

# State AOH Elects Auburnian President

Auburn — The 78th biennial convention of the State Ancient Order of Hibernians elected

Thomas D. McNabb of Logan St., Auburn, as the state president at a four-day conclave in Hempstead, New York State with almost 100 divisions is the largest state group in the AOH.

Queens was elected vice president; Edward W. Wallace of Oswego, state secretary, and Peter Bulfin of Babylon, treasurer.

The new state president, at 37 the youngest in state history, is the city safety inspector for Auburn. McNabb has held three division officerships, including president for seven years, and five state Hibernian offices.

He is married to the former Bridget Breen of Asdee, County Kerry, Ireland. The McNabbs have two children, Bridget and Colleen.

Two area directors elected are James McDonnell of Rochester and Fred Dykens of Elmira.

Niagara Falls was selected for the 1977 convention.



## Holy Childhood Raises \$100,000

Father Francis Wright, national director of the Holy Childhood Association, is surrounded by children during a visit to Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., military reservation, where there are some 14,500 Vietnamese refugees. Speaking at Masses to the refugees, Father Wright pointed out that his coming was an expression of concern by American children for Vietnamese children. The children were of particular interest since Holy Childhood has focused its attention on young people since its foundation in 1843 and now provides support for children in 55 countries. Throughout the U.S., students in both parochial schools and religious education-CCD classes participate in a "children-helping-children" program. Before the fall of South Vietnam, American children raised over \$100,000 through Holy Childhood to help Vietnamese orphans. (RNS)

## Senecas Host Fund Raiser

Basom — The annual Tonawanda Field Day has been slated for Sunday Aug. 3, beginning at 1 p.m.

The field day features traditional dancers from Six Nations Reserve, Canada and the Tonawanda Reservation. Included in the fund raiser for the Longhouse (the Seneca Indian house of worship) will be Indian games, arts and crafts, food stands, and demonstrations of Lacrosse.

Chairman of the event is Chief Sachem Corbett Sundown, assisted by Chief Sachem Delehanty George and Mrs. Corbett Sundown.

The event is open to the public and cameras are permitted.

Basom is near Akron, a short distance North of Route 5 between Batavia and Buffalo.

## Melkite Priest Sets First Mass At St. Dominic's

Shortsville — Father August J. Deasio, newly ordained in the Melkite Rite, will celebrate his First Mass at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26, in St. Dominic's Church. At 11:30 Sunday morning, he will concelebrate a Latin High Mass with Father John Woloch, pastor, and other priest friends.

Father Deasio was ordained July 20 in St. Nicholas Church, Rochester, by Melkite Archbishop Joseph Tawil of Boston. He is the son of Elvira Rossitti Deasio of Shortsville.

The Altar-Rosary Society will give a reception at the American Legion Hall immediately after the Saturday evening Mass.

## Pope Begins Working Vacation

Castelgandolfo (RNS) — Shortly after arriving by helicopter at his Summer residence here, Pope Paul greeted a large crowd of residents and visitors who welcomed the pontiff as he began his annual two-month "working vacation" in the Alban Hills.

Ordinarily, the Pope makes the journey to Castelgandolfo — about 15 miles southeast of Rome — by car. This year, in view of his various Holy Year commitments, the 77-year-old pontiff was advised to use a helicopter.

Plans call for the Pope to commute to the Vatican once a week to hold his customary Wednesday general audiences at St. Peter's Square, for the Benefit of Holy Year pilgrims to Rome.

"You must know," Pope Paul told the crowd, "that though we are here in residence, our heart is there (Rome) where the unending multitudes of pilgrims come to pray at the tombs of SS. Peter and Paul."

### ART SHOW

Paintings, drawings and prints by John Kuchera are on exhibit through July 31 in the RIT fourth-floor gallery at 50 West Main.

### IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

As this is typed a bill sits on the desk of Gov. Carey. If he signs it, we no longer will be deprived of thoroughbred horse racing in the State of New York during the months of January and February.

The jugheads trot and pace all year; but so far we have let the flat track addicts lick their wounds in those first two months. It will cost a fortune to winterize the big separation center in Fun City, but it will be worth it to Gov. Carey. He says he's doing it to improve the quality of racing, and that one you can have all to yourself.

They are opening up the gates also for quarter-horse racing in New York State, which is nice, I guess, for the quarter-horse people who are ready to build and/or finish plants in New York City and Upstate.

There also is serious talk about bringing jai lai into New York State, which is something we've been deprived of here for all of our lives. These plants are cheap to build, and if you learn how to speak Basque, you'll have a chance to break even. Maybe.

Next will come the casino type gambling, and, of course, legalized betting on sports.

Football pools will come first, because NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle already has assured us there is less chance of corrupting a player if the betting goes into multiple-team pool action, rather than head-to-head team betting. Is Mr. Rozelle aware that you can bet your life on any one NFL game right now? Legally, in Las Vegas, or illegally, with any assortment of sports bookmaking offices?

Okay. This brings me to my beef with the State of New York. The same State of New York, incidentally, which will not permit children to be corrupted by night harness racing.

In recent shopping tours of various plazas on various coffee breaks I was interested in finding, at the entrances to several major supermarkets, displays of million-dollar prize lottery tickets. With a nice gentleman dispensing information about the lottery, and would you believe? Even willing to sell you a ticket or two, or even a whole bunch?

Now since children do not have to be accompanied by adults entering most supermarkets, I just wonder why the State's hustle could not have been planted strategically to catch the shoppers AFTER they have whacked out the meal money?

Is the State competing with Wegman's and Star Markets?

The real question breaks down to this: How do you explain to the kid that it's far more important to grab that million-dollar lottery ticket before you go broke against the crunchy peanut butter and the fig newtons? I mean, it's the logic that you might be walking around lucky but you'll never know it for sure unless you put some of the grocery money into action.

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