



**Bare Walls**

Photo by Laurence E. Keefe

Nurse Sue Eichorn looks over metal studs left in basement of St. Joseph's hospital after flood destroyed plasterboard walls. Cleanup is proceeding.

## Hospital Recovering From Flood

By DICK BAUMBACH

Elmira — Down, but not out — that's the situation at St. Joseph's Hospital. The medical facility continues to make headway in returning to normal operations after being inundated by raging flood waters almost four weeks ago.

Last Thursday hospital officials announced that the facility would again start receiving medical and surgical patients. The majority of the hospital's patients had been evacuated to Arnot-Ogden Hospital for continued treatment.

The acceptance of patients

also signalled the opening of the hospital's intensive care, operating and recovery units.

It is hoped that by this Sunday the obstetrics and pediatric divisions will also be functioning. The hospital is planning to be completely operational by the end of this month.

Outpatient and rehabilitation services are currently being conducted in the area around the doctors' meeting room. An emergency room dispensary is set up on the first floor of the hospital.

The hospital's school of nursing reopened last Sunday. It had been closed for more than two weeks because of the flood.

Hospital officials also announced that transportation for employees without any means of getting to work is being accomplished by the use of a bus on loan from Nazareth College in Rochester.

## Our Parish COUNCIL

by Bernard Lyons

It's ridiculous to pan the past, to condemn change, or to fear the future.

Christians are persons who span the three dimensions of time — past, present, and future — in the same sense that we affirm in the Mass, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

When the Diocese of Oakland, Calif., recently marked their tenth anniversary, the editors of the diocesan paper, *The Catholic Voice*, printed a special issue celebrating their past, and then followed it with another special, "The Next Ten Years."

In his look to the future Bishop Floyd L. Begin said he was not naive enough to think that he will be involved in the diocese, except prayerfully, over the next ten years.

"My own plan for the next few years involves primarily a pastoral approach to the problems which we face in the Oakland Diocese," the Bishop said. "There are many of them, and I will need a lot of help."

He then cited serious problems of racial justice, poverty, the family, and bringing the message of the Gospel to non-believers.

The diocesan director of the Family Life program predicted that people will no longer marry in the Church simply because it is the thing to do. They will marry there because they are seeking the blessings and graces of a Sacrament.

The Church, in turn, he said, will make marriage education a priority, and it will not fear to deny the Sacrament to those it deems not ready.

He also envisioned the establishment of family-oriented catechetical centers, where emphasis will be on the education of the Christian family.

Family-life authors were quoted about the increasing dependence of the family on its community, and the hope that the liturgy

would become more family-centered with neighborhood groups meeting for worship.

A pastor expressed a similar hope: "Community — a unity of people in Christ, in faith, in authority, in sacrament — is stressed in modern catechetics. The size of some present-day parish plants does not easily create an atmosphere for people to know one another which on the human level is necessary for community."

"While the vertical relationship between God and man may be properly expressed in a larger building," the pastor said, "the horizontal one between ourselves in the name of God, in my judgment, is better developed in a smaller context."

"Not to be innovative at a time like this would verge on the sin of despair," said another priest. "Mistakes have been made and will be made. But the greatest mistake would be to neglect the decision of Vatican II to open ourselves to the modern world. This is where the Christian community must be formed and work out its salvation. There is no place to hide!"

A common theme was that of the Holy Spirit. An educator proclaimed: "I am convinced that the Holy Spirit will be as good to us in the future as the Holy Ghost was in the past."

The future could be summed up in the words of Cardinal Leon Joseph Suenens, who was on a tour of the West Coast recently: "What is happening is an evangelical renewal, a rediscovery of the Gospel, a new discovery of the meaning of Christ for this age. The process is already underway. It is the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is preparing for a new Spring for the Church. Something is dying, but something new and fresh is growing."

In other words, the slogan for the next decade might be — "A reform of institutions, yes; an in-depth renewal of persons, more yes!"

### RUMOR CAUTION

A rumor that St. Joseph Hospital's School of Nursing is closing because of flood damage is false. Classes for student nurses began as scheduled on Monday, July 17.

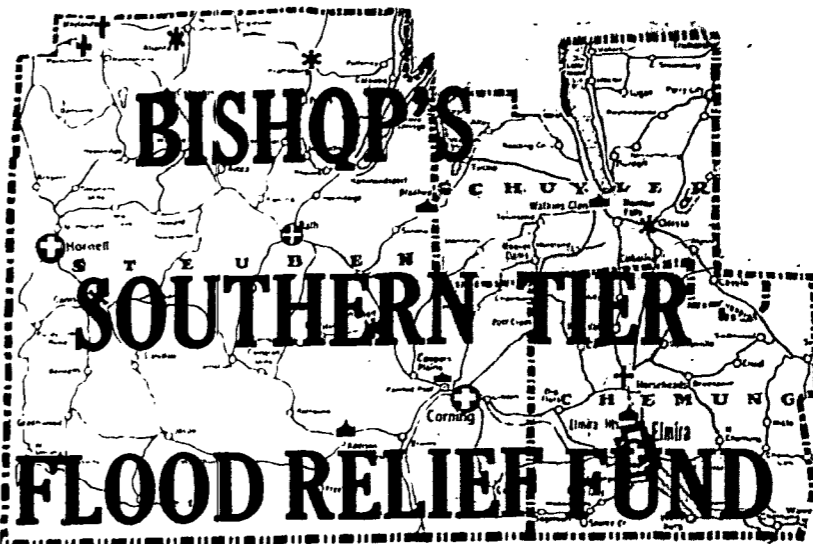
## Harold Lee Ordained to Lead Mormons

Salt Lake City — (RNS) — Harold B. Lee, 73, was ordained hier as the 11th "prophet, seer and revelator" of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon). He is the youngest president of the 3-million-member Church in 40 years.

Mr. Lee has been a member of the Quorum of 12 Apostles, the governing body, since 1941. He developed and coordinated the growth of the massive program of the Mormon Church, serving as the managing director for 22 years.

President Lee succeeds the late Joseph Fielding Smith who died of a heart attack July 2 at the age of 95. Funeral services for Mr. Smith were held here at the Mormon Tabernacle, attended by church and political dignitaries, friends and members of the family of 10 children and more than 160 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Representing the White House at the funeral were Housing and Urban Development Secretary George Romney and Sen. Wallace Bennett (R-Utah). Mr. Smith was praised as a leader of dedication and great competence who devoted his life to serving God, his Church and fellow man.



## Five Canandaigua Churches Bus Volunteers To Corning

By PAT BOLAND

Canandaigua — Five area churches are working together to help flood victims in the stricken Corning area.

Men will need work boots, gloves, shovels and pails; women, sponges, mops, pails and cleaning cloths. Buses will return the workers to the parking lot at 7 p.m.

Buses will be leaving the St. Mary's parking lot every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Volunteers are asked to bring their own lunch, work clothes and cleaning utensils.

The churches involved in this project are St. Mary's, The United Church, United Methodist Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, and the Wesleyan Methodist Church.



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