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### CCGEB Acts to Lower Heating Costs

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Elmira — Efforts to reduce heating costs and a two-pronged study of the system's future were topics at the Chemung County General Education Board (CCGEB) meeting at St. Anthony's Nov. 8.

Approved in a four to three vote was a motion to spend \$4,000 on a number of repairs, mainly to doors and windows, of the four schools and the three convents the system operates. The repairs are intended to cut heat loss in the buildings. The work will be done by a local contractor.

The board also approved, by a seven to one vote, spending \$1,200 as its half of a technical assistance study of St. Mary's School. The vote was the first step for the CCGEB to get involved in the grant program offered through the state whereby money spent on heat-saving work is matched by federal money. Members debated the commitment to the project the vote represented, and were told by Gail Callahan, system business manager, that the board could withdraw from the program later, before any money is spent.

Curran Sekella, reporting for the Finance Committee, explained that replacing lights at St. Mary's School is

the goal of the application being submitted. The matching funds for the study and for the lights would mean that the system would get \$12,000 worth of work done at the school for \$7,200, he explained.

During the discussion of utility expenses, Mrs. Callahan noted that the bills are running 20 percent ahead of last year, and will most likely exceed budgeted amounts.

Thomas Klotz, reporting for the Future Planning Committee, offered a list of projects that could be undertaken to unify the school system and raise additional funds.

He then proposed that

nursery schools be added at St. Mary's and St. Casimir's schools, noting Our Lady of Lourdes' nursery school success. He pointed out that in the past few years enrollment at Lourdes has increased from 150 to 200 students.

He noted that he had discussed nursery schools with the principals involved, and reported that they had been examining the possibility themselves, considering a start-up for September. Klotz suggested that waiting until then would only delay the program's value, and moved that the principals be authorized to set up nursery schools, not to begin before Jan. 1, 1980.

Concern over the motion pressuring the principals to set up the programs in only two months was expressed; others said that they expected the principals to take the time necessary, and the motion allowed them to do so any time next year, in September if necessary. A motion changing the date to Sept. 1 was defeated when board president Martin Tracy broke a tie vote.

The original motion then passed unanimously.

Tracy led applause for Mary Durocher and Mary Klotz, who chaired the annual Walkathon this year; they reported profits of \$5,872.68.

Tracy also reported on the first month's work of the

committee studying the feasibility of further school consolidation. He described the process that is underway, and noted that the committee has agreed that their proposal should take into account the next three to five years. He also noted that Sister Roberta Tierney, diocesan Education Division director, has offered to assist.

The board agreed that a letter should be sent to all parents explaining the study.

Tracy noted that he expected the timetable would have to be set back one month, with the committee's completed report offered in January, and possible voting occurring in February.

### FLHSA Won't Protest Scanner in Hornell

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Although the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency (FLHSA) is continuing its action against the CT scanner installed on St. Joseph's Hospital property, the agency does not expect to take action concerning the recently announced installation of a scanner in Hornell.

Dr. Edward Auringer announced he has ordered a CT scanner and expects it to be installed in his Hornell office and be operational by the first of the year. That will be the third scanner in the Southern Tier, although a planning report done by FLHSA called for only one to be placed in the area, at least through 1980.

And while the FLHSA is continuing its legal efforts against Scanner Diagnostic Services and St. Joseph's Hospital, Anthony Mott, FLHSA executive director, said that the agency plans no action against the Hornell placement.

Mott called the new purchase "a different situation legally," in that the purchase is by a "private practitioner," and does not involve either hospital in Hornell. Unless some information surfaces to indicate differently, he said, the agency will not try to stop Dr. Auringer's purchase.

Mott noted that he favors a law that would require all scanner purchases to get planning approval, but that has failed each time it has

been proposed at the state level. Currently, only hospitals are required to get approval for such purchases.

Concerning the scanner in the Medical Arts Building on St. Joseph's property, Mott said it is the agency's opinion that the hospital was involved, and that is what it is trying to prove in court. St. Joseph's is expected to contend that the scanner is owned and operated by private corporations, and therefore not subject to the approval process. The name of the corporation operating the scanner, Scanner Diagnostic Services, and of the corporation that owns it, Standard Scanning Associates, were revealed in court earlier this year.

Lawyers for the FLHSA, St. Joseph's and the state appeared in Chemung County Supreme Court Nov. 7, before Judge Frederick Bryant, of Ithaca. The case was adjourned until Dec. 18.

The adjournment was done at the hospital's suggestion, Mott said, to give the lawyers for the parties time to talk. He called the move encouraging, as a way to possibly avoid expensive court proceedings.

### NFP Topic

Elmira — A Natural Family Planning (NFP) informational meeting will be conducted Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 8 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hospital's Doctors Meeting Room. The meeting is for information only; methods will be taught at a later date.

\* Beryl and Nick Iven of Odessa, certified NFP instructors, will conduct the program. They are volunteers with Natural Family Planning Education of Rochester. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Ivens at (607) 594-2380.



### Bazaar

Mary Amey and Father Thomas Brennan, St. Mary's, Corning, pastor emeritus, looking over some of the goods at St. Mary's Bazaar Nov. 9. General chairpersons for the two-day event were Lorraine and Michael Asiello.

### St. Joseph's Honors Former Board Head

Elmira — Charles F. Kennedy, former chairman of the St. Joseph's Hospital Board of Directors, was presented the Centurion Award at a reception Nov. 14.

The award, given in recognition of "volunteer service in improvement of the health care system in Chemung County," was established in 1973 as the Humanitarian Award of St. Joseph's, and was presented that year to L. D. Clute, chairman of the Arnot Ogden Hospital Board of Managers.

The award now will be designated by the newly-formed St. Joseph's Century Club, with membership comprised of those interested in the advancement of health care for the Twin Tiers through support and gifts to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Richard Evans, chairman of the hospital's Development Council, which conducted the reception, presided over the award ceremonies.

Kennedy was cited for his contribution of time and effort as a member of St.

Joseph's board since 1951, and its chairman for nine years beginning in 1965. It was during this time that "Kennedy exerted leadership through the period of flood, increased government regulation and maintenance of services provided by an acute-care hospital. His service to St. Joseph's resulted in the establishment of the Twin Tier Rehabilitation Center and improved ambulatory care services to mention a few."

A longtime Elmira industrialist, Kennedy changed roles in 1974 and moved to Binghamton, assuming chairmanship of the New York State Electric and Gas.

He was involved in the formation of the local hospital consortium, serving as its chairman, and was a member of the Chemung County Health Planning Committee. The native Elmiran was a trustee of the former Chemung County tuberculosis sanitarium.

A former president of the Elmira Association of Commerce, his other ac-

tivities included the Empire State Chamber of Commerce and the Chemung County Community Chest.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have retained their Elmira home while residing in Binghamton.

A plaque commemorating the award will be displayed in the hospital, and Kennedy received a replica.

Evans announced that this first Centurion Award will open the recognition program to the community. A listing of award criteria may be obtained through the Development Office at St. Joseph's.

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