

regional news reports

Ithaca

ALTERNATIVES

Ithaca — Two years of operation have brought "community acceptance" to Alternatives, Inc., according to Mary White, a charter member.

The organization, devoted to helping women with problem pregnancies, logs about five calls a week on its 24-hour telephone. It has access to doctors, lawyers, clergymen, social workers, and others in its confidential counselling and referral program.

Alternatives, which came into being in response to the liberal abortion law, now numbers 150 women who have been through a training program of several sessions. It maintains contact with such agencies as the Mental Health Association, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Welfare Department, Family and Children's Service, Open House, Planned Parenthood and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The mail address is Alternatives, Inc., 116 W. Buffalo, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850; the telephone, 607-273-5433.

FRESH AIR

Penn Yan — Host families are being sought by the Yates County Fresh Air Program. Anyone interested in giving a deprived New York City child a little summer vacation may contact Mrs. John (Nancy) Kennerson, 536-8644.

RETREATS

Penn Yan — Women's retreat dates coming up are July 10-12, 17-19, and 24-26. The retreats will be held at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Pittsford, under the direction of a team of four sisters. Retreats begin at 7:30 p.m. Sundays and end at 8 p.m. Tuesdays. Cost is \$25. Further information may be obtained from Sister Diane Branch, 716-247-5559 or Sister Diane Dennie, 315-394-2325.

Canandaigua

RETIREMENT PARTY

Shortsville — Residents of the Red Jacket Central School District will honor retiring Supervising Principal Neil J. Harkenrider, at an open house in the high school cafeteria Sunday, June 17, 3-5 p.m. Harkenrider is a member of St. Dominic's Church.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Canandaigua — Couples who have made a Marriage Encounter weekend, and would like to form a follow-up group, are asked to call Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hartson at (315) 394-2024 or Mr. and Mrs. Don McCarthy at (315) 394-7653.

PAINTERS WANTED

Canandaigua — St. Mary's parishioners are invited to don-

their old clothes for a painting party to be held continuously all summer long. The "old" school, erected in 1910 is in need of painting and repair. Traditionally, people of the parish have donated their time, a few evenings a week, to keep up the buildings. Work will begin at the end of June and anyone interested may call the rectory at 394-1220.

Elmira

SERVICE WILL MARK FLOOD ANNIVERSARY

Corning — An ecumenical service will be held at Corning Stadium June 24 in memory of the people who died in the flood last June and in thanksgiving for the recovery of the community.

The service will be held exactly one year and a day after the flood raged through this area.

OWEGO COUNCIL

Owego — The parish council of St. Patrick's Church has elected William Fahl president. Francis Orlando is vice president and Mercedes Raftis, secretary. The council voted at a recent meeting to form a church renovation committee.

PARISH ELECTIONS

Corning — New members of the school board at St. Vincent DePaul Church are Mrs. Paul Ambrosoni, Mrs. Joseph Miller and Mrs. Anthony Sofja.

The parish Catholic Action group has announced these officers: Mrs. Francis Frawley, president; Mrs. Angela Costello, vice president; Mrs. Francis Alteri, secretary, and Mrs. Louis Ferratella, treasurer.

Auburn

FAREWELL DINNER

Auburn — Four retiring faculty members were honored at a farewell dinner held by the Home School Association of St. Alphonsus School last Thursday.

Mrs. Henry Hoffman, Mrs. Robert McCormick, Mrs. William McQueeney and Mrs. Robert Rogers were presented gifts by Father Raymond Wuest.

St. Alphonsus School is closing at the end of the school year and will be merged with Sacred Heart and Holy Family in September.

Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Betz, presidents of the Home School Association also were presented with gifts. Mr. Betz talked on the school's history and Father Wuest and Sister Walter Ann, principal, also addressed the parents and faculty.

EXPANDED BOARD TO RUN CEDAR

Auburn — Sister Ellen Ward will continue as coordinator for

CEDAR (Christian Education Department, Auburn Region). Mrs. Arlene Perkins will stay on as secretary.

These matters and others were settled at a joint meeting of the retiring five-man board and the new board, which includes lay people as well as priests and will have 13 members when it is complete.

Newly elected officers include Father Edward Palumbos, associate pastor of St. Alphonsus as chairman; S. Michael Stapleton, treasurer and Mrs. Mary Schooley, secretary. Pastors on the board are Msgr. Joseph Sullivan of Holy Family, and Father Elmer Heindl of St. Joseph's, Weedport. Father John Clogowski, associate pastor of Holy Family also is a member.

Other members include Miss Carol Techman, parish coordinator for Holy Family; Sister Mary Clouser, parochial school representative, from St. Alphonsus; Mrs. Marcella Dyer of King Ferry, for the Southern area, and Mrs. Mary Schooley for the northern area.

Additional positions to be filled at the June meeting include a parent couple, a lay person with expertise in finance to be co-treasurer, a publicity person and representation from the city.

The retiring board had Father Clogowski as chairman, Father Richard Stanton of Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry; Father Heindl, Father Palumbos and Father Edward Shamon of St. Aloysius.

BANQUET

Cayuga — Father Edward Palumbos will speak on "The Church and Its People" at the St. Joseph's Altar and Rosary Society banquet at Michael's, June 13.

BARBECUE

Scipio Center — St. Bernard's annual Father's Day Chicken barbecue will be held on the church grounds, noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 17.

Hornell

BISHOP HOGAN A GUEST ON HORNELL TV PROGRAM

By PEG PEASE

Hornell — The final presentation of the Hornell television series on "Catholic Attitudes," with regard to the diocesan

survey in the Year of Renewal, presented Bishop Joseph L. Hogan as guest panelist.

On the most prevalent question, "where do we go from here?" the Bishop commented: "The church is our common concern. All the questions we have today are a repetition of those asked even in the time of St. Augustine. I would encourage parishioners to become more involved in parish activities."

He pointed out that young people are the hope of the church.

"The deep longings of youth should be explored and listened to," he said. "They want a cause and definite authenticity in their lives. We cannot mouth the Gospel and not live it; the heart of renewal is in the renewal of heart, and spiritual renewal is the heart of any renewal."

Concluding, the bishop said, "Our divisions are always a scandal and it happens when our selfish mission is uppermost. Ecumenical missions will bring us together in a common mission. The definitive analysis of our lives will be how well we exercised our stewardship."

Appearing with Bishop Hogan were Rudolph Schneider, moderator, Josephine Ciancaglioni, Kathy McManus and Andrew Lamb, Jr. The general goal of the half-hour program discussions

has been to re-define the meaning of personal faith and the relationship of that faith to life in the modern world.

Parishioners of St. Ann's have been asked to evaluate each program. A more detailed evaluation form soon will be presented for their comments by the parish council.

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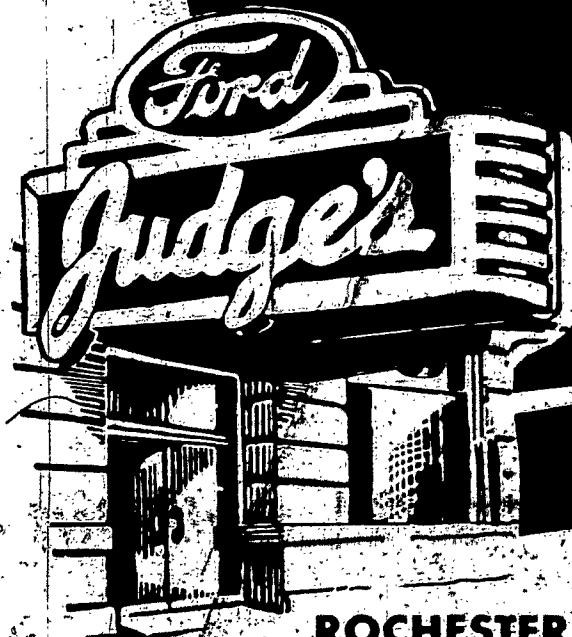
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