

Chemung School Board Studies Fiscal Problems

By Martin Toombs

Elmira — New officers were elected at the regular meeting of the Chemung County General Education Board Thursday night, and the members also heard reports on attendance and of a board committee that examined the consolidated school system's financial accounts.

Elected to serve as president of the body, which operates the only consolidated school system in the diocese, was Lawrence Stephens, a professor of chemistry at Elmira College. Serving as vice president will be John Brusso, Mrs. Charlotte O'Connell secretary, and Martin Tracy treasurer.

The four principals reported their attendance figures for the first two days of school, which totaled 1,051 students. Donald Stamp, outgoing president, noted that the decline in enrollment from last year is similar to that experienced in the Elmira public school system. T. H. Banks,

school system business manager, noted that all but 10 of the students who attended Ss. Peter and Paul school last year, which was closed in June, are attending other schools in the system.

The audit, explained by board member Martin Tracy, noted many items for correction, especially in the method of bill payment. Bills were being paid before their due date, a poor business practice, Tracy noted. Several other problems, including the payment without full board authorization for vacation time not taken, were discussed. Banks assured the board that steps have been taken to resolve the difficulties.

In other items, banks notified the board that all parish assessments for the 1975-76 school year have been paid, and the board authorized a "Walk-Along" again this year to raise funds for the school system, preceded by a poster contest in the schools.

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

There is much talk about evangelization. The Legion of Mary in Hornell does more than talk. They sponsor a radio program, which is taped at the Rochester Pastoral Office, shipped to Hornell radio station WLEA, which in turn sends the program to seven stations in the diocese, one in Kentucky, and one in Dubuque, Iowa. We receive more mail from Dubuque than from any other station. Here is a sample of the correspondence:

Dear Friends of Magnify the Lord Program,

I listen to your program every Sunday morning here in Dubuque over WDBQ radio station. It is very inspiring. On Sunday I heard the Irish Children's Choir singing the Creed, Gloria and Lamb of God. It was heavenly.

Will you please write to me and tell me where and at what price I can buy the record? I would love to have it. I enjoy the sermons and the beautiful singing on your program. Thank you sincerely,

To Sister Marie Charlotte Murray, SVM, Visitation Art Center, Dubuque, Iowa

Thank you for your letter, and your words of appreciation of the Legion Sponsored Magnify the Lord program. Frequently we receive a note of satisfaction from people in Dubuque. This makes us believe the program is doing good, and that the people of Dubuque have more initiative that most since they express themselves. The radio station should be pleased to have an audience of such quality, since many listeners are Sisters.

I am sending you a recording of the Irish Children's Choir, singing the Mass of St. Francis in the Franciscan Church in Cork, Ireland. Of all the different music which we have used, that is by far the favorite. The composer, Philip Green, is an Englishman who settled in Ireland. He became a Catholic and has a great love for the Mass. He has done over 200 musical scores for moving pictures in Ireland. The choir is composed of 110 children from 8 to 14, selected from nine church choirs in Cork. The celebrant of the Mass is the eminent Scottish tenor, Canon Sydney McEwan. What a true voice he has. (I am thinking of another Mass, not by Green, done by another group, and the soloist is a 'whisky' tenor. He sounds strangulating!)

Oh, yes! The record and organ and vocal score are a gift to you. In return I ask your prayers, and your efforts to popularize the Mass among your Sisters. My hope is that some zealous Sisters will introduce the Mass to the diocese through their schools. You might let Station WDBQ know that you are a listener to their station. Radio stations want to know if they are reaching out as they need to. Your station has been good about our Magnify program.

From Sister Marie Charlotte:

I received your letter and the very next day the beautiful record came. I am simply delighted with it and really overwhelmed at receiving such a gift.

I will certainly spread the word of the Mass. The other Sisters here also think that the music is 'out of this world.' I have a Jesuit brother of the Missouri Province stationed at their Provincial House. He is quite a musician and also will be interested. As you can guess from the letter head, I am an art teacher, and dearly love beautiful music and singing. I also enjoyed the account of your trip to Ireland on the tour. When I was there in 1968, I kissed the Blarney Stone. We have a Visitation Convent at Stanmullen, near Dublin.


God bless you, and all who help you with the Magnify the Lord program. It is an inspiration.

NO HUNTING
Perugia, Italy (RNS) — Hunting has been forbidden throughout game-rich Tuscany and Umbria on Oct. 4 in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, protector saint of Italy. The edict was pronounced by the provincial authorities and will be extended throughout northern and central Italy. According to the authorities of Perugia and of Terni, which came under violent attack by the Italian Hunt and Game Association, the edict is in honor of the saint and illustrates his 'love for all animals.' It was approved both by local church authorities and by the World Wildlife Fund.

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