Camp Stella Maris Social

East Side Conesus Lake, Wednesday, August 26, 1936

SEASON OF 1966 We have had a most successful year, the number of boys enjoying the facilities of the Camp was 303. These are the regular campers; before the Camp opens and after it closes, there are always many picnics and parties which enjoy the

grounds for the day. We wish to thank all those ocial and Card Party during the winter. As all know well we could never support the Camp_ion the tuitions alone, esecially when we offer so many features usually found only in

ore expensive camps. We have a special word of thanks for those who work so hard to make our Social and Card Party a success. work often does not show but we assure them it is appreciated. May God bless them for their generosity!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT The Camp has never gone into the 'red'. Every year thus far we have managed to breal; even. But it is only the Social and Card Party that makes this possible. Last year for in debt when we closed Camp. The Social and the Card Party combined. brought in over \$1,700. This year again we \$1,700. This year again we pioneer in starting the Jun-shall have to make more than jor diamond, will be ordained. \$1,000 to break even.

CAMP AWARDS FOR 1936 Dromatics—Kallighan, Jerry McLean and O'Neil: Baseball-Battersby and De-

Craft-Joe Dailey (Elmira)

Bob Erwin, Leo Mulvey, Pelu-so, Benny Iaia, Mensing, O-Neil and McNulty. Swimming-Battersby, Flor-

ack, Frigerio, Wester. Diving—Billy Duffy, Ben-Iaia, Meath and Tom Hurley. Best Camper—Flynn, Ray Kelly, Ned Barry, Mulcahy, David Tormey, Ehmann, Bat-tersby, DeFraine, Culhane and

The new cabin relieved the crowded conditions in our dor. tinued to be one of the most dows were taken from the old Camp history. Each year we ambulance given to us by St. have striven to add new prof-Mary's Hospital and destroyed ects while retaining those which have been popular in who have made this possible broke into the garage. We Craft Lodge has grown in size by their generosity both at our hope some day to have several and nopularity. At second the

. The new 'ambi' once be-longed to the Strong Memorial Hospital. It makes a fine bus Archery is a new sport at Archery is a new sport at Camp. A great many find enjoyment, shooting at the target: We wish Father Walter Fischer all kinds of luck in opening his new parish Camp on Owasco Lake, Father Fischer is a Lornier coun-sellor at C.S.M.... Due main-ly to the efforts of Messers Érvin' & Co, we had thirty-sèven campers, from Elmira this summer. Nice goin', boys!

duction of talkie movies to the Camp was a great success. Thanks, Father! - . . Note how we are extending our athletic field into the orchard. Part is for the Junior ball diamond, example we were over \$1,000 and the rest will be used for volley-ball, and in time a ten-nis court: ... That reminds us —Dick Burns, who was the

> the fower on the beach used by the Life Guards. Chautauqua this spring and is now a Red Cross Examiner.

> plus a First-Aid expert. The Chaplain and Head Counsellor made an inspection of Camps through the Adirondacks this summer. At the finish they found that C.S.M. had the best Craft Lodge, the best-One of these Camps charges \$300 for the season.

The Craft Lodge has conmitories and aids in giving or popular spots in Camp, the amount of material used far der, The diamond-shaped win- exceeding any other year in last winter by vandals who the past and as a result the hope some day to have several, and popularity. At present the list of projects, includes plain, link and braided belts; wrist watch straps, leather bracelets, pocketbooks, billfolds, and rosary cases; boondoggles, suede bookmarks and bookcovers; openers; airplanes and gliders, whiskbrooms, silver bracelets. wristcharms and sponge rubber animals and boats. It has always been the Camp's policy. to encourage the boys as much as possible and hence, prices have been kept to a minimum. This year as a new feature, an instructor from a CCC camp in Letchworth Park was at Camp three days a week to instruct in woodcarving. Among the projects completed tomahawks, knives, forks and spoons.

The Craft Lodge is not merely something to occupy the boy's time while at Camp, in Rome within the next year. but it has a sar nigner puriose.

The Craft Eodge disposed in that it develops in him an of over \$350 worth of material, urge to create. In this modern And that at cost price! ... All age the machine has to a great that is left of our water slide extent supplanted the use of desirable thing. In the Middle ard Tormey passed his tests at Ages the masterpieces produced by a man using his two hands and a few simple tools far surpassed anything which our modern machines have produced. Into a masterpiece went man's best whole heart and soul were in it, because in it he saw something which he himself controlled water front; and by had produced. To our boys in far the best program. We the Craft Lodge the simplest failed in not having a Chapel, articles can be a masterpiece. A boy gets more joy and de-(Continued on Page 2)

Dear Falker D'Aurizio

Love Letters About Comp

For the thousands who have attended Camp Stella Maris over the half-century of its existence, no testimonials are necessary. Yet spontaneous letters of praise are sent regularly to the Catholic Charities office and reflect the spiritual worth of the camp.

For instance, a parent writes, "I would like to tell you that our boys had a most enjoyable camp vacation the week of July 21-27. We were very pleased with the camp and most impressed with the counselors.

Another letter says, "My son loves camp and looks forward to next year."

Another parent telephones to say "how thoroughly her 12-year-old daughter enjoyed Camp Stella Maris. She is so enthusiastic about the programs and the things she did and learned at the camp :... . it's just fantastic!"

Another lauded the counselors:

"I was most impressed by their humor, hard work and depth of commitment to Stella Maris. The week I spent was great. The liturgies were well-prepared. I sensed a deep respect for prayers among the leaders and the counselors: There was a good spirit — especially at table."

A. Trumansburg family wrote the Courier-Journal about the Christian Family Renewal — "a truly gripping experience for us. It brought alive the feeling that maybe, just maybe, we are part of a tribe of Israel following Jesus up and down the hillsides, listening to his teachings and growing closer to him each day."

These are just a few of the comments from thousands of thousands who have been associated with the camp as counselors, campers or parents. Many of the priests of the diocese served as counselors and undoubtedly their vocations were strengthened by their experiences at the camp

Anyone interested in taking a look back every now and again, and who doesn't, would find the Camp Stella Maris Social printed Aug. 26, 1936 has many interesting

For instance:

That reminds us, Dick Burns, who was the pioneer in starting the junior diamond; will be ordained in Rome within the next year." That refers to Msgr. Richard K. Burns, now pastor at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Irondequoit.

Many of the campers went on to become

priests, as witness another litem from the 1936 newspaper:

"The camp has trained guite a few young priests to understand and teach below is a list of old counsellors, now priests working in the diocese

Revs Gerald Lambert, Benedict Ehmann, George Vogt, Joseph Vogt, Joseph McDonnell, Leonard Kelly, Joseph Cirrincione, Bernard Cleary, William O'Brien, Ambrose Kavanaugh, Joseph O'Connell, Walter Fischer, Arthur Ratigan.

Of course, the list has grown through the years as Stella-Maris continues to do its job toward strengthening vocations.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

Because so many Stella Maris" graduates" have manifested a lively and continuing interest in the camp and because the camp itself is approaching its golden anniversary; Father Joseph F. D'Aurizio, diocesan director of Catholic Charities and director of Camp Stella Maris. sees the strong possibility of an alumni association being formed.

A once-a-year get-together at the camp highlighted by the celebration of the Eucharist might be an "official" annual meeting. Minimal annual dues from a large number of those men and women who, throughout the years, have experienced the happiness of the camp would make it possible to continue this same experience for the children of today and tomorrow, particularly those who cannot afford to pay themselves.

Many of the priests of the diocese were campers and counselors at Stella Maris. The example and the inspiration of the boy counselors, most of whom were St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's seminarians, must have planted the seeds of the priestly vocation in their souls. The experience in Christian living for a period of a week or two undoubtedly contributed to what they envisioned should be the pastoral ministry of the future. In the past few years, there has been a greater emphasis on the Christian aspect of the camp.

Stella Maris is a viable, visible, Catholic organization. It has contributed positively to the formation of many men and women in this diocese. It is a needed organization:

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