



Yearbook Dedicated

Father Cyril Guise, OCD, chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital and superior of the Carmelite Monastery in Waverly, looks over the 1972 Alician yearbook of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing. The yearbook was dedicated to Father Guise. The annual is presented to the priest by Janet Penatzer of Philadelphia (left) and Mary Jo Heberle of Rochester.

Father Rodriguez Heading for India

Ithaca — Among the graduates this year at Ithaca College, few labored so diligently to gain their degree as Father Ignatius Rodriguez. Father Rodriguez came to Ithaca after a long search for a school that offered an undergraduate program in hospital administration. He will be returning to India in the near future to resume his duties as administrator of a 750-bed hospital specializing in the treatment of leprosy.

Father Rodriguez said there are many differences between the way the American hospitals are run and how hospitals in his country operate. Therefore, much of what he is learning will not be applicable in India, he said, although the general ideas of administration will be helpful in the long run.

There is no such thing as health insurance in India, and the people are poor, so most medical care is provided free of charge with support from the churches or government, he said.

Five hundred of the beds in Father Rodriguez' hospital are for patients who are unable to pay; paying patients are charged \$1 per day.

"Physicians' fees are paid by the hospital, since doctors are employed by the hospital rather than by individual patients. 'Your system works only in America,' he commented, 'because it is a wealthy country. The best surgeon in all of India earns less than an intern here.'

Leprosy is a very common disease in India. It is estimated that there are more than two million lepers in the country, with 15,000 being treated by Father Rodriguez' hospital alone. One doctor, who is a nun, and an assistant are sent to the outlying villages from his hospital to treat the disease twice a week.

"Most people are uneducated. You cannot tell them they have leprosy because they do not understand this. You just say they have a skin disease," he said.

Early stages of the disease can be treated with sulfa drugs, but more advanced stages require surgery. The disease can be completely arrested, Father Rodriguez said.

Most modern drugs are available in India through American Pharmaceutical firms; but much of the expensive, complicated equipment which is commonly used in American hospitals for quick diagnosis and treatment is not available, he said, for lack of money.

Father Rodriguez will work at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City this summer for the second time to complete the requirement for his degree. He will then spend several months trying to raise money to remodel and improve his hospital in Mangalore.

More than 100 years old, the hospital buildings are spread over a half mile. He would like to consolidate the various units into one main building, with leprosy and tuberculosis units remaining separate. The buildings are old and the equipment outdated. He would also like to set up an out-patient clinic, figuring a total cost of about \$1 million.

Before Father Rodriguez left India, he was offered a position as director of the Catholic Hospitals in India. He turned it down. "I could still take that position, but I think I would prefer to return to my hospital," he said.

Ithaca Area Notes

Ithaca — The next religious education board meeting of St. Catherine of Siena is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, at 8 p.m. in the parish center. It is an important meeting, and all parishioners are invited. If you would like to be an active part of this board, please leave your name at the rectory.

Ithaca — Congratulations to Jack Burns, Cully Fox, and Virginia Hardesty on their election to St. Catherine of Siena's Parish Council.

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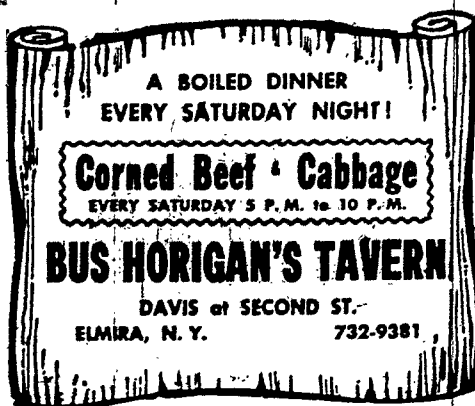
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Apalachin Parish Survey

Apalachin — Parishioners at St. Margaret Mary's Church here will get a chance June 11 to let its parish council know what they think is right and wrong with the operation of their church.

A questionnaire dealing with programs currently underway at the church will be read at all Masses on June 11 prior to being submitted to the individual parish families for their comments.

In other business, the council decided to study plans to partici-

pate in an Office of Human Development program.

The council also selected July 9 as the date for the annual parish picnic. It was decided to have water and electrical power facilities extended to the church's pavilion in time for the parish picnic.

RUMMAGE SALE

Elmira Heights — A rummage sale will be held by the St. Charles Borromeo Altar & Rosary Society, Friday, May 26, at the St. Charles Borromeo Church Hall, 130 Oakwood Ave., Elmira Heights, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Co-chairmen are Mrs. James Weigle and Mrs. Richard Wilson.

ELMIRA NEWS

Dick Baumbach has moved to a new address, 109½ Ridge Gaven Drive, Horseheads. Elmira area news releases should be sent to him there. His new phone number is 607-739-1363.

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MASS FOR
DAD

Father's Day is June 18th. Why not send us your Mass requests right now? Simply list your intentions, and then you can rest assured the Masses will be offered by priests in India, the Holy Land and Ethiopia, who receive no other income. . . . Remind us to send you information about Gregorian Masses, too. You can arrange now to have Gregorian Masses offered for yourself, or for another, after death.

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