

# St. Patrick's Up to Date

Courier-Journal correspondent Mary Ann Ginnerty is doing a series of stories on Auburn area parochial schools.

Seneca Falls — St. Patrick's School in Seneca Falls, with an anticipated September enrollment of 358 in kindergarten through grade 8, includes four members of the Sisters of St. Joseph on its staff of 20. Sister Eileen Regina is principal.

Sister Eileen Regina explained departmentalization in grades 5 through 8 has been in effect for the past three years, with cooperative teaching introduced at the 4th grade level this year.

Under departmentalization, she feels, teachers instruct the subject in which they are most qualified. Teachers don't need to spend as much time planning material in several areas. Materials and equipment can be more centralized and a more complete instructional center built up.

Sister also feels student exposure to different teachers is preparation for the upper grades.

The greatest recent growth in programming is occurring in the reading approach with the introduction of the Scott Foresman Reading System in kindergarten and grade 1. This approach will be expanded another grade in the fall.

This system permits each child to progress through readers at his own speed. Under this system, individualized letters are sent home to parents to advise them of their child's progress.

The school also has two remedial reading teachers for the primary grades.

Another area of growth includes the combined library and learning center facility staffed by a full time librarian. A school library memorial fund permits frequent library additions.

Primary grade children participate in weekly story hours and how to use the library sessions. Five sets permit integration of educational television into the program.

Services of a psychiatric consultant are available.

There is a full time gym program, with extra curriculum activities including basketball and intramural volleyball.

St. Patrick's has a junior high glee club under the direction of Mrs. John Reardon, and Sister St. Benedict's "Up With St. Patrick's People" group performs locally.

Two women volunteers assist in the art program, 13 in the library, and mechanical drawing is available one evening a week for junior high students.

Religion is taught by the home-

## Business In the Diocese

Columbia Banking, Saving and Loan Association has named Richard J. Sneeringer, 17 Ridgeway Drive, Irondequoit, manager of Columbia's Greece office.

Sneeringer is married to the former Lorraine A. Kwiatkowski of Irondequoit. They have four children: John, a student at Bishop Kearney and Elaine, Sandra and Mary, all students at Christ the King parish.

## BISHOP HONORED

The Catholic Kolping Society will sponsor a Mass in honor of the Virgin Mary for the personal intentions of retired Bishop James E. Kearney. The Mass will be said by Msgr. Charles Boyle Sunday, May 7, at 4 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, Humboldt St. Bishop Kearney will preach the sermon. The public is invited.



Kindergarten class enjoys story hour with the librarian, Mrs. Geraldine Burns.

room teacher. Nine members of the faculty are volunteers in the CCD program. Plans include involvement of additional volunteers throughout the program.

Burns, librarian; Mrs. Elizabeth Shipley and Mrs. Jan Caraccio, remedial teaching and Mrs. Anne Hylwa, secretary.

## Auburn Area Notes

The faculty at St. Patrick's includes Sister Eileen Regina, principal; Sister S. Benedict, Science 7th and 8th grades; Mrs. John Reardon, English, 7 and 8th grades; Miss Mary Ann Kolo, mathematics, 7 and 8th grades; Mr. Carlo Lorenzetti, social studies 7th and 8th grades; Mrs. Anna Bonkowski, 6th grade; Miss June Brown, 6th grade; Mrs. Marie Behunial, 5th grade; Miss Lois Pangburn, 5th grade; Sister Marie Patricia, 4th grade; Miss Rose Piscitelli, 4th grade; Sister Elaine Hollis, 3rd grade; Mrs. Beatrice Allen, 2nd grade; Mrs. Jane Bortz, 1st grade; Mrs. Josephine Vedora, kindergarten; Mrs. Lucy Cummings, physical education; Mrs. Geraldine


Waterloo — Spring fashion show for men will be sponsored by the St. Mary's Rosary and Altar Society, Wednesday, April 26, at Seneca Manor at 7:30 p.m.

Auburn — The 16th annual Spring Cotillion for Mercy Hospital, Saturday, May 6, at Spring-side Inn, will feature Lou Scala and band from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Reservations can be made with Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Boehler.

Port Byron — Bake sale is scheduled at St. John's after 7:30 p.m. Mass, April 29.

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