause, maintenance.

The center will be open to all children whose parents reside or work in Steuben County. Registration is being handled at REACH headquarters in Perkinsville.

ACIES CEREMONY

Legionaries of Mary and the Auxiliaries of the Genesee Curia gathered for their first Acies ceremony recently at St. Mary's Church in Dansville. Father James McLoughlin, from Ireland, spoke to the group about his contacts with the Legion in Ireland and the United States, after which the Legionaries reconsecrated themselves to the service of Our Lady, the Legion's Queen. The service closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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