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# 'Kinship' Home Ready to Open

Tyrone — More than 250 persons attended an open house for a unique institution in this rural town in western Schuyler County last week. The institution is Kinship Group Home, Inc., an affiliate of diocesan Catholic Charities, which shortly will open a group home for girls here.

The corporation already operates Kennedy House in Perkinsville for boys.

Both facilities are

designed for youngsters referred by such agencies as Family Court or county departments of social services. Group homes are alternatives to institutional placement.

According to Joseph Weider, executive director of the corporation, plans to establish the Tyrone facility first were formulated three years ago. Many local civic groups and churches contributed to the effort, he said, raising \$20,000 for capital

expenses so the home could be established.

Weider said that the Charities' board guaranteed the mortgage for the facility. He also cited the efforts of Maurice Tierney, Charities director, and Donald Robinson, then the board president, in establishing the new home.

Situated on three acres of land, a remodeled and redecorated farmhouse will be home for three live-in counselors, and as many as six teenage girls. State certification of the house is expected shortly.

Linda Jones and Jane Howard, two staffers now living in the house, both said they expect to have six girls in residence when school starts in September.

According to the staffers, group homes try to provide stable living situations for troubled teenagers. Establishing a "family-type setting" in the home will be the first priority, Ms. Howard said.



Photo by Martin Toombs

Linda Jones, Joseph Weider and Jane Howard in living room of the home for girls.

Ms. Jones commented that she "likes the idea of getting involved with the kids," explaining that she hopes to establish close, cooperative relationships with the home's residents.

Ms. Howard said she foresees "boredom" as the house's greatest potential problem. As a result, "getting the girls active and involved will be important," she said.

The counselors said they will try to involve the girls in community activities, including church activities.

Weider commented that the staff "can be a catalyst in many situations" to create community experience for the residents. He added that several local organizations, and individuals have extended invitations to participate in activities and to use recreational facilities nearby.

Ms. Jones said the staff hopes to introduce the girls to things they haven't done before, giving camping as an example. Weider observed that it will be important for the girls to be involved in planning the activities. He pointed out that it is necessary for the staff to "distinguish between doing for and doing with" the clients.

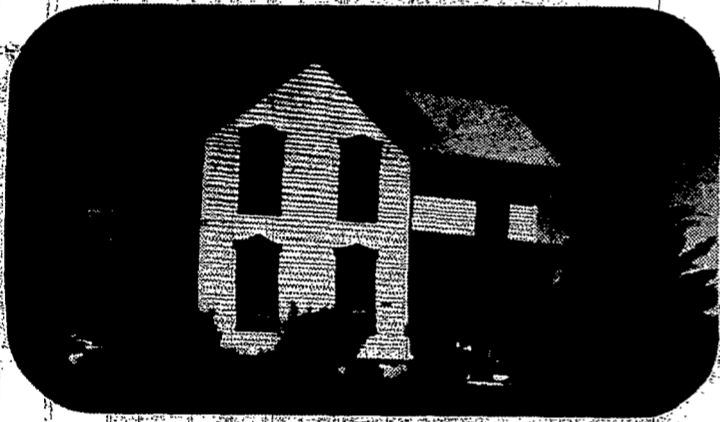
All the girls in the home either will attend school or hold jobs and participate in the maintenance of the house, the counselors said.

The home's rural location will benefit the corporation's goals, Weider noted. A group home placed in a large community would have difficulty helping residents from that community, he said, because the clients would not be removed from previous negative influences. He said that a "new family, new school

experience," and the opportunity to "develop new relationships" can all be instrumental in helping a troubled teenager.

Among the groups providing assistance to the facility were St. Vincent's Parish, Corning; Sacred Heart, Perkinsville; Christ Episcopal, Corning; and the Corning Glass Foundation, Weider said. He also stated that many other groups made donations.

He said that the corporation's Perkinsville facility presently receives \$29 per day for each resident from the placement agency. Even with the expected increase in that figure, Weider said, the group home cost for each resident will be about \$10 per day less than institutional placement. He added that he expects the figures for the Tyrone house to be comparable.



Kinship's girls home.



## Calendar

**MAKE TODAY COUNT**— Open meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, Jordan Health Center, 82 Holland St. Film, discussion, refreshments. For information: United Cancer Council, 473-8230.

**WALTER HAGEN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**— Monday, Aug. 7, Midvale Golf and Country Club; a few openings, separate dinner tickets available. Benefit of Monroe County Unit, American Cancer Society. Details from society's office, 8 Prince St., 461-3800.

**POLISH DAY**— At National Shrine of North American Martyrs, Auriesville, Sunday, July 30; Mass celebrated at 4 p.m. by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana of Ogdensburg.

**SETON 80**— Steak roast for members, husbands, Sunday, July 30, at home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Formicola, Firestone Drive.

**BRISTOL VALLEY PLAYHOUSE**— Murder at the Vicarage, Agatha Christie thriller, July 28, 29, 8:15 p.m.; Sunday afternoon, July 30, 3:15. Reservations necessary, through 716-374-6318.

**MEMORIAL ART GALLERY**— The Anniversary, by Anton Chekhov, performed by Laboratory Workshop, University of Rochester Summer Theater, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1.

**DIONYSOS AWARDS BANQUET**— Topping Rochester Community Players season, awards to performers, helpers, at dinner July 28, Island Valley Golf Club. Public; reservations (\$10) through Mrs. S.M. Hunting, 66 Walden Rd., Rochester 14610.

**YOUTH SOCCER HEART FUND GAME**— Rochester Lancers vs. Washington Diplomats, 8 p.m. July 29, Hollender Stadium; fifty cents from each admission fee to Genesee Valley Chapter, American Heart Association.

**AMERICAN FLYING DISC OPEN**— Sponsored by Rochester Frisbee Club, July 28-30 at St. John Fisher College.

**QUIZ THE NEUROLOGIST**— Quarterly presentation by Multiple Sclerosis Society, 4:5 p.m. Aug. 4 at RAMS offices, Al Sigl Center, 1000 Elmwood, featuring Dr. Robert Herndon, chairman, U. of R. Center for Brain Research. Public, but reservations requested: 442-4100, Ext. 266.

## Fiesta Time!

Seneca Falls — St. Patrick's annual summer fiesta will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3-5, at the parish school, 81 W. Bayard St., rain or shine.

Children's games, booths featuring fruits, vegetables, groceries, meat and ice cream, and a variety of fiesta foods will be available.

Local VIPs will take part in a dunking booth and a white elephant and arts and crafts booths are planned.

Thursday afternoon, items to be auctioned at 7 p.m. the same day will be on display. Sold will be antiques, appliances and furniture. A spaghetti supper each evening at 5 will cost \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for those under 12 or \$10 per family.

## Elmira Knights Elect Officers

Elmira — The Elmira Council Knights of Columbus Council 229 has elected Father Henry Adamski, chaplain; Ronald Lewis, grand knight; Robert Ryniker, deputy grand knight; Paul Tuite, chancellor; Robert Fautz, recorder; Frank Beligotti, financial secretary; Joseph McCluskey, treasurer; Tom Sullivan, advocate; Harry Ryniker, warden; Fred Dykins, inside guard; Joe Carbo, outside guard; James Howland, trustee, three years; Tom Ritter, trustee, two years, and Cliff Benedict, trustee, one year.

## Corning Schools Get Aid

Corning—The Corning Area Council on Alcoholism (CACA) has received a one-year grant for an alcohol education program in the Corning-Painted Post Area School District. Jessie Dee, CACA executive director, announced that she recently received confirmation of the grant from the state Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse.

Jamie Rattray, school district health educator, will serve as project director. The program is a response to an amendment to state education law requiring schools to include instruction designed to discourage the misuse and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

The project will serve a target population of 750 students from Corning Free Academy Middle School and Carver, Caton, Severn and Erwin Valley elementary schools.

A major objective is to provide an intensive alcohol education program for students with family, community and industrial involvement. Other objectives include enhancing students' awareness of responsible

decision-making regarding alcohol use and providing a major emphasis on continuity in alcohol education in grades 4-6.

The alcohol program will be closely coordinated with an anti-smoking grant from the American Cancer Society

received earlier this year.

The curriculum was developed by a steering committee composed of Rattray, elementary teacher Irv Siegler, and school nurse-teachers Rhoda Cruise and Barbara White.

## Officers Elected

Apalachin—New officers were elected recently by St. Margaret Mary's Parish Council. John Krein was elected chairman; Marion and Dennis Geiser were elected vice-chairpersons, and Trudy Morgan was elected to serve as secretary.

Committee liaisons for the next year also were named: Liturgy, Sue and Steve Kempisty; Religious Education, Marion and Dennis Geiser; Human Development, Gene Barno.

Family Life, Joan and Bob Tasse; Youth, Vincent Kuhn; Buildings and Grounds, Arlene and Jim Kane; Finance, Al Kania; Social, John Queirolo.

Delegates to the Tompkins-Tioga Regional Assembly will be Marion and Dennis Geiser, John Krein, Sue and Steve Kempisty and Father Elmer Schmidt, pastor.

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