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Father Morgan at the prayer service.

### 60 Attend First Of Monthly Services

Waverly — Approximately 60 persons participated in the first of a series of monthly ecumenical prayer services at St. James Church Oct. 22.

The hour service, led by several members of the local clergy, included songs, Scripture readings and a talk by Father John Morgan, former pastor.

During the program, Rev. Joseph Gasper of the Presbyterian Church in Athens, Pa., volunteered his parish to sponsor the November prayer meeting, yet to be scheduled.

The various speakers took the opportunity to praise those who organized and attended the prayer service, noting the need for prayer for

the hostages, the issue that precipitated the first such Valley-wide prayer service last spring, and for other concerns.

Rev. Gasper also called the prayer service a useful effort to bring nearer the goal of Christian unity.

Father Morgan, speaking on the value of perseverance in prayer, noted how some give up prayer intentions too soon, referring to parables and other Biblical relations which illustrate the need for faith and perseverance.

Referring to the original prayer service last spring, he said that those who have been praying for a year for the release of the hostages should not stop, but should continue until their release is secured.

### Parish Observes Schools Week

Elmira — St. Patrick's Parish conducted an observance of Catholic Schools Week this year independent of the various schools its parishioners attend.

A brunch at noon Sunday, Oct. 26, the first day of Catholic Schools Week, brought together 160 parishioners, families with students from all five of the Catholic schools in Elmira.

As St. Patrick's School is the junior high in the Elmira Catholic school system; St. Patrick's elementary school students are divided among all three of the elementary schools. Parishioners also attend St. Patrick's Junior High and Notre Dame High School.

Father Daniel Holland, pastor, explained that the

brunch was the suggestion of several parishioners, who saw a need for the parish families which have children in Catholic schools to get to know one another. Father Holland noted that the parish has 119 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, as well as those in preschool and at Notre Dame.

The dish-to-pass brunch gave parents a chance to get to know one another, and also gave the children an opportunity to meet those fellow students from their parish who happen to attend a different school from their own.

The organizers were planning the next program even before the tables had been cleared from what they considered to be a successful and worthwhile event.

## CCGEB Discusses Swimming

By Martin Toombs  
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Elmira — The Chemung County General Education Board (CCGEB) conducted a special meeting Oct. 23 to discuss its participation in swimming instruction in the Elmira City School District pools.

The meeting followed concern expressed at the regular October meeting over the fact that Our Lady of Lourdes School had been scheduled for the nine-week program for fourth and sixth graders, but St. Mary's and St. Casimir's had not.

At the meeting, Martin Tracy, board president, explained the proposal made by the city school district. It would accommodate the students from all three schools if the CCGEB would pay what it considers its additional costs.

At the meeting, members discussed several alternatives, including asserting a right to the program without charge, paying the proposed fee, or withdrawing from the program completely. Another option was continuing the participation of Our Lady of Lourdes, which the city school district said they would do

according to previous arrangements.

The members also discussed an alternative of paying for swimming instruction at the YWCA, at a cost of \$10 per hour, for one hour each week, with the classes involved taking turns.

The discussion revealed the feeling of several board members that they would like to pursue the issue with the city school district, at the same time providing swimming instruction to the fourth and sixth graders in all three schools this year. Thomas Klotz, St. Patrick's delegate, made a motion which was

passed unanimously, that Lourdes continue in the city schools program; that arrangements be made for the other schools to have classes at the YWCA; that the situation be pursued with the city school district for the coming school year, and that any other avenues of redress, such as a lawsuit, be delayed pending those discussions.

Upon the urging of Sister Marilyn Reeves, St. Mary's principal, the board also approved the provision of paid aides for locker room supervision at the YWCA, at the discretion of the principals.



### REBOUND!

Tami Garelle (22), Laurie Callahan (5), and Melissa Palinkas (15) jump for a rebound during action in their final game of the season for St. Patrick's Junior High, Elmira, girls basketball team. The team, coached by Robert Coleman, lost the encounter 30-26 to the Parley Coburn Junior High team, and finished its season with a 2 and 4 record.

### Divorced, Separated Invited to Meeting

Skaneateles — St. Mary's of the Lake Church here, together with the Syracuse Diocesan Family Life Office, has planned an Information Night for Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics at 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13, in the Parish Center on Jordan Street.

The primary purpose is to bring separated, divorced and remarried Catholics the

message that the Church is concerned about them and can help them. Support group leaders, priests and a member of the Marriage Tribunal will be on hand to answer questions.

All separated, divorced and remarried persons are invited as well as those interested in the situation. No registration or fee is required.

### Hypnosis Clinics

Elmira — Clinics for smoking cessation, drugs, phobias and obesity will be conducted by Dr. Murray Polsky, with the first to be offered Nov. 5.

Dr. Polsky recently conducted a "To Your Health" seminar on hypnosis in medicine, and offered to schedule the free sessions. The five sessions, open to 35 persons each, will be given in the lower level classrooms of the Dunn Memorial adjacent to St. Joseph's Hospital.

The first program, aimed at cessation of smoking, will be Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 3 to 5 p.m. Subsequent sessions will be: drugs, Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.; phobias, Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 3 to 5 p.m.; a repeat of the smoking cessation class will be offered Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The final session will be on weight reduction, and will be Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1981, from 7 to 10 p.m.

### Walkathon Raises \$8,500 for Schools

Elmira — The 1980 Walkathon was the most and least successful in the six years the event has been sponsored by the Chemung County Catholic schools.

The failure came in the weather; for the first time, the walk itself had to be canceled, due to a steady downpour and chilly temperatures.

At the same time, this year's event took in \$2,000 more than in any previous year, with more than 8,500 of the \$1 tickets sold. Of that amount, about \$1,000 was sold by students of St. Mary Our Mother School, Horseheads, and the remainder was sold in the four Elmira schools. All five schools sold more tickets this year than in previous years.

Winner of the "Bronze Foot" award was St. Patrick's Junior High, which sold 10.1 tickets per student. Placing second was St. A. Casimir's School, with 8.9 tickets per student.

Mrs. Mary Klotz, who with Mrs. Mary Durocher organized the event, also noted that the increased family involvement this year, through the poster and slogan contests, seems to have paid benefits in increasing overall participation.

Instead of the walk, those students who arrived at St. Patrick's Junior High and their parents were feted in the gym, and prizes were awarded.

### 'Centurion' Named

Elmira — Gordon L. Black of Horseheads was named "Centurion of the Year" at the annual Development Council recognition reception at St. Joseph's Hospital Oct. 23.

Black, general manager of the Elmira area for the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation, was cited for his "dedicated service to St. Joseph's Hospital and the community it serves."

A charter member of the hospital's Development Council, Black serves on the Foundations-Corporations Committee and chairs the business and industry section. His activities with that committee have included community orientation to St. Joseph's and those it serves.

Black is a member of the Planning Committee and the Psychiatric Planning Subcommittee of the hospital's Board of Directors.

His other community activities include membership on the boards of the Bethany Retirement Center, Chemung County Chamber of Commerce, Elmira Symphony and Choral Society, Horseheads Free Library, Horseheads Savings Bank, Junior Achievement of Chemung County and Southern Tier Economic Growth.

He also plays bass fiddle with the Elmira Symphony.

A widower, Black is the father of two children.

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