

Burn Program Needs Funds to Grow

By JOHN DASH

Elmira — Gary Bauter hurts. His kids want him home. His wife wants him home; but it'll be a while before he recovers enough from the burn he received working with molten glass.

Ironically, Gary's lucky. When we visited him he wouldn't agree. He hurt. He was doped up. He was getting the best care available; but lying on that bed in St. Joseph's Hospital with charred flesh, flesh raw from surgery, muscle cauterized to the bone, an arm wrapped up in special bandaging and extraordinary care from the hospital staff, he couldn't care less.

For a while he thought that because a reporter was in his room something even worse had happened to him. Pat, his wife, tried to console him. Sister Marie Michael, nursing director, tried to console him. But the question kept rattling around. What more could be done to ease the hurt in his arm?

And the hospital wants to give him a better answer than "We did the best you could receive, Gary."

That's why St. Joseph's wants to develop a Burn Unit, rather than the Burn Program that has been so successful in recent months.

They even talk about the Burn Unit at St. Joseph's as if it were already a reality. They correct themselves for the press. The need for such a unit in the hospital is foremost in a number of minds; and if the State comes through with its approval, the unit will be a reality in the near future.



Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bauter

But the snag is that it costs a lot of money, better than \$100,000 to be more precise, to set up such a facility.

And unless the money is at hand, the State won't approve setting the unit up.

Eight or nine people in this community can expect to die from burns this year.

If there is a burn unit at St. Joseph's, that number of people won't die in excruciating pain, leaving spouses, children, friends and relatives in grief.

Sister Marie Michael's idea is to close off a section of the hospital with double doors, set up special

kitchen facilities and install special hydrotherapy machines, and to make a nearly sterile environment for patients suffering from major burns.

In burn cases, infection is the major cause of complications and death, Sister said. By having a fully equipped unit burn that danger is minimized.

She draws the reporter's attention to the capabilities of the two plastic surgeons on the staff who minister to the burned: the Doctors James Sonsire and James Marshall. And she speaks glowing of the woman who will head the nurse team, Margaret McCarthy.

The hospital expects it will be able to serve people who are burned from Tompkins, Tioga,

Steuben, Schuyler and Chemung counties as well as from Bradford, Pa.

For the last several months a number of groups have responded enthusiastically to the idea of setting up the Burn Unit at St. Joseph's.

Chemung firemen have held a bike-a-thon. Elmira and Ithaca firemen have donated special Apollo body warmers to the facility; and local movie premiere of The Towering Inferno benefited the facility.

But much more is needed.

If there were a burn unit, maybe Gary Bauter would be home by now, and back working. Maybe his arm wouldn't hurt any more, and he could play with children again.

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Seneca Falls Church Plans Census-Survey

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Seneca Falls — St. Patrick's Church will conduct a house-to-house census to update parish statistics and to obtain general information concerning all Catholics living within the parish boundaries.

Father Leo E. Lynch, pastor, notified the parishioners that each of the approximately 3,500 dwelling units within the parish boundaries will be visited.

A committee of more than 150 volunteers, mostly women, will handle the census work under the leadership of Mrs. Joyce Sincropi. Mrs. Janet Fulkerson, Mrs. Anne Rutz and Mrs. Alice Kelsey, have agreed to serve as co-chairladies.

The census will begin on April 21 and end by May 5. Primary objectives, Father Lynch said, are to identify all baptized Catholics in the area, noting their parish affiliation or lack of it, the ages and school enrollment of the children in the homes and the parents' intent for the pre-schoolers concerning their future enrollment in Catholic schools.

Questions will include the religious background and practices of the baptized Catholics. Although non-Catholics also will be visited, Father Lynch emphasized that those residents will not be asked to give any information. Similar programs recently conducted throughout the diocese have provided a wealth of information and statistics both material and spiritual which could not have been obtained otherwise.

In addition to the census, an integral part of the program will be separate attitudinal surveys for Catholics 18 and older and for those 12 through 17. Survey forms will be left to be completed by each adult and each youth residing in a Catholic home so

that they may convey their thoughts and comments concerning Church and parish activities.

The census-survey program will be followed by a financial appeal to all parish families to keep St. Patrick's Parish on a sound fiscal basis. The program is being directed by State-wide Counseling Service of Rochester.

CDA Court Opposes ERA

In a movement against the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) undertaken by the National Order of Catholic Daughters of America, Court Our Lady of the Cenacle 1139 of Rochester has lent its support by joining "Operation Wake Up," an ERA opponent.

"Because our organization of Catholic women is devoted to the preservation of family life and the dignity of womanhood in every aspect of life, we feel that ERA is a very destructive piece of legislation," stated Mrs. William E. Crosby of 371 Walzford Road, Rochester. Mrs. Crosby is a member of Cenacle 1139 and also is public relations chairman for the State Court, Catholic Daughters of America.

CLUB DANCE

Hornell — Tickets for the Swing into Spring Dance to be held Apr. 19, at the Knights of Columbus Home here may be obtained from members of the Mothers' Club of St. Ann's, from the rectory, Gail Cianciosi, 324-1680; or Mickey Hanrahan, 324-7958. The event will benefit St. Ann's School.

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