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### Bible School... Small but Enthusiastic

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Arkport — The group may be small, but their enthusiasm makes the Vacation Bible School worthwhile, according to Sister Mary Jude, St. Ann's, Hornell, pastoral assistant.

The two-week session

drew eight children the first day, but 14 on the second, she noted, and those attending were showing a strong interest in their lessons.

St. Ann's Parish, which includes the Arkport area, maintains religious education classes on a released-time basis from the

Arkport Central Schools, sister explained, and most of the children attending the summer session were from the nearly 70 students who participate in classes during the year.

Without a parish facility in Arkport, the local American Legion post is host for the sessions, which

run through Aug. 17. Their meeting hall provides classroom space and an adjoining baseball field provides a recreation area.

Classes run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Representing grades one through six, the students got a review the first two days, and then spent time building on their

knowledge and working on projects that grew from their lessons.

Filmstrips followed by discussion were the review for the whole group, and then it split into two groups by grades for further work.

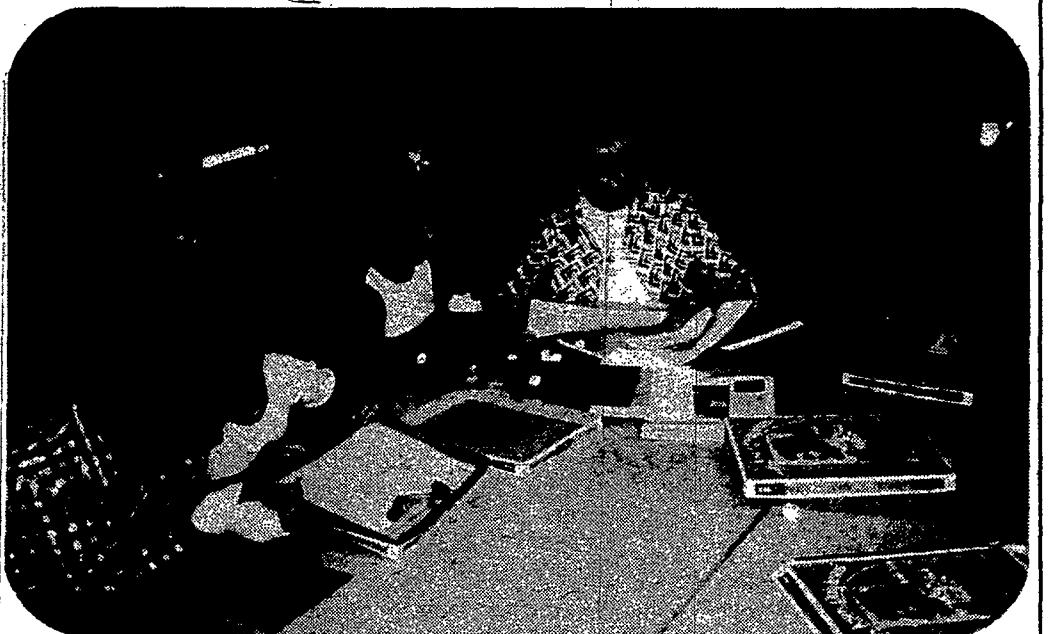
Working with the

younger students was Mrs. Dorothy Lamb, who also teaches in the released time program during the year. Sister Jude taught the older students.

Two high school students are helping with the program, Patty Clark and Tim Flaitz.



Students listen intently to Sister Mary Jude during the class at the Arkport Vacation Bible School.



Mrs. Dorothy Lamb explains an activity to some of the children.

## 'Boat People' Arrive in Southern Tier

### First Refugees Being Sponsored in Elmira Area

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Big Flats — The first of the

Vietnamese "Boat People" families being sponsored by Southern Tier parishes has arrived, and has taken up

temporary residence with Celine and John Louisnathan and their children Raj and Julie.

Nhu Thuy Khuu, 19, and his sister, Anh Thuy Khuu, 15, arrived July 30.

Mrs. Susan Hoobler, who is coordinating the effort by St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads, St. Charles Borromeo, Elmira Heights, and St. Peter and Paul, Elmira, in sponsoring the brother and sister, noted that the Louisnathans will help ease the pair into their new lives. Their teenage children, nearly matching the ages of their guests, should also help the process.

Meanwhile another sponsoring group, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Patrick's and St. Mary's parishes in Elmira, received word Aug. 7 that the medical treatment the Truong family had been undergoing was completed, according to Mrs. Mary Ann DiBerardino, one of the group's organizers.

Mrs. DiBerardino said that she hoped now that the medical treatment, which apparently had delayed the four brothers and sisters in Malaysia, has ended, they will arrive soon.

Mrs. Hoobler described Nhu and Anh as being "so warm, so responsive and so eager" that they have surprised those meeting them.

Nhu knew some English, she said, and is learning more quickly. Anh didn't know any English, she pointed out, but "she's so eager" to learn that she is progressing quickly.

They are "very open to try new things," she said; Nhu is wearing jeans and Anh has a pair of sneakers.

Mrs. Hoobler noted that they expected them to stay with the Louisnathans for two or three weeks, and then move into an apartment. That, too, will be temporary, as the pair is on a waiting list for an apartment at the Hoffman Plaza, a public housing complex in Elmira. An apartment in the same complex already is reserved for the Truong family.

Some members of the community have reached out to the new residents, Mrs. Hoobler said. A manager of a local fast-food restaurant is looking into hiring Nhu.

### Watkins Glen Station Airs Rosary Program

The Family Rosary for Peace has a new radio outlet in the Southern Tier — Station WXXY, Watkins Glen, 105 on the FM dial.

A time change, to 6:30 p.m., could not be accommodated by the Corning station that had aired the program for nine years, Msgr. Joseph Cirrincione explained. He said Joseph Fizzeri, station manager of WXXY was pleased "to join the Family Rosary Network."

And why not? Fizzeri is a member of the Evangelizing Committee in St. Mary of the Lake Parish.

### Committee Officers Elected

Richard C. Walsh, 37 Westchester Ave., Irondequoit, has been elected president of the Monroe Developmental Center Advisory Committee. Other officers elected were: Lura Masters, vice president and Mark Sweetland, secretary.

Newly appointed members are John E. Comardo, An-

thony Caizza, James Flanagan, Ruth Fyfe, Nancy Giles, William Klein, Edna Norton, Sandy Parcel, Valerie Short, Jean Sitton and Tom Uhrmacker.

The Monroe Developmental Center is an agency of the State of New York, Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

### Art Auction

An art auction featuring oil paintings, lithographs, modern masters, woodcuts and more will be held Friday, Sept. 14, beginning at 8 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church, 1050 East Ave.

The auction, which will be presented by Marlin Art, Inc. of Plainville, N.Y., is being sponsored by the 39th Seton Branch to benefit St. Mary's Hospital.

### DCG Sets Picnic

Elmira — The Elmira Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics will sponsor a family picnic Sunday, Aug. 19 from noon to 5 p.m. at Thorne Street Park in Horseheads.

Mass will be celebrated by Father Kevin Murphy of St. Patrick's parish at 12:30 p.m.

Each person or family is asked to bring their own picnic meal. Swimming is available at the park pool.

Persons of all faiths are welcome.

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