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### New York State Files Suit Against Scanner Operation

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Elmira — New York State has filed a lawsuit against St. Joseph's Hospital and others, seeking to have the CAT Scanner on hospital property cease operation.

According to Douglas Eldridge, a deputy counsel of the Office of Health Systems Management (OHSM), the state attorney general's office filed a suit last month to get St. Joseph's to comply with an order made by the department last fall.

The scanner, which belongs to Standard Scanner Associates, is being operated by Scanner Diagnostic Services in the hospital-owned Medical Arts Building.

Named in the suit are Sister Martha Gersbach, St. Joseph's administrator; Daniel Donahoe, hospital board president; Warren Welch, president of Standard Scanner Associates; and Dr. Joseph Calderone, Elmira physician and president of Scanner Diagnostic Services.

Eldridge, speaking from his Albany office, explained that the suit seeks to have the parties named "cease the operation of the CAT Scanner

pending approval of their application" to operate the equipment, which, he added, he believes has not been filed.

The suit seeks to get a court order to enforce the order of the executive deputy director of Oct. 2, 1978, Eldridge said.

At issue is whether or not the private corporation operating the scanner needs state approval to do so.

Eldridge stated that this is the "only case in which we have issued an order to cease the use of a CT Scanner" that was not followed, and that is why the state chose to file suit.

Questioned further, he admitted that St. Joseph's is the only hospital to have been given such an order.

He added that "most people take our orders seriously."

A spokesman for the hospital said that the hospital had no comment on the suit. Dr. Calderone could not be reached for comment.

This is the third lawsuit concerning the scanner since the placement in the Elmira Medical Arts Building was announced. The first two were filed by the Finger Lakes

Health Systems Agency (FLHSA).

In August, the FLHSA Executive Committee sent a letter to the state Health Department asking the department what its determination on the issue was. At one point, the FLHSA had filed suit against the state, for not contesting the scanner's operation.

Those named in the suit have time to respond; Eldridge said that he did not know when court action may take place.

### ND Alumni Invited To Reception

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Elmira — The more than 3,000 students who have graduated from Notre Dame High School during its 25 years will be participating in the school's observance of the anniversary this year.

The first event will be the annual homecoming football game, Friday, Sept. 21, against Elmira Free Academy. In addition to the usual floats and celebrations, alumni are invited to a reception in the



### Special Visit

Bishop W. Thomas Larkin, ordinary of the diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida, returned recently to his home town, Mt. Morris, for a visit. Shown above Bishop Larkin greets parishioners of St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris, after Mass on Sept. 2.

school cafeteria after the game.

There the alumni, from the first class of 36 students in 1956, to those who graduated last June, will be joined by graduates of Elmira Catholic High School, Notre Dame's predecessor, to remember their times as students in the city's Catholic high school.

Two alumni working on the reception are Robert Agan and Fran Smith. Both were in that first graduating class.

Agan's son Steve graduated last June and is now at St. John Fisher College; Agan noted that he could be the first child of a Notre Dame graduate to join the alumni ranks. Another son, David, is a sophomore.

For Smith, except for three years when he didn't live in Elmira, his involvement with Notre Dame has been continuing since its doors opened in September 1955. His wife, Maureen McManus, also was a member of the first class. Their sons, Peter a sophomore and Shaun a freshman, are currently at the school.

The greatest change in Notre Dame since he went there is the increase in the number of students, Smith said, and of the programs available to them.

When asked about the greatest change Agan responded that it wasn't the

change that was important, but the lack of it; the "school still stands for what it originally stood for," he said, noting its atmosphere and goals as continuing strengths.

Smith agreed that the stability of the school is an important asset. He pointed out the commitment of the two sisters who have taught at the school for its entire 25 years, Sister Carmella and Sister Joachim, and said that "says Notre Dame right there."

Three other members of the original faculty are with the school again after stints elsewhere: Sister Beatrice, Sister Edwina, and Sister Edmund.

Sister Carmella is the Alumni Association moderator, and she expressed the hope that all alumni who can will attend the reception following the game.

### Bishop Clark to Offer Memorial Mass for CDA

Geneva — Bishop Matthew H. Clark will celebrate a memorial Mass for deceased members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas on Saturday noon, Sept. 29, in St. Francis de Sales Church.

The Mass is sponsored by the Past Regents. Father Robert Doell, their chaplain, invites all CDA chaplains, and pastors, to join in the celebration. A dinner will

### St. James Opens 25th Year

Waverly — Approximately 115 students in kindergarten through grade six greeted new principal Sister Anne Pstrang at St. James School Sept. 5.

Former principal Sister Maria Hoffman is moving to the school her order, the Sisters of St. Joseph, staffs in Oswego.

This school year marks the 25th for St. James School, and celebrations will be taking place during the year. The first will be for alumni during Catholic Schools Week in October.

And this will be the second year for the school's morning kindergarten class, and, before leaving Waverly, Sister Maria said she hoped its enrollment would increase from the 12 registered in mid-summer.

follow at the Geneva Rod & Gun Club.

Mrs. Catherine Cramer of Albany, vice regent of New York State Court, CDA, will present Bishop Clark with the annual Marie C. Curry Seminary Scholarship Fund. Contributions to this fund are made for the Rochester diocese by courts in Geneva, Penn Yan, Lima, East Bloomfield, Hornell, Owego, Corning, Elmira, Ithaca, Waterloo, Seneca Falls, Rochester, Clyde, Brockport, Auburn, Waverly and Watkins Glen.

All CDA members and their families and friends are invited to the Mass. Dinner tickets, at \$6, may be obtained from the regents of CDA courts throughout the diocese.

### Alumni Banquet

Seneca Falls — This year's St. Patrick School Alumni Banquet is set for the evening of Sept. 22. Invitations have been mailed to those former students whose names appear on a class list. Anyone omitted may secure additional information by contacting the Alumni Banquet Committee, PO Box 536, Seneca Falls, N.Y. 13142.

Prompt returns of the invitations are requested so arrangements can be made. Any sister or priest who served St. Patrick's may also send their names to the committee.

### Farm Market, Barbecue Set At St. Felix, Clifton Springs

Clifton Springs — A combination Autumn Farmer's Market and Chicken Barbecue is planned at St. Felix Church here on Saturday, Sept. 15, on the grounds behind the church on Spring St.

The Farmer's Market is being chaired by George and Minnie DeSchepper and will open at 9 a. m. There will be seasonal produce, home canned vegetables and fruit, jams, jellies, baked goods and flowers. Produce will be available in small or large quantities.

### Teacher Workshop Scheduled

Auburn — The Seneca-Cayuga Religious Education Committee will sponsor a religion teacher workshop on Saturday, Sept. 15 for all teachers in the region. It will be held at Holy Family Parish here, from 9:45-2:45 p.m.

Father Albert Shamon, pastor of St. Mary's, Waterloo, will speak on the ministry and the nature of religious education. Workshops on how to implement the christian message in the classroom will be held in the afternoon sessions. Audio-visual materials will be available for inspection at the Cedar Centre throughout the day.

Information and registration forms may be obtained from parish per-

A delivery service will be available for the Sr. Citizens of the Spa Apartments at 12 noon and 3 p.m. for any produce purchased.

Jack Driscoll is in charge of the chicken barbecue which will be served from 12 noon to 2 p. m. and 4 p. m. to 6:30 p.m. Take outs will be available.

In the event of rain, the Farmer's Market and Barbecue will be held inside at St. Felix Hall on Broad St.

Proceeds are for the benefit of the winter chapel fund.

### Fall Festival Sunday

Pine City — Mount Saviour Monastery's Fall Festival is Sunday, Sept. 16, at the monastery on Mount Saviour Road, off Hendy Hollow Road. Events will begin with an outdoor Mass at 10 a.m. and close with vespers at 6 p.m. Included during the day will be an arts and crafts show, musical entertainment, refreshments, children's program and a Street of Shops. All are welcome.

### Stroke Club Forming

Elmira — In a cooperative venture, staff at the Twin Tiers Rehabilitation Center at St. Joseph's Hospital and members of the American Heart Association have developed the Twin Tiers Stroke Club for stroke victims, their families, professionals, and other interested persons. The initial meeting will be at St. Joseph's Sept. 12, at 4 p.m. in the Doctors Meeting Room. Those attending are asked to enter the rehabilitation waiting area; ushers will assist them to the meeting room.

The American Heart Association will provide a speaker to discuss club formation. There also will be professionals on hand to discuss a variety of topics,

including nutrition, speech, physical treatment and adaptive devices available to patients.

Refreshments will be served.

### Alcoholism Seminar

Elmira — Martin Wenzel, probation officer, will speak on "DWI from a Treatment Perspective" at the alcoholism seminar at St. Joseph's Hospital Thursday, Sept. 20, at 12:15 p.m. in the Doctors Meeting Room. Those wishing further information may contact the STARS office at 733-5519.

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