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Surprise Pumpkin

Three students in the pre-school program at St. Vincent's Early Education Center, from left, Timothy Crisco, Melissa Ray and Billy DeCapria, look over the pumpkins which grew at St. Vincent's in Corning. Soon to be Thanksgiving pumpkin pie, the pumpkins grew in the garden planted by Margaret and Mary Crane, twin sisters who are the housekeepers in St. Vincent's rectory, although they didn't plant any pumpkins. They theorize that birds dropped the seeds there.

St. Mary's Drive Passes \$380,000

Corning — St. Mary's fund drive exceeded its goal and should raise nearly all the money needed for the extensive project being undertaken on the parish's 114-year-old church.

The fund drive was set to raise pledges of \$300,000 to substantially pay for the \$400,000 project.

From the beginning the drive exceeded the expectations of its organizers. Nearly half of the adults in the parish volunteered to work, which meant that many persons only had to fill out their own card.

And the preliminary results, with some cards yet to

be returned, indicate that 91 percent of the parish families made pledges. The 585 pledges totaled \$381,422, with the average pledge being \$644, according to figures released by Mary Midey, drive secretary.

Work has already begun on the church, with repairs to the foundation and roof being made before winter. The project includes extensive work on the church's foundations and superstructure, replacement of the heating system, and updating of electrical, lighting and sound systems.

Parish leaders for the drive were Tom Yorio, Pat Bennett, James Dugan and Mrs. Midey.

High-Priced Gold Is Burglary Target

Corning — The vastly increased value of gold has not gone unnoticed among those who consider churches targets for burglaries.

Several churches in the Corning area, most recently St. Patrick's, have had gold and gold-plated items stolen. Three ciboria, two pyxes and an alb were stolen from St. Patrick's vestry the afternoon of Nov. 6.

Father Francis Davis, St. Patrick's pastor, noted that the vestry was left unlocked by mistake. He added that the thief or thieves apparently knew what they were looking for, and that they avoided items, including a chalice, which had inscriptions and therefore could be more easily

identified. He theorized that the alb was used to wrap the other stolen items.

The three ciboria have been replaced, he said, at a cost of \$521.

Corning police are investigating the burglary.

Trust Fund

Canandaigua — Officials of St. Mary's School here recently reported that an educational endowment fund has now drawn more than \$32,000 from the parish and community. The fund drive goal was given as \$100,000. Interest from the fund will be used to defray the cost inflation on tuition to the parish school.

St. Patrick's Bazaar Nov. 21

Corning — Portrait sketching, homemade candy and a variety of handicrafts will be among the featured items at the St. Patrick's Parish Bazaar Friday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. in the parish hall.

The event, which occurs only every two years, will include handmade items made by volunteers since the last bazaar in 1978.

Christopher Black will be doing portrait sketching during the event, and the handmade candy has been made by the Patricians.

Also available will be "attic treasures," baked goods, children's games, plants and religious articles. Food also will be served throughout the day.

Ulcer Care Is Topic

Elmira — Dr. Joseph Calderone will present a look at "The Care and Feeding of Your Ulcer," during the "To Your Health" seminar at St. Joseph's Hospital Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Calderone will present detailed information on the treatment of ulcers, as well as advice on diet and other means of controlling ulcers. Although called the "executive's disease," ulcers can affect nearly anyone.

The health seminars are sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the hospital's Development Council. The program will be in the Doctors Meeting Room; reservations are not necessary, but can be made by contacting the Community Relations Office at 733-9137.

Aging Issues Topic

By Martin Toombs
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Keuka Park — Although participating in six different workshops, delegates to the Finger Lakes Regional Conference on Aging often called for similar changes.

Among the consensus items were the need for programs to help people stay at home, the need for equity in pensions and Social Security, for property tax relief, and for health care available at a reasonable cost.

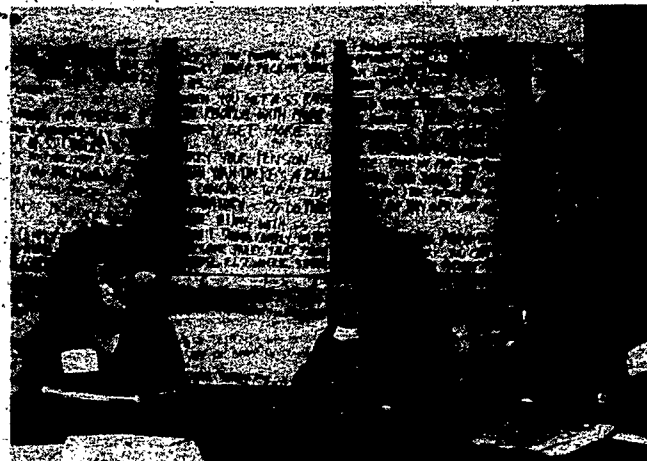
Approximately 50 delegates attended the six-county hearing Nov. 8 at Keuka College. The counties they represented, Livingston, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben and Yates, had conducted county hearings. The information from the regional hearing will be taken to the state meet next April, and to the White House Conference on Aging later in 1981.

Participants in the hearing had a choice of six workshops dealing with such issues as economic security, physical and mental health, support systems and rural issues.

But many of the workshops had a common ground of issues upon which everyone seemed to agree in principle, with various methods for achieving the goals being suggested.

Property taxes, especially those to support schools, were often criticized, but suggested remedies included increased exemptions for those retired, a shifting of the tax load to income taxes, or a reduction in government expenditures.

Several programs were suggested to make it easier for the elderly to stay in their homes, including home health care, homemaker services, home repair help,



A participant in the Aging Hearing at Keuka College makes a point during a workshop on economic security. The concerns the group raised during the session are printed on newsprint hung up behind them.

and adequate transportation.

Delegates also called for available and reasonably priced health care, criticizing the declining coverage and increasing cost of Medicare.

Delegates also raised difficulties caused by stringent regulations on various programs. Some services, such as home health care, are available in some areas and not others, and to some people and not others, based on income.

Delegates also noted the less-obvious problems inflation causes. A town assessor noted that the cost-of-living increase in Social Security in July caused one woman in his town to lose a \$400 property tax rebate.

Several participants also raised situations where government regulations caused a hurt. One lady recalled a case where two elderly women moved in together to share costs. But when the federal programs they were using recorded the change, the women lost so much support they had to move back apart.

In the Economic Security workshop, provision of

Social Security to other than the retired was criticized, as was as the discrimination against couples who were both employed. Delegates also question the equity of a system which does not take into account how many years in addition to the minimum requirements that a person pays into it.

The group also called for a plan which would allow workers to carry pension credits from one job to another.

The health workshop members expressed the need for health professionals to have more training in gerontology.

One discussion pointed out an understanding of the complex problems being debated. When property taxes were raised as an issue, a delegate suggested that a way to decrease them was to abandon all the suggestions for increased services the group had just made.

Overall, the discussion reflected the assumption that the supply of money is not limitless, but that a better job can be done with the money already being spent.

Boutique Planned

Ithaca — The St. Catherine of Siena Parish's Holiday Boutique will be Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish center. A spaghetti dinner will follow at 6 p.m. The boutique will feature crafts, a Sweet Shoppe, snack bar, home decoration demonstrations, and a holiday fashion show at 1:30 p.m.

Alcoholism Discussion

Elmira — Mary Huyler, executive director of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program (ARP), will discuss the agency's 10 years of service at the monthly alcoholism seminar Thursday, Nov. 20, at 12:15 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hospital's, Doctors Meeting Room. Further information can be obtained by contacting the STARS Office at 733-9519.

Program Discusses Future of Nursing

Hornell — Fifty-five nurses, nursing instructors and hospital administrators from area institutions heard Luther Christman, dean of the College of Nursing at Rush University, Chicago, lecture at a "Nursing in the 80s" workshop Nov. 10 sponsored by the St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing.

Christman focused on the fact that nursing will be changing, and stressed the need for professional development.

The workshop was designed to provide information on innovations and changes in health care which will affect nursing service and education. Christman's lectures dealt with the projected growth of science and technology, computer-assisted monitoring of care, professional development and the nurses' role in the development of a nursing care system.

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