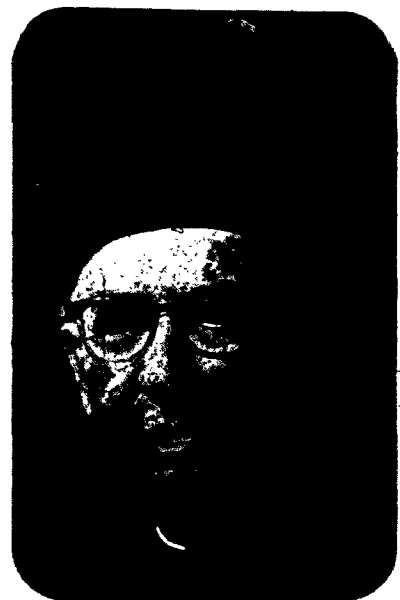


Msgr. Schwab, 78, Defied Flood To Help Dominican Sisters

Elmira — A special newsletter put out by the Dominican Sisters at the Monastery of Mary the Queen here called "And God Said to Noah" not only provided a report on the flood for relatives of the Sisters but also brought to light a new chapter in the life of 78-year-old, retired Msgr. Leo G. Schwab.

The acting chaplain at the convent, Msgr. Schwab made it to



MSGR. SCHWAB

the convent from his home at St. John the Baptist rectory in the early stages of the flood.

"We would not have had Mass many days if he had not ventured out during the rising water," wrote Sister Mary Margaret in the newsletter.

An unusual incident concerning Msgr. Schwab also was recounted:

"On Sunday during the singing of the responsorial psalm the electricity failed and the sacristans proceeded to light more candles on the altar. Msgr. said he felt like a Christmas tree. A suppressed laughter broke out when he began reading the Gospel of the day which read, 'what I say to you in the dark, speak in the daylight.'"

The Sisters had amassed items such as paper plates, canned meats and other goods for distribution to missions, particularly in Pakistan. A call to a local radio station and to the firehouse alerted flood victims that these goods were available and they were distributed.

"We also were able to supply some blankets and towels," said a convent spokesman. Such items are particularly needed in the

flood-stricken area,

And as for Msgr. Schwab, "what he did for us is something very special for all of us," said the spokesman.

Carmelite Fete Postponed

Waverly — Because of the flood, the Carmelite Fund Days originally scheduled for July 15-16 have been postponed to Aug. 26-27 at the Carmelite Monastery here.

FREE CLINIC

A free vision and hearing Screening Program for three to five year old pre-school children will be conducted in Monroe County during July and August at 27 locations. Parents may obtain a copy of the complete schedule by calling the Eye Conservation Committee at 271-3540.

Flood Brings Jobs for Kids

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

While high school and college students all over the country are looking in vain for summer jobs, the Corning Glassworks Foundation last week granted \$400,000 for the employment of youths.

It took a natural catastrophe to do it, but 300 boys and girls from Corning and Painted Post are employed and working very hard to clean homes and repair appliances damaged in the flood that ravaged the Southern Tier.

Operation YES (Youth Employment Service) came into being June 29, and crews began the first phase of their job — cleaning homes. By July 6, 233 homes had been put back in workable order from various stages of disrepair by 200 of the workers.

The second phase of the program that is now in full swing, is appliance clean up and repair. This service is being done on a 24-hour basis at the Corning Vocational Center by 100 students working in shifts under the supervision of local appliance companies.

Richard Bessey, executive director of the Corning Glassworks Foundation, explained how Operation YES was organized.

People signed up for the aid at neighborhood centers set up by the glassworks. About 1,000 people requested help in their homes or with appliance repair. Bessey reported.

Alerted by radio announcements, the workers also signed up at the centers. First priority

was given to kids who were flood victims," Bessey continued.

First to receive aid are the elderly and ill people who can't help themselves, but many others, those who have been recalled to work and don't have time to tend to their own homes, will also benefit from the efforts of Operation YES.

Cooperating in YES by providing supervision are the Corning YMCA and the Ingersoll Rand Corp.

Albany People Send Money

Some Corning people heard last week from friends they didn't even know they had.

St. Thomas parish in Delmar, outside Albany, came up with \$2,000 for the neediest flood victims in St. Vincent's parish, one of Corning's most devastated areas.

Father Gregory Weider, an assistant pastor at St. Thomas, drove down Wednesday to give the money to his brother, Father Timothy Weider, who is coordinating the diocesan relief effort in hard-hit Corning.

The Delmar priest, a native of Rochester, said a special collection had been taken specifically for St. Vincent's after consultation with the Rochester Pastoral Office.

It just happens that Father Tim, now with Catholic Charities, began his priestly career at St. Vincent's, in 1965.



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