

# Story of a Radio Program

By PEGGY PEASE

Father William Cosgrove, a native of Hornell, now assistant pastor of St. Michael's Parish in Penn Yan, is currently offering the program on radio, "Catholic News and Comment". It is heard over Radio Station WLEA at 12:30 p.m. each Sunday. The program originated in Penn Yan with Monsignor Joseph Sullivan the then pastor of St. Michael's. Shortly before Father Cosgrove arrived in Penn Yan, the local radio manager asked Msgr. Sullivan to do a Sunday morning program, which he did, for two and a half years.

When Father McVeigh succeeded Msgr. Sullivan, Father Cosgrove offered to do the program and has been doing it since.

Father says, "I did not change the name of the program and in fact there might be Catholic News and Comment coming out of the Seneca Falls-Waterloo station. When Monsignor Sullivan went to Auburn, he began to do a program for radio station WSFW in Seneca Falls."

The program got underway when Father Paul Cuddy suggested to WLEA station manager

Kevin Doran and to Father Cosgrove that the tape he makes for the Penn Yan station, WFLR, could be forwarded to Hornell and used on WLEA the following week. All agreed.

Topics of the program include "items of interest to Catholics; and even to inform Non-Catholics of our church's position on difficult current matters such as parochialism, abortion, separation of church and state, ecumenism, artificial birth control, Supreme Court decisions that in some way pertained to Catholics, pentecostalism, Vietnam, euthanasia," Father Cosgrove said.

"What I would do though," Father says, "is follow the catechism as a basis for the program. I would explain parts of the Creed, the Commandments of God and the Church, the sacraments."

Father told this reporter that from the reaction he gets from the Penn Yan people, many people listen to the program especially the older people.

Father says, "I never do a tape with the younger people in mind. And yet, one Sunday, I spoke about drugs and right after the

program, a young person called to ask what she could do for a friend who is taking drugs. Maybe, they, the young, listen occasionally. But usually it is the older segment of the communities within the range of the wavelengths."

"I enjoy doing the program," he says. "I think it is important that we inform ourselves about the beliefs of others. That's what I hope to do for non-Catholics. I don't try to convert or down-grade other religions. I point out my disagreements at times and the reason for the disagreement and am also quite ready to give them credit."

Father reflected for a moment and said "Actually, right now, I'm caught in between. I suspect that I haven't much more to say to the people in this locality. After four and a half years they know me, my thoughts on matters inside out. Everytime I do the tape I think, I've said this all before . . ."

Many in Hornell have expressed approval of the program and will enjoy its continuance. Good words and thoughts are never tiresome.

## Drug Abuse Council Opens 'Drop-Inn'

By PEGGY PEASE

Hornell— On several evenings of the week the lights at 35 Elm Street remind people that the Greater Hornell Drug Abuse Council's Drop-Inn Center is open for business.

Created under the New York State mandate that urged counties to form local groups to combat the increased abuse of drugs, the Center has provided a place where area citizens of all ages can come seeking help or information on drugs or other personal problems.

Beginning with only a couple of "rappers" discussing problems once or twice a week, the Drop-Inn has gradually expanded to seven qualified people discussing problems on four nights a week, including two shifts on Fridays and Sundays from 8 p.m.-2 a.m. These are the evenings in which youngsters experience more than the usual number of drug and family problems.

Steven Kelland, 27, a graduate

of Alfred University and a psychologist in the Canisteo and Greenwood Central Schools, is director of the center. Before this he was chairman of the council, a position now assumed by Sister Mary Claude of St. James Mercy Hospital. As director, he assumes and supervises the operation of the Drop-Inn and is in charge of the development and supervision of volunteer training programs.

Tonight, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. the first of several sessions to train volunteers to work in the Drop-Inn will be held.

Programs on drug pharmacology, listening techniques,

liability laws and self-awareness will be presented.

In addition to operating the center, the council has presented educational programs on drug abuse, including radio discussions and presentations at service club and church group meetings. Emphasis has been placed on the complex problems associated with drug abuse and on the need for all sectors of society to join in combatting these problems.

Kelland says, "The center has been in operation for four months and we haven't had much publicity. We're hoping for more response as the facility becomes better known."

### Hornell Area Notes

Dansville — Nominations are still in order for the vacancies on St. Mary's parish council. Call Richard Biek, 987-5636; Carl Leven Jr., 987-2732; or Mary Mandel, 987-5139.

Dansville — St. Mary's Ladies Guild will hold a Mother and Daughter Communion Dinner, Tuesday, May 23, after the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Bath — St. Mary's Rosary and Altar Society is sponsoring a Blood Bank, Thursday, May 18 at the Cenetary United Methodist Church Fellowship Building from noon to 6 p.m.

Bath — St. Mary's Rosary and Altar Installation Banquet will be held Wednesday, May 24, at the Vineyard Restaurant, Naples, with Father John Spencer, CP, as guest speaker.

Bath — St. Mary's Home School Association will hold a Rummage Sale, Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20.

Hornell — Father John Coonan, former assistant at St. Ann's and chaplain at St. James Mercy Hospital, will celebrate Mass at St. Ann's May 21. A reception is planned at the school, 4-5 p.m.

## 'Green Light' Given For Youth Center

Wayland — Persistence shown by young people and a small group of adults seems to have paid off. A full fledged Wayland Youth Center, after more than a year of sometimes stormy contemplation, is finally emerging.

Several matters have found official agreement since a special meeting of young people, church and town and village leaders.

A Youth Center is being developed from the old fire house on Naples St. with full approval of the village board and will continue under the board's jurisdiction. Under village guidelines for organizations, all programs, meetings and events conducted there are reportable and accountable to the village.

The center will be directed by Father Robert Rice of St. Joseph's Church who has been named adult advisor. Councilman Gordon Sick of the Town Board and Village Trustee Rev. Ferdinand Kurz, who has been instrumental in planning the center, will serve as government representatives and board of directors.

Pat McAllister has been elect-

ed president. Other young people named to direct the new organization are John Maloney, vice president; Marcia Gardner, secretary; Kathy Baldwin, treasurer and Joseph Maloney, recreation chairman. Their terms are for three months.

Young people have been advised and have agreed that parents and other adults will be needed to lend support in the new program. It has also been agreed that work, planning enforcement of rules and regulations will come from officers of the group and the board of directors. Youth will provide its own police force. They will set up basic rules for final approval by the village and town boards.

Father Rice will be "top man on the totem pole." Pastor Kurz explained. Officers will attend meetings of the board of directors.

The new organization is now expected to give itself a title and draw up a charter.

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