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Sobering-Up Facility To Change Sponsorship

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Elmira—A new sobering-up facility will begin operation here this summer at the Salvation Army, 414 Lake St., replacing the service that has been operating at the Elmira Psychiatric Center since January 1976.

On at least two occasions, Jeffery Weyrauch, who managed the sobering-up facility for the Elmira Psychiatric Center, publicly noted his displeasure with the service's continuation at the center. He noted expenses of \$100 per admission, and a lack of control over persons in the program as problems.

In January 1976, public intoxication ceased being a criminal offense in the state. Facilities with an emphasis on health care, not incarceration, were to be set up for each county to receive intoxicated persons. Under the law, police also may take intoxicated persons to their homes.

The sobering-up facility responsibility for Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben

counties will be transferred to the Salvation Army this summer. Charles R. Butts, local Salvation Army commanding officer, said that he hoped the center would be operating Aug. 1.

Speaking at an alcoholism conference at St. Joseph's Hospital recently, Butts noted that the Salvation Army also will try to resolve the problems the program has had in Elmira. He reported that the agency has set up an advisory committee for the new service, consisting of new persons in local alcoholism treatment programs.

An important change, he noted, is that the agency has requested a vehicle to provide transportation. Previously police officers were responsible for transporting the intoxicated person to a hospital for a medical checkup, and then to the facility. Under the system proposed by the Salvation Army, the patient will be picked up by the program's vehicle, and transported to the hospital, if necessary, by a staff member. The new system would reduce police time involved in each case.

Butts noted, and, it is hoped, will increase utilization.

Increasing use is a necessary goal, he noted, citing statistics showing that 200 more persons were arrested for public intoxication during the year before the law changed, than were taken to the sobering-up facility in its first year. He added that most of the patients treated at the facility were from the city of Elmira, even though the facility is responsible for three counties.

Butts said that initially the program would have one full-time and four or five part-time Emergency Medical Technicians. Staffing would be on an on-call basis, he explained.

He also reported that the facility will have four beds, with more space available if necessary.

The agency will be working closely with the alcoholism treatment programs in the area, he said, with the goal of getting proper follow-up treatment for the program's clients.

group; and by the Mark Twain Pilots. Magic shows also will be presented.

Legal Aid Extended

Montour Falls — Chemung County Neighborhood Services, Inc. has announced that civil legal services are now available through its office to Schuyler County residents. The program provides legal advice and representation to low-income persons in all areas of civil law, but not in criminal matters. No fee is charged to eligible clients whose income is within federal poverty guide lines.

Low-income persons living in Schuyler County are welcome to contact or visit the Elmira office in the Lagonegro Human Services Center, 318 Madison Ave. In addition, there will be office hours on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Rural-Urban Center, 208 Broadway, Montour Falls. Appointments may be made by calling collect 607/734-1647 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The services are being extended to Schuyler County through a grant from the Legal Services Corporation.

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Demonstration Dam

Seventh graders from Corning South demonstrate a dam model as part of the annual art show of both Corning schools at South recently. Parents and pupils saw projects by North second graders and playground events as part of the show.

School Has Openings

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Elmira—St. Joseph's School of Nursing has found itself in an unusual situation for this time of year; less than half of its first year class starting in September is filled.

The school has 65 openings for its diploma nursing program, and, to date, 29 beginning students have been enrolled for next year. Thomas Costello, curriculum coordinator and a member of the recruitment committee explained.

Not certain why applications have declined this year, Costello said that possibly not enough persons are aware of the school and its programs.

While hoping to fill the class, Costello pointed out that the school does not plan to lower standards for those entering the program.

The School of Nursing at St. Joseph's is 33 months long, and its graduates are qualified to take the state registered nursing examination.

Another problem with recruitment, Costello noted, could be that people assume that the school is only for Catholics, or that religion is stressed in the training. Costello emphasized that the school is dedicated to educating competent and qualified nurses, and does not discriminate because of religion.

A proposal, currently under scrutiny by the state legislature, to require all registered nurses to be graduates of four-year degree programs also could be hurting programs such as St.

Joseph's, he noted. Currently, there are two ways to prepare for the registered nursing examination, through a four-year academic program, or a hospital-based diploma program. The proposal would require that after 1985, a bachelor's degree would be required of those taking the test.

Costello pointed out advantages in the diploma-style nursing education, most important of which is the "practical experience" prospective nurses receive in hospital-based programs.

"Our strength is in extra clinical experience," he noted. When a student completes the program "you know it's definitely for you," Costello, a graduate of St. Joseph's Nursing School himself, commented. He added that many graduates of the school complete their bachelor's degrees while

Divorced, Separated Counseling Offered

Auburn—Cayuga Counseling Services is offering a group counseling experience to those individuals who are divorced or separated and who are having adjustment difficulties.

In making the announcement Murray Deutsch, executive director, said that the group will help individuals deal with a variety of issues arising from divorce and separation. Some of these include identity and self-esteem problems, relationships with the children, and the stresses

Costello also noted that the cost of the three-year program at St. Joseph's would be less than for a four-year college program. He also noted that St. Joseph's has 23 faculty members for its approximately 150 students, resulting in an excellent faculty-student ration.

Miss Loretta Haebele, director of the St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Hornell, reported that their enrollment for the coming year is proceeding normally, and that a class of about 40 students probably will start in September. She cited a drop in all post-high school education as being responsible for some reduction in applications. She also raised the proposal to require bachelor's degrees as being important for the future, although adding that she has yet to see any effects from the proposal.

of daily life which have been complicated by divorce or separation.

He said the agency will also offer a screening interview to help prospective members decide if the counseling approach is the most suitable approach for their needs.

Further information may be obtained from Cayuga Counseling Services, Auburn.

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Horseheads Festival June 9, 10

Horseheads—A day-and-a-half of food, festivities and entertainment will be put together on the grounds of the Church of St. Mary Our Mother this weekend for the parish's annual festival.

Friday, June 9 from 5 to 11 p.m., and Saturday, June 10, from noon to 11 p.m., will find the parish grounds filled

with various activities. Included in the food offerings will be a spaghetti dinner on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m., and a chicken barbecue throughout Saturday's events.

Entertainment during the festival will be provided by Celebrate Life, the Tataro Dancers, a Polish folk dance

NFP Session June 21

Elmira—There will be an informational meeting on Natural Family Planning (NFP) Wednesday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hospital's Doctors Meeting Room.

The meeting is for in-

formation only; methods will be taught at a later date.

Beryl and Nick Iven of Odessa, certified NFP instructors are conducting the NFP program at St. Joseph's. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Ivens, 594-2380.



Convent Razed

After years of service to the many sisters who resided there, St. Anthony's Convent, Elmira, was torn down recently. Shown are the workmen disassembling the building, last used as a parish youth center. The structure had not been used as a convent for more than five years.

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