

## Chemung School Board Plans Fund Raiser

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Elmira — Members of the Chemung County Catholic School Board told an emotion-charged crowd last week that more financial involvement is needed from parents of students and parishioners sponsoring the schools.

The system's proposed 1976-77 budget was first listed as \$575,000. However, the group's finance committee chopped that figure by \$24,000 and presented a new budget of \$551,000.

During the session, which at times involved heated exchanges among board members, Father Henry Adamski, pastor of St. Casimir's Church, said that parish councils have already indicated that the board cannot ask for more money than already projected.

"I must remind you," Father Adamski said to the board, "it is not the pastors as private individuals who are saying this. The decision was forced on them by parish councils. The pastors don't want to be maligned that they want the school system to go down the drain; but the councils have indicated that if you do ask for more from the parishes, they (the parishes) will have to go out of the systems."

Some controversial budget cuts which at one point led to a call for adjournment by Father John Leary, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Southside included the elimination of the regional superintendent's position (rejected by a vote of 11-10), the elimination of a central office secretarial position (approved by a 12-9 vote) and a \$1,400 reduction in pay for a junior high secretary (approved by an 11 to 10 vote).

After those items were acted on, Father Leary said "This meeting seems to be governed by emotions and not logic. I think the emotions are going to be heightened as we go along and I call for adjournment."

The conflicts arose over the manner in which the finance committee cut the budget.

Proponents of the cuts said personalities were not considered in making the cuts, while opponents said that the parents and parishioners had not been approached about the financial pinch and that the cuts seemed to hurt more than help the system to keep in operation.

One teacher in the Junior High school, after the voting on the first three items said, "This is cruel. This is inhumane. I can't see how you people can do this."

Dr. Jack Wheeland, a board member said, "Where is the Christianity in this? I think this is discrimination. You are talking about people. You talk about figures. You have to remember people, otherwise it's bad business."

### RELIGIOUS ED.

Naples — The following St. Januarius parishioners were in attendance at a recent Religious Education Workshop: Linda Bouchard, Kathy Campbell, Mary Danaher, Barbara Mantione, Gail Merklinger, Carol Riesenberger, Janet and Jack Schwartz, Ann Walker and Father Robert G. Smith, pastor. Also, four guests from St. Pius V, Cohocton, attended. Sister Joan McAteer and Marty Palumbos gave a general survey into value systems and methods of teaching. The need for a teacher training program, specifically designed for individual grades was raised and it was noted that the religious education offices might be able to implement this in the near future.

Alex Oloszy, chairman of the finance committee, said, "You gave us a job to do. We did not consider personalities but just ways to reduce the budget. These are our decisions."

Several board members as well as teachers were upset over pay raises under the proposed budget. Lay teachers would receive a 3.5 per cent increase, non-professional employees would receive a 3 per cent increase while the system's business manager is asking for a 10 per cent increase.

At the close of the session, Donald Stamp, president of the board, and Jack Banks, business manager, said to this reporter that it is obvious that the parishioners and parents must contribute more money to keep the system operating. Stamp said, "We've got to go to the people. This is what we're going to do on April 25."

On April 25, at a place and time yet to be decided, a representative committee from the school board will hold a public meeting to explain the plight of the school district and call for additional revenues to defray costs. No action has been taken on a proposal to increase tuition.

## Deaths

### Father Janto, Siena Professor

Clyde — Father Stephen A. Janto, O.F.M., of Siena College died March 31, 1975, in Herkimer. He suffered a heart attack while driving back to Albany, after a day with his family here.

The funeral was held April 3 at the college.

Mercy Sister Mary Daniel of St. James, Rochester, reported that her brother had seemed "very much himself" at the Easter Monday gathering, to which he had brought two friends. They told her later that on the way back he paused to rest at the Herkimer Thruway exit, then slumped over the wheel, his front-seat companion turned off the ignition, stopping the car without further mishap. "We are so glad of that," Sister Mary Daniel said. Her brother was taken by ambulance to Herkimer Hospital.

He was born in Clyde 62 years ago. Since 1958, he had been a professor of history at Siena. He was on the history faculty at St. Bonaventure from 1955 until 1958.

Father Janto entered the Franciscan order in 1932 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1939, after study at Holy Name College in Washington, D.C.

He was a 1936 graduate of St. Bonaventure and held an MA degree from the University of Texas and a PhD from the University of Madrid. He wrote many articles on history and religion and was a prolific contributor to the New Catholic Encyclopedia.

During World War II, Father Janto served as an Army chaplain. He was with the Air Force during the Korean War, and retired from the chaplaincy in 1965 as a colonel, USAF Reserve.

Surviving besides Sister Mary Daniel are a brother, Frank, and two other sisters, Mrs. Anthony Pursati and Mrs. John De Lisio, all of Clyde, and several nieces and nephews.

### Dr. Sirotenko

Dr. Aleksey A. Sirotenko, professor of chemistry emeritus at St. John Fisher College, died April 8, 1975 of cancer. He was 66.

Dr. Sirotenko, a member of the



Members of the Confirmation Class of St. Margaret Mary's in Apalachin get ready to leave for retreat at Watson Homestead. Mr. and Mrs. John McCrory and Father Elmer J. Schmidt, pastor of St. Margaret Mary's, accompanied the youngsters.


## Retreat Readies Confirmation Class

Apalachin — Members of the Confirmation Class at St. Margaret Mary's Parish in Apalachin are attending special retreats at Watson Homestead near Corning. Father Robert Hammond and the Teen Seminar Youth are conducting the sessions.

The 60 students and their teachers participate in discussions, song fests and varied activities. Due to the size of the class, there have been two separate retreats according to the directors. Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCrory and Mrs. Arden

Wolterman. The sacrament will be administered on April 30 at 7:45 p.m.

**IN THIS CORNER**



**George Beahon**

Hopscoching The Sports Beat: And suspecting that someone, somewhere was playing "Sandbag Your Neighbor" when widely different "lines" were published as supposedly accurate odds on the baseball pennant races. For the record, here are the legitimate opening day odds out of Las Vegas, and remember, they are prices against any one team winning its division only, not the playoff for the pennant.

American League West: Oakland 4-5; Texas 11-5; Kansas City 4-1; California 8-1; Minnesota 12-1; Chicago 30-1.

AL East: Baltimore 6-5; Yankees 3-2; Red Sox 7-1; Milwaukee 12-1; Cleveland 15-1; Detroit 30-1.

National League West: Los Angeles 1-1; Cincinnati 3-2; Houston 7-1; Atlanta 10-1; San Francisco 15-1; San Diego 50-1.

NL East: Pittsburgh 2-1; St. Louis 11-5; Philadelphia 3-1; Mets 6-1; Expos 12-1; Chicago 50-1.

Best Bets (Purely Personal): Orioles and Phillies.

The Long, Hard Season: Eighteen teams in the National Basketball Association have completed a long pre-season of 82 games each. Now 10 of these 18 begin what the NBA players and executives themselves concede (at least in April) to be

the "real season," the playoffs, for the championship and the money.

Coaches and players are quoted extensively as saying they "go all out" in the playoffs. This is another way of admitting they do some coasting during the 82-game preliminary season. Once playoff positions are virtually locked up, why push and shove your neighbor?

Since the Establishment does not wish to reduce this ridiculously long pre-season, I have a suggestion. Make the regular season schedule about 20 games long for all clubs. Then start a beautiful playoff season of 80 games each. Everybody will be all out every night, for the money.

Disa and Data: The new Rochester Red Wing batboy is a kid with some kind of perseverance. He applied a year ago, and reached the judging, or finals stage, but just missed making it as an alternate. This time around he applied again; made the finals against 10-1 odds that his name would not be picked, and then won over 11 others in ultimate judging, including a "judge-off" after he tied for first. He is Edison Tech's David Kunst, who'll be 17 this weekend. He tries harder, but he's number 1.

This reporter has been hammering perhaps too much about the self-destruct ingredients of the 5 per cent (plus) surtax in Off Track Betting. One statistic: The Daily Average in OTB pools in New York City since the surcharge was imposed is off (down) \$250,000. Per day... Banquet circuit regulars never tire of hearing Duffy Dougherty, the impish former Michigan State coach and A.B.C. color man. For the Salesman's Club dinner Duffy delivered a line about Alabama's coach Bear Bryant, who's been accused of walking on water. They were duck-hunting when Bear fired one shot but the duck kept flying. "Hey," said Bryant, "there flies a dead duck."

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