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### Singers

The children of St. James School in Waverly recently feted their out-going pastor, Father John Morgan with a presentation of songs under the direction of Mrs. Loretta Hayton. At right, first graders sing the "Ugly Bug Balk"



### CCGEB Thanks Members

By MARTIN TOOMBS  
Southern Tier Editor

Elmira—A September enrollment of 891 students, up 31 during the past month, was announced at the Chemung County General Education Board (CCGEB) meeting June 8.

The expected registration is 70 lower than last September. Thomas Klotz, chairman of the Registration and Public Relations Committee, pointed out. He added that more registrations usually are received during the summer.

Thomas Santulli, Personnel Committee chairman, notified the board that 22 persons have applied for the business manager position, with more applications possible. He asked the board to give him and the Finance Committee permission to hire a business manager, so the system will have a manager during the summer. The motion was approved in a unanimous voice vote.

Also approved was a motion proposed by Sister Joan Cawley, junior high school principal, allowing a

charge of a five dollar activity fee to junior high students in September.

Martin Tracy, Finance Committee chairman, pointed out that the committee is now working to resolve the building maintenance and capital expense issues with the parishes.

Also agreed was that a request for a student ride for a large class at Our Lady of Lourdes will be complied with if the September enrollment warrants, and if sufficient funds can be found for the position.

Tracy noted that several persons were completing their work for and with the CCGEB. He especially cited Father Francis Davis, Our Lady of Lourdes pastor, for his "tremendous service to the board over seven years," adding that letters should be sent to him and to Father Edward Foy, who is leaving the pastorate of Ss. Peter and Paul, acknowledging the board's gratitude.

Lawrence Stevens, board president, also noted that Business Manager T. H. Banks, Sister Julia Clare Richards and Sister Alice Marie Kurtz also were leaving the service of the school system, and should be honored for their efforts.

Father Albert Delmonte noted his appreciation for the work of the principals and the faculties, but also noted that during his first year as a board member, he has been impressed with the dedication of the lay board members, adding that he, and he felt, the other pastors, appreciated their efforts in support of Catholic education.



### Surprise!

Father Edwin Wedow, pastor of St. Alphonus, is all smiles at the surprise presentation of gifts (golf clubs and bag) presented to him June 6 at the parish celebration of his 25th anniversary as a priest. Michael Walsh (right) parish council president, made the presentation on behalf of the organizations and committees of the parish.

## NFP Instructors Explain Role

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Waterloo—"When we first thought about teaching natural family planning (NFP) it was scary until we realized what we were sharing could be a couples key to discovery about themselves and each other."

This is how Lon and Carol Snook, certified NFP instructors, explained why they devote one evening each week conducting NFP classes.

"I thought everyone was going to feel embarrassed, but that just didn't happen. We approached our subject in a frank, tell it like it is manner to prepare couples for the terminology used," reported Mrs. Snook.

The Snooks feel the NFP technique is not only highly successful in family planning, but can also build toward a healthy intimacy within the marriage. What happens, they say, is that couples overcome

myths and negative images about themselves and come to appreciate and accept the natural marvel of their own bodies.

"It does take a realization that sexual relations are more than instant gratification. NFP is a chance to come to grips with sex as part of the total personality which includes a person's whole being, likes, dislikes, temperament, outlooks, not sex alone," Mr. Snook said.

"Asking what NFP means to a marriage is like asking why does a house have a foundation. It can encourage respect for one another as NFP is not a one sided thing. This sharing alone is a marriage builder. In fact, the feeling we got when we discovered the effect of working together made us want to pass it on to other people," he said.

The Snooks both agreed that participation does require a certain amount of maturity

and openness but that these should be the criteria for marriage in any event. When faced with immaturity, they agree all one can do is offer the opportunity for growth.

The Waterloo couple observed that engaged couples signing up for classes do in fact see the method as a way to share the burden of sexual responsibility.

Mrs. Snook pointed out that the body provides its own coding system. Essentially this is what is covered in the three NFP sessions which couples attend. Basic physiology is explained as well as the procedures for temperature charting. The fairly new techniques involving body signs such as changes in mucus and the cervix make this method more effective than rhythm and other means when used appropriately. There is little expense involved and when NFP is used to plan pregnancies, then that's really family planning, according to Mrs. Snook.

## \$30,000 Raised by Telethon

Elmira—More than \$30,000 was raised by the Burn Telethon to benefit the Scholarship-Education Fund of St. Joseph's Hospital Burn Unit Sunday, June 11.

Firefighters from companies in four counties sponsored the telethon.

Talent from local communities, burn care specialists, and representatives from local fire companies and the fire training school in Montour Falls appeared on the program, hosted by WENY-TV. Masters of Ceremonies were Ted Hodge of WENY, and Stanley Douglas, St. Joseph's Community Relations Director.

Also appearing was Kelly Baker, the poster child for the drive. Kelly, two-years old, was found burned outside her family's home during a fire which claimed the lives of her parents in Wellsboro, Pa., six months ago.

Now living with her maternal grandparents, Kelly seemed to be enjoying herself in the crowded studio during the telethon, walking about clutching her doll and examining the studio's equipment. On the air, Jeanne Bowen, Kelly's grandmother, attested to the high quality care Kelly has received at St. Joseph's. It is expected to be



Hodge interviews Michelle Kwasny, Chemung County Miss Teenager.

several years before Kelly's treatment is completed.

The Scholarship-Education Fund is used to educate burn care professionals, others, especially firefighters and ambulance workers, in

providing emergency burn care, and in burn prevention educational efforts.

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