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LPN Awarded Oppy By St. Joseph's

Elmira — The 23rd Oppy recipient since the inception of the award in 1971 was named in ceremonies at St. Joseph's Hospital Monday, Oct. 22.

An 11-year veteran, Robbie Vaughns, LPN, of 1039 Walnut St., received a plaque and pin as members of her family and the hospital staff looked on.

Mrs. Vaughns was cited for her dedication to patients, fellow workers and the community. Joining St. Joseph's as an aide in 1967 and working her way to



Sister Martha Gersbach, left, and William Bushnell congratulate Robbie Vaughns.

licensed practical nurse, she units and in 1978 transferred to Pediatric Health Care served on various patient

Associates of St. Joseph's Hospital at the Elmira Medical Arts Center.

The Oppy Award is presented semi-annually to a member of the St. Joseph's Hospital family in recognition of service above and beyond duty to the patient and the St. Joseph's community.

William Bushnell, newest member of the hospital board of directors, assisted Sister Martha Gersbach, administrator, in the presentation.

Nursing Students Receive Awards

Hornell — St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing students received stripes, and three students received awards during striping ceremonies Sunday, Sept. 30, in St. Ann's Church.

Terry Meacham of Hornell received the Arthur R. Foreman Sr Memorial Merit Scholarship presented to a junior nursing student "who has displayed a dedication to the profession for which he is training and who has conducted himself in the best interest of the patient." The \$100 award is given annually in the memory of the late Mr. Foreman by his family, and was presented by Arthur Foreman, Jr.

Susan Malloy, of Endicott, received the Hazel Stewart Award, given to a student "who has demonstrated

dedication to the pursuit of a career in nursing and has high scholastic ability." The \$100 award was presented by Loretta Haefele, school director.

Eugene Jacobs, executive secretary, and Glen Sprague, Red Cross blood bank chairman, presented plaques from the local chapter and the Rochester Regional Division to Louisa Farrand, senior student, who has volunteered her services at blood banks, has given a gallon of blood and recently served as coordinator of the August blood bank sponsored by the nursing school students.

Twenty-two juniors promoted to the senior level and 28 freshmen promoted to the junior level received stripes, which signify suc-

cessful performance required studies.

Spencer Crow, board of directors president, welcomed the students, their friends and relatives, and congratulated them on their achievements. Father Eugene Emo, hospital chaplain, gave the invocation.

Miss Haefele congratulated

the students and conducted the striping ceremony.

In an address, Sister Rene McNiff, hospital administrator, noted that the stripes, probably a symbol of military background, honor achievement and are a mark of distinction, a designation of importance that like other marks of authority indicates increased responsibility.

Rehabilitation Conference Scheduled

Corning — The Twin Tiers Rehabilitation Center of St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira will sponsor "Conference '79," the second in a series of conferences on the rehabilitation of patients with communication disorders, Friday, Nov. 2.

Dr. Jill Giattino of Will Patterson College will speak on "Designing Language Development Programs for Elementary School-age Children." In addition, hospital staff will lead sessions on topics including sex education for the handicapped, family counseling, assessment of oro-facial

structures, aphasia therapy techniques, and audiological survival skills for speech-language pathologists.

A registration fee of \$15 (\$10 for full-time students) will cover the cost of coffee breaks and lunch. All conference events will be at the Corning Hilton Inn in Corning.

More information can be obtained by writing "Conference '79," Speech and Hearing Department, St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, N.Y. 14902; or by contacting Jeffery Katz or Jill Elfenbein at (607) 733-6541 ext. 360.

Masses Scheduled At Nursing Facility

Elmira — Father Joseph Egan, chaplain at the Chemung County Nursing Facility, will celebrate a memorial Mass All Saints Day, Nov. 1, at 2 p.m., for deceased residents, staff and volunteers. The Mass is sponsored by the Activities Department.

Families of deceased residents, staff and volunteers are invited to attend as well as any families having residents at the facility.

The ecumenical service and Sacrament of the Sick which is conducted every three months will be Nov. 8, at 2 p.m. during the weekly Mass. Father Egan will celebrate this special Mass and anoint all Catholic residents. Rev. R. Kurt Traugott, the Protestant chaplain, will give the readings and the Imposition of Hands on the Protestant residents.

Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at the facility at 10:30 a.m.

CCCN Series In Fifth Week

Elmira — Father John Powell's "Free to Be Me" series will continue this week and conclude next Wednesday evening in the Chemung County Catholic Network's offerings over cable Channel 4 in Chemung County.

The programs are shown on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, Nov. 2, a

"Conversation with Cardinal Suenens," the primate of Belgium will be shown. He will explain his role as the Cardinal Protector of Catholic Charismatics.

On Monday, Nov. 5, "Life after 'Life,'" will be shown, dealing with responsibility, as the main character's girlfriend dies in a drunk-driving auto accident.



Windows Dedicated

The new stained glass windows in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, were dedicated Oct. 12, with about 200 people participating in the ceremony. Above, Father Francis Davis, former pastor, and Father Gerald O'Connor, former associate, bless each window and light a candle in front of it. The window project began while they served the parish. Also participating in the ceremony were Father Paul McCabe, current pastor, and Msgr. Leo Schwab, the parish's founding pastor. Following the dedication, a reception was held honoring Father O'Connor for his service to the parish; he was transferred to Watkins Glen in September.

Waverly School Marks 25 Years

Waverly — St. James School marked 25 years of operation Saturday, Oct. 20.

A Mass at noon drew about 150 people. Concelebrating were Father Edward Foy, pastor; Father John Morgan, his predecessor; Father Richard Kinsky, diocesan schools superintendent; Father G. Stuart Hogan, the school's founding pastor; and Father Thomas Watts, a native of the parish.

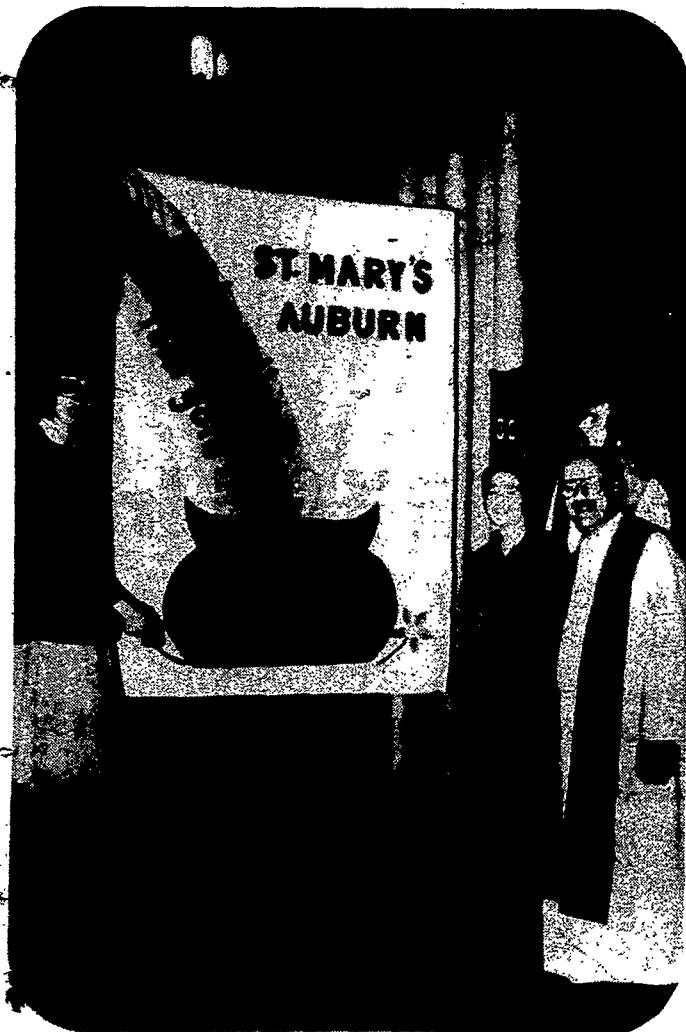
Many former teachers attended the Mass, including Sisters of St. Joseph who are now located around the diocese. A reception followed the Mass, at which old friendships were renewed, and everyone got an opportunity to look at the extensive collection of pictures and other items that traced the history of the school.

A commemorative booklet also was published, with pictures of the more than 600 students who have attended the school.

The school opened in September 1954, with the cornerstone being laid Sunday, Sept. 22. The original building had six classrooms. The first year's enrollment, grades one through four, totaled 113 students who were taught by three Sisters of St. Joseph.

By 1959 the school had grades one through eight, and that year two more classrooms were constructed. In 1967, the seventh and eighth grades were dropped; those two rooms are now used for a library and music room. In 1978, a kindergarten class was added.

The anniversary celebration continued on the evening of Oct. 20, with a dance and buffet to which all former students and teachers were invited.



A Winner!

A savings bond was presented to Michele Driscoll, 8th grade student at St. Mary's School, Auburn, on October 21 as the first prize in the banner design contest at the school. Shown above from left are Sister Alice Marie Kurtz, principal, Michele Driscoll, Father Edward Zimmer, pastor, and Father Robert Werth, Associate.

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