

COURIER-JOURNAL

Southern Tier-Auburn Geneva

Southern Tier:
 Martin Toombs
 268 W. 13th St., B-1
 Elmira Heights, N.Y. 14903
 (607) 732-3371

Auburn-Geneva:
 Mary Ann Ginnerty
 294 1/2 South Street Rd.
 Auburn, N.Y.
 (315) 253-2176



The "South Pacific" chorus practices a number for the show.

'South Pacific' Scheduled

By Martin Toombs
 Southern Tier Editor

Elmira — The musical "South Pacific," which will be presented at Notre Dame High School later this month, is a project that started "as a joke" and now has more than 40 teenagers involved.

The production, sponsored by the Tri-Parish Youth Program of St. Patrick's, St. Casimir's and St. Anthony's parishes, will be presented Friday, July 25, and Saturday, July 26 at 8:15 p.m. in the Notre Dame auditorium.

The idea for the play began, Phil Lombard, its director, related, after Chris DeSocio, who works for the Tri-Parish program, asked him and several others for suggestions for summer activities.

A musical was suggested as a joke, Lombard recalled, but others picked up on the idea, and the personnel for the play began to fall into place. After receiving approval from the Tri-Parish Youth Board and a successful casting call, the dates were set and practices got underway.

Lombard, who just was graduated from Notre Dame, noted that this is his first experience directing, but not his first with "South Pacific." He appeared in a production

of the play four years ago sponsored by St. Patrick's Junior High. Lombard said that he also has appeared in Elmira Little Theater productions, and has helped with shows at the Clemens Center.

He pointed out that for many, it is their first experience with major roles or the responsibilities they are shouldering.

Also directing the show is Todd Thomas, who will be a sophomore at Oberlin College in Ohio in the fall. He is serving as musical director, and organizing the orchestra. Faith Eaton is the choreographer.

Teri Grundman didn't expect to get the female lead, Nellie Forbush, she noted, but she is happy she did. She has experience with small parts in plays, she said, but a broader background in singing. She gave a recital this past year, while she was a senior at Elmira Free Academy, she noted, and was selected for the all-state choir. Teri commented that she "never expected that, either."

She will be attending Oberlin College in the fall, she said, studying voice and music therapy.

Chris Pierce, who will play

Emile, DeBeque, also will be getting his first opportunity with a leading role. Pierce, who will be a junior at Southside High School in the fall, has experience in choirs and singing with rock bands, he said. Playing a Frenchman means lessons in a French accent, and he reported that they are going well.

Lombard, pointing out that Pierce was a replacement for the role, commented that he "picks things up quickly."

The cast and crews also are working to raise the money they'll need to pay royalties and buy supplies for the show. To help the effort, they are soliciting patrons, who for \$15 will be listed in the program and will receive two reserved seat tickets for either night of the show. Tickets, which will be available from cast members and at the door, will be \$2.50 for reserved, \$2 for adults, and \$1.50 for students and Gold Card holders.

Waterloo Festival

Waterloo — The St. Mary's Summer Festival is scheduled July 17-19 at the church grounds on Center Street.

Father Robert C. Doell, executive chairman of the festival, said, "Since this is the year of the family, we hope to have plenty of fun for the families attending and for the families working on it."

The festival will begin each evening at 6 with supper. Beginning at 6:30 each night, a full slate of games has been planned.

In addition to Father Doell, others on the committee are Tom Gross, general chairman; Pete Pioli and Jim Mooney, co-chairmen; John and Ida French, refreshment committee; Louise Craig and Kitty Finnerty, games committee; Sandra Boyes and John Mack, publicity; Bob Rogers, Steve Jenkins, Lon Snook, construction, and Jim Wood, lighting.

Palmyra Pastor Plans Visitations

Palmyra — Father Francis H. Vogt, pastor of the 500-family St. Anne's Parish here, has alerted parishioners that in the coming months he will attempt to visit every home in the parish.

According to an announcement in The Parish Word, the church's weekly bulletin, his visits will follow no direct schedule and will be done during free times in the morning and in the evening.

The initial area he will

cover will be Maple Avenue and the territory north of Main Street.

The bulletin also acknowledged the work of Magdalene McGuire who has brought the parish book up to date, listing all the roads and streets in the parish and the locations of parishioners' homes.

Father Vogt indicated that he anticipates covering his initial area by the end of the summer.

Elections Held at St. Felix

Clifton Springs — Election results have been posted for two groups at St. Felix Church here. At the final meeting of the season for the Rosary and Altar Society, Jo Dannahe was elected president; Elizabeth Campbell, vice president; Sylvia Antheunis, secretary; and Fran Zadarlik, treasurer.

In addition, the Parish Council also welcomes several new members. Serving two-year terms are Robert Altman, George DeSchepper, Albert Hoven and Barbara Maslyn. A supper was recently held at the rectory for the newly elected members and for those who are concluding their terms.

At the Rosary and Altar meeting, Kay Goodman, chairman of the Library Committee, reported that all books had been catalogued and shelved in the church hall. She said that those wishing to use the library during the summer be advised of the July and August hours: Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. She also requested volunteers to staff the library. Her phone number is 462-6861.

In other news, Dorothy Parmele, parish spokesperson, revealed that the summer sale recently held by the Senior Youth Group netted \$158. The event was chaired by George and Minnie DeSchepper. The money will be used for youth group projects.

DCG Plans Picnic

Elmira — The Elmira Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics Group will sponsor a swim party and picnic Sunday, July 20, at 1 p.m., at Harris Hill Park. Participants should watch for "DSWCG" signs. Each family is asked to bring a dish to pass, meat and their own picnic supplies. There also is a small fee for swimming.

The group also will sponsor a rap session Sunday, Aug. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Christian Living Room at St. Patrick's School, Elmira.

Seminar Scheduled

Elmira — J. Frank Stark, STARS program coordinator, will speak on "Discharge Planning" at the alcoholism seminar Thursday, July 17 at 12:15 p.m. in the Doctors Meeting Room at St. Joseph's Hospital. Further information can be obtained by contacting the STARS office at 733-5519.



Father Eugene Weis, St. John the Evangelist pastor, left, helps some second and third graders at the parish's Vacation Bible School.

Focus on Family

By Martin Toombs
 Southern Tier Editor

Newark Valley — The "Eep" family made an appearance each day at the St. John the Evangelist Vacation Bible School the week of July 7.

They came to the right place, as the school's students were studying the family, and the Eeps didn't know much about the subject. The first day, they wanted to know what a family was.

And on the second day, they were demanding love from other members of their family. In both cases, and in continuing lessons the rest of the week, the students told the "Eeps" how a family worked, and got them to pledge to try harder.

The "Eep" family, actually three students dressed from head to toe in black and expressing themselves with signs, introduced the lesson for the day to the nearly 50 youngsters participating in the summer school, according to Ann Daly, who conducted the program.

The school included a feature that isn't typical of such programs, a discussion group for adults. Mrs. Daly related that after last year's involvement by the adults, there was a request for a continuing adult education class, and several who participated last summer are now working as instructors.

In addition to their lessons about the family, the various classes were busy with projects, both presentations that would be made to the entire school, and permanent gifts to the parish.

Presentations included a puppet show on a day in the life of Christ, an explanation of the different families of which each person is a member, and descriptions of the lives of the saints.

The students also prepared two projects for the school-ending Mass Friday. Each class made a banner which was used in the Mass and then hung in the church. Also for the Mass, the sixth- and seventh graders made a stole; the second through fifth graders made a chasuble; and the kindergarten and first graders made the altar cloth. The pre-schoolers picked flowers for the altar.

The sixth and seventh graders coordinated the Mass, and prepared explanations for each of the gifts as they were presented.

The students also heard a talk each day by Father Eugene Weis, St. John's pastor.

The classes were conducted in the parish hall, except on Tuesday when they were held in a park, to avoid a conflict with a senior citizen meals program which meets in the hall.

Gerould's Pharmacies

S. Main St. and
 Church & Hoffman
 Elmira

Delivery Service
733-6696