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Hornell

HOUSING PROJECT HOPES TO OPEN DURING SUMMER

By PEG PEASE

Bath — Daniel Soles, president of the Bath Area Self-Helpers (BASH) says that with a little assistance from the weatherman, the six new homes in the area self-help housing group will be completed and ready to move into some time in August.

"If the weatherman would just give us some sunshine, to dry up the ground, we will be able to put in the basement of the last two homes," Soles noted.

The six homes in the Bath area are being built by the self-help method. Through this program, a group of families work together to build individual homes for each family in the group. A skilled home builder works with the group to instruct and guide the construction. This construction supervisor and other technical assistance is funded and supervised by Project REACH and the Steuben County, Churchmen Against Poverty (SCAP).

The mortgage monies are obtained by the individual families from the Farmers Home Administration.

Soles explained that "the average cost of each mortgage is about \$11,500, but the resale value of the completed home is over \$20,000. This is due to the fact that the labor is done by the families themselves on week-ends and spare evenings when they are not working at their regular jobs.

Mrs. Leroy Turner, of Hammondsport, who, along with her husband, is part of the BASH group, excitedly commented, "We are very enthusiastic about the prospect of our new homes being completed by August." "There have been problems and this is only natural when you have twelve individuals working together in a group," Mrs. Turner added, "but we have been able to solve these problems and this has made our group stronger, a more efficient working body."

In another self-helper community, in Canisteo, Tom Carey of the staff remembers a resident's remark upon hearing about the plans to start a self-help housing group there. "It just seems appropriate. The self-help housing program is based on the same pioneer spirit that brought together the early residents of our area when they combined efforts at a house or barn raising, and with Canisteo observing its Centennial Celebration May 17, it just seems appropriate to have that spirit appear once again."

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Mike Harms of Cohocton, housing director for the Steuben County Self-Help Housing Program, agrees that the program is based on the pioneer spirit of working together and helping each other. "Self-help housing is based on the cooperation of a group of families working together to build their own homes," Harms stated. "There is no down payment and the guidance and instruction of the construction supervisor is provided at no cost to the families," he added.

Soles who is organizing the Canisteo-Cameron group indicates that people interested in the self-help method should call 607-698-2772 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. or from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. They may also write to Self-Help Housing, Box 4087, Cohocton, 14826.

At a recent informational meeting held at the First Methodist Church in Canisteo, the housing staff discussed the various aspects of self-help housing — the group process, financing, house design, site selection and construction. There was also a slide presentation showing the homes that have been built and those that presently are being constructed in Steuben County through the self-help process.

As a result of the meeting, four families have indicated a special interest in the housing. Soles may be contacted by phoning 384-5228. He noted that "a family does not have to be from the Canisteo area, just willing to build and live in that area."

K of C MEMBERS

Hornell — Twelve area men were inducted into the first and second degrees of the Knights of Columbus at ceremonies at the Hornell K of C home May 22. New members of Hornell Council 243 include Dr. Mario A. Argentieri, William A. Argentieri, Ronald M. Lockwood, Leo B. Burdett, Raymond F. Racalto, Frank P. Lamacchia, Peter R. Caporiccio, all of Hornell. Also, Joseph C. Soper of Hornell RD #1 and James R. Yahnite, Paul A. Thurkins and Michael P. Gorman, all of Canisteo. Also inducted was Charles R. Meyers of Soneya.

MOTHERS' CLUB

Hornell — New officers of St. Ann's Mothers' Club will be installed at the club's annual banquet today, June 6 at the Ponce de Leon restaurant. They are: Mrs. William Kelleher, president; Mrs. Donald Koehler, first vice-president; Mrs. Francis Argentieri, second vice president; Mrs. James Reardon, secretary and Mrs. Richard Zeliff, treasurer.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Bath — Mr. and Mrs. Michael Candelupe, formerly of Corning and Hammondsport, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their marriage with a Mass Sunday noon, June 10, at St. Mary's, followed by a reception at the Holiday Inn, Painted Post.

Canandaigua

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Naples — The coffee hour held weekly after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Januarius was changed to a breakfast, Sunday, June 3. The breakfast was held in honor of all the children of the parish who had made their First Holy Communion during the past year.

CWC MEETS

Canandaigua — The Christian Women's Club, an international organization, held an informational meeting recently in Canandaigua. The meeting-brunch was held at the home of

Mrs. Leo Genecco Jr. of St. Mary's Church. Speaker was Wanda Andersen, chairman of the Rochester Chapter. The Christian Women's Club is designed to help women who wish to know Christ better and to apply his teachings to modern day living. Groups are formed to hold meetings in the morning, lunchtime, or evening. The meeting consists of prayer, discussion and scripture readings. Anyone interested in joining the newly formed Canandaigua group may call Mrs. Genecco at 394-5392 or Mrs. John Taylor at 394-7542.

MAY CEREMONY

Canandaigua — The traditional May Ceremony complete with the crowning of Mary took place at St. Mary's, Thursday, May 31. The ceremony took place during the 9 a.m. Mass, with the entire school participating. The First Communion class was also invested in the Scapular of Mary at the same time.

Auburn

REGIONAL CONFERENCE SET AT ST. ALPHONSUS

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — Bishop Joseph L. Hogan is scheduled to welcome the participants of the Auburn regional conference at St. Alphonsus on June 11. Parish council presidents and committee chairmen for liturgy, human development and education along with priests and sisters of the region have been invited to participate.

Father Douglas C. Hoffman from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Rochester, and regional coordinator for the North Region will address the gathering.

Father John Hayes, the Auburn regional coordinator stated the conference is one of several to be held throughout the year to provide opportunity to share ideas, explore regional needs and review successful programs in keeping with the conference objectives to foster diocesan unity, Christian renewal and initiate communications between parishes of the region.

Chairmen for committee sessions include Mrs. David Martin, Sacred Heart Parish Council president, for the parish council presidents' meeting; Mary Jane Cox, St. Mary's, for liturgy; James Donley, St. Alphonsus, for human development, and Albert Nicoletta, Holy Family, for education.

Although the regional liturgy committee has been meeting and sponsored a liturgy workshop last winter, this will be the first time parish representatives from education and human development and parish council presidents have come together. Bishop Hogan will be available throughout the session for committee needs.

Benjamin Cool, regional representative on the pastoral council formation committee will also be present.

Mrs. Marion Cool is the chairman of the picnic to foster fellowship prior to the formal meetings. The concluding prayer service is being finalized by Sister Katherine Ann Reger, SSJ, pastoral assistant at St. Alphonsus.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Fair Haven — St. Jude's Chapel in Fair Haven opened for the summer season last week. Masses are celebrated Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m.

The schedule of Masses remains the same at St. Patrick's

in Cato at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

St. Thomas Church in Red Creek will have Mass at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

RECEPTION SLATED

Auburn — A reception will be held in honor of Sister Francis de Sales and Sister Margaret Joseph on Sunday, June 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Mary's School.

Sister Francis de Sales came to St. Mary's parish in 1958 and is observing her Golden Jubilee as a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph; Sister Margaret Joseph, transferring to Rochester, has been associated with St. Mary's School since 1959.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Waterloo — The children of St. Mary's School participated in a Mass marking the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of St. Mary's Church.

Parishioners Thomas Mull, seminarian at St. Bernard's, and Deacon Thomas McKeon played accompaniment for the guitar Mass celebrated by Father James F. O'Connell, pastor and Father Eugene Lower, associate pastor.

The celebration culminated a research project into church history initiated as a seventh grade confirmation project sparked last year by parish historian Richard Schreck. The student project continued this year with identification and collection of local pictures dating back to 1910 and other memorabilia. Louis McKeitt shared his recollections of church history with the students. Sister Mary Cumbo and Sister Janet Oakes were advisors. St. Mary's marked 125 years as a parish on May 1.

Elmira

FLOODED PARISH SERVES IN KIND

By DICK BAUMBACH

Coming — A little less than a year ago the parishioners of St. Vincent dePaul Church suffered severe losses as a result of Tropical Storm Agnes.

Remembering the grief and anxiety they went through during and immediately after the flood disaster the Southern Tier parishioners recently set about to "repay" back some of the monetary assistance they received after the disaster.

A special collection was held recently by the parish to assist a parish which was experiencing the same type of disaster in the Midwest.

The St. Vincent parishioners contributed \$1,300 to their unknown brothers living more than 1,000 miles to the west.

After receiving the funds Father Joseph F. Hogan, pastor of St. Vincent's, learned one of the most severely affected parishes in the new flood disaster was the Immaculate Conception Church in West Alton, Mo.

The community lies directly between the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, both of which have been overflowing their banks for almost two months.

In a letter of thanks to the people of St. Vincent's, Father Edward B. Schlattmann, pastor of Immaculate Conception, said the contribution came at a time when everything was looking bleak.

The Missouri pastor said the four buildings comprising his parish's complex had been under water for six weeks.

He also said that 410 of the 450 homes which make up the community surrounding the parish had been severely damaged by the raging flood waters.

Father Schlattmann said he would never forget the gift from the St. Vincent parishioners and would always keep them in his prayers.

St. Vincent's was the most severely damaged parish in the diocese following the June flood disaster.

A water mark on the church at St. Vincent's shows that the flooding reached more than 15 feet above the street.

Homes around the church, as well as the church, are still in the process of being either rebuilt or substantially repaired. Other homes in the parish were either destroyed by the flood waters or were torn down after the disaster because of damage.

CDA

Waverly — Four candidates from St. James Church were recently installed as members of the Court Joan of Arc No. 235 Catholic Daughters of America.

They are: Mrs. Rose Marie Miller, Mrs. Margaret West, Mrs. Fern Tedford and Mrs. Adele Carreras.

New officers of the court: Velma Bentley, regent; Jeanette DeSiste, first vice regent; Nancy Simaitis, second vice regent; Helen Parente, lecturer; Bess Zoltowski, financial secretary; Elizabeth Scheuer, treasurer.

Margaret Barrett, recording secretary; Mildred Schreck, monitor; Mary Ella Barrett, hostess; Katherine Skelly, organist; Nellie Payne, trustee for six years; Katherine Brogan, trustee for four years and Mary McNamara, trustee for two years.

VOLUNTEERS HONORED

Elmira — Seven volunteers at St. Joseph's Hospital here were recently recognized for 1,000 volunteer hours each to the medical facility.

At the hospital's annual auxiliary awards dinner a total of 30,000 volunteer hours was acknowledged by the hospital's board of directors.

Recognized for service were Mrs. Joseph Flanagan, Mrs. Edward Horgan, Mrs. Martin Kain, Mrs. Daniel Kennedy, Mrs. Lorna Healy, Miss Anastasia Rosinski and John Haben.

COUNCIL ELECTION

Apalachin — The establishment of new by-laws for the parish council of St. Margaret Mary Church calls for the election of new officers of the organization to be concluded by June 17.

On that date ballots returned by parishioners will be counted and the results made known immediately.

ST. JOSEPH'S GIVES HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Elmira — The first annual St. Joseph's Hospital Humanitarian Award was recently presented to Leslie D. Clute, former chairman of the board of managers of the Arnot Ogden Memorial Hospital.

The citation to Clute said it was being presented "for dedication to the development of health care in the community and his untiring dedication to the Arnot Ogden Memorial Hospital which, together, have exceeded expectations of public service."

"We, the board of directors of St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center, present this citation in recognition of that unselfish and devoted service to the cause of relieving human suffering."