

## Auxiliary Gives Hospital \$25,000

Elmira — A \$25,000 payment towards a \$150,000 pledge by the St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary here was made recently during ceremonies honoring the auxiliary members.

The \$25,000 donation is the second of two payments to help reduce the costs of the hospital's Operation Outreach program. The program involves a \$5 million building project.

An "Easter bunny", covered head to toe with one dollar bills, made the presentation to Sister Margaret Adelaide, administrator of the hospital.

Sister Margaret Adelaide and Judge Daniel Donahoe, a representative of the hospital's board, distributed 36 service award citations to auxiliary workers.

Mrs. George Generas was presented a volunteer pendant award for 5000 hours of service, while Daniel Kennedy, a volunteer in the purchasing department,

## Sadie Hawkins Dance Slated

Corning — St. Patrick's Parish will hold a Sadie Hawkins Day Dance at St. Patrick's Hall, Saturday, April 8, starting at 9 p.m. Music for the event will be played by the Up-Beats.

Mrs. Frederick Roe and Mrs. Louis Dodd are co-chairmen for the affair billed as one of the biggest social events of the parish. Other workers on the committee include Michele Hotte, James Sentilli, and the Mesdames Leo Johnson, Dennis Kausar, Louis Gerics, Thomas Raveski and John Brennan.

## History Comes Alive At Ithaca School

By ED and JOAN COFFEY

Ithaca — Time recently turned backward on the top floor of the Immaculate Conception School in Ithaca where many of the student body were combining their talents to produce the Social Studies Fair. Sister Kathleen's seventh and eighth graders and Mrs. Collins' sixth graders stepped into the world of yesterday as they creatively recaptured great historic moments in costume, skit, illustration and displays.

Parents arrived to share their children's work and entered the world of prehistoric man. They talked to Julius Caesar and witnessed the persecutions of the early Christians. They rode with Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders in their assault on San Juan Hill. They assisted in construction of the Panama Canal, marched for women's rights, and watched a Barnum and Bailey Circus. Those who were not too exhausted from their travels went to the Boston Tea Party, Peter Zenger's Trial, and a fight with the French and Indians.

When the journey had ended, refreshments, including cornmeal bread, pumpkin pie, tea, grapes, popcorn, candy apples,

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ment, received a 1000-hour award.

The volunteer hours, which include the service of Candy-stripers, amounted to 25,862 hours — the largest number of hours volunteered to the hospital since the auxiliary was started in 1954.

## 'Oppy' Award Goes to Nurse Kelly

Elmira — St. Joseph's Hospital's first Oppy Award for 1972 has been presented to Miss Geraldine Kelly, a registered nurse at the medical facility.

The award is presented three times a year to a hospital employee for "exemplary display of service to mankind through patient care and relationships with fellow employees."

A 1938 graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Miss Kelly is the fifth winner of the coveted award. Miss Kelly has been with the hospital almost continuously since her graduation from nursing school. She served a brief tour of duty with the Navy Nurse Corps.

Most of Miss Kelly's employment with the hospital has been in the physical therapy department where she has worked since 1951. She recently trained in advance rehabilitation to become a member of the Southern Tier Institute of Rehabilitation at St. Joseph's Hospital.

cookies, and kool-aid, were offered. In return, the parents donated \$21 to be used for the Bangladesh Relief Fund. This, added to the \$79 already collected by the eighth grade, made a total of \$100 which was sent to the fund.

According to Sister Raymond Mary, principal of Immaculate Conception, the project helped the students to fill the need to identify with the past, which is essential if they are to understand it in the light of the present. They must develop a "historical sense," she said, in which they can relive the past and come to a greater appreciation of the present, thereby enabling them to realize an even greater hope for the future.

## Ithaca Area Notes

Watkins Glen — St. Mary's of the Lake's Guild is sponsoring a Mother-Daughter Breakfast open to the parish after the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 9, at the Jefferson Hotel. For information and reservations call C. Seither at 535-9710 or L. Yeager at 535-4367.

## Christian Formation Board

# Getting It All Together

By DICK BAUMBACH

Elmira — Four years ago the Christian Formation Board of the Southern Tier was founded in an effort to meet the needs for adult religious education in this area.

Since 1967 the board has grown from a small nucleus of interested religious and laity into an organization with some 300 members.

The idea of providing adult religious education through the Rochester Diocese was first conceived by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.

Archbishop Sheen asked Father Bartholomew J. O'Brien, pastor of St. Mary Our Mother Church in Horseheads to start a program which would offer religious education projects to adults.

The results of Father O'Brien's work, and the work of many other interested individuals, has resulted in a five-county network of persons involved in every type of religious education.

The formation board is a loosely knit organization run more like a movement than an institution.

Four major or standing committees come under the direct supervision of the board. They are adult education, youth religious education, sacramental education and social concern.

Stretching out like branches on a tree are regional committees. The majority of the actual programs are run by the regional organizations.

Under adult education there are regional committees in Hornell and Canisteo, Elmira and Tioga County. The youth religious education committee is operating in Corning and Owego.

Projects conducted under the adult education banner include a continuing education program at Watson Homestead and an audiovisual library at the Marion Center at St. Mary's Southside in Elmira.

The audiovisual library is open weekdays and offers religious films, tapes and textbooks to interested individuals.

The director of the Southern Tier CFB is Father Otto Vogt. He resides in Hornell and oversees all the programs in the five-county area. The five counties are Chemung, Steuben, Schuyler, Tioga and Tompkins.

The board has one full-time staff member, Sister Esther, who acts as a consultant-coordinator for the various projects. She is conducting a teacher training program at St. Mary's Church in Bath.

An example of a local project conducted by a regional group was a series of talks by Brother David Steindl-Rast, a monk at Mount Savior Monastery in Elmira. Brother David spoke on the art of prayer.

Mrs. Edward Slagis, a member of the Christian Formation Board, might have best summed up the work of the organization when she said recently, "We are ready, willing and able to help any and all groups and individuals who are interested in learning more about religious beliefs and programs which are part of the Catholic Church."



Joseph Bullock of the Hornell region of the Christian Formation Board points out a possible adult educational topic which appeared in a recent issue of Courier-Journal to Miss Gail Mularz, standing next to Bullock, Mrs. Olga Kinsman, left, and Mrs. Mildred O'Connor. The group meets in Hornell.



Father Sebastian Falcone, OFM, CAP, underlines the topic for discussion at his religious education course at Notre Dame High School. The program is under the auspices of the Christian Formation Board. Getting Father Falcone's message are Mrs. Joy Zamorski, background, and Mrs. Rita Aldrich. Both women are members of the Tioga County Adult Education Committee for the CFB.



Brother David Steindl-Rast, a monk at Mount Savior Monastery in Elmira, goes over some of the highlights of a lecture he gave with Mrs. Irene Navatta, a member of the Elmira Christian Formation Board and Brother Francis McGuire, a Benedictine monk. Brother David gave a series of talks on the art of prayer at a local parish hall. The program was sponsored by the CFB.



Father Otto Vogt offers the closing prayers of Mass and is joined by members of the Christian Formation Board during services held in an Elmira home recently. The board members are (left to right) Sister Esther, Marge Nurnberg, Mrs. Peg West, Miss Gail Mularz, Dick Wardell, Mrs. Eleanor Rowe, Father Eugene Sweeney and Judith Wardell.