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Effort Will Make Telephone Usable by Hearing Impaired

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Horseheads — A \$500 contribution from the Horseheads Bentley Trumble Post of the American Legion has added another Telephone Typewriter (TTY) to a just-beginning system which will make it possible for the hearing impaired to use the telephone.

The growth of the number of TTYS in the county is being actively encouraged by St. Joseph's Hospital. A gift of the Horseheads Elks Club made it possible to set up TTYS in the St. Joseph's and Arnot-Ogden Hospital emergency rooms. Work is now under way to make it known to deaf persons that the service is available, and to

extend TTY service to other community agencies.

At the Horseheads American Legion, Vaughn Richards and Mrs. George Ann Schieder presented Stanley Douglas, St. Joseph's Community Relations Director, with a \$500 check to purchase a machine to be placed at the Horseheads Police Department.

Post members saw a demonstration of the TTY and participated in a "conversation" with Bill Seigal of Pine Valley. The telephone receiver is placed on a cradle at the back of the device, which looks much like a typewriter. Messages typed on the keyboard are displayed in lights at both ends of the connection.

Seigal conducted a half-hour conversation with those at the post, who seemed to feel that they had put their money to good use.

The light-weight, battery-operated units offer several special features, including a 90-word memory so messages can be played back, and an emergency button, which, when pushed, transmits the owner's name and address to the receiving agency.

The local Volunteers of America also has a unit.

Plans call for installation of the units at locations in the county where hearing impaired persons will be able to go to make calls.

The effort will involve several Elmira-area organizations, including one that is considering providing all maintenance on the units free of charge, and another planning a "friendly visitor" program in connection with the program.

Douglas noted that they don't know how many deaf persons, or persons who for other reasons are unable to speak on the telephone, there are in the county. Statistics indicate that there are 100 potential users of the system.

Also in the planning is a fund to purchase TTYS which would be loaned to deaf persons who are unable to purchase their own, Douglas said.



A message from Bill Seigal passes across the TTY display board during a demonstration of the telephone-typewriter unit at the American Legion Post.

Publishing Natural Link With Evangelization

By Martin Toombs
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His 20 years of Catholic publishing is not wasted experience in his new job, Father Alvin Illig, CSP, told those attending the Steuben Region's program on Evangelization in Bath, Dec. 11.

The participants had already seen that, as two large tables of booklets, information sheets and newsletters were on display at the entrance to St. Mary's Hall.

Father Illig is executive director of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) Committee on Evangelization, and the director of the Paulist Office for Evangelization, and he publishes information in both positions.

The most successful of the publications is a Paulist monthly booklet "Share the Word." Distributed free to anyone who requests it, the booklet is a study guide for the three readings for each of the Sundays of the month. The 48-page December issue was the tenth printed, in a circulation that is "exploding on us," Father Illig commented.



FATHER ILLIG

Last August, he said, 37,500 copies of the booklet were printed. The printing for next March is scheduled to be 225,000 copies. The free distribution helps the circulation, he admitted, but pointed out that donations from those receiving the booklet have kept the enterprise "in the black" every month since the first.

The booklet is designed for individual or group Scripture study, and is suggested as an instrument for lay Catholics to reach out to inactive

Catholics or unchurched neighbors.

Individual subscribers can receive the booklet by requesting it from Share the Word, 3031 Fourth St., NE, Washington, DC 20017. The Paulists "warmly encourage" free will offerings.

Parishes also may get 100 free sample copies by writing the same address. Regular bulk shipments are billed.

Those interested in other means of evangelization can receive a monthly newsletter. Father Illig publishes through the NCCB. While again free will offerings are welcome, it is sent free of charge. Requests should be sent to "Goodnewsletter," at the address given above.

Father Illig also publishes descriptions of models for parish evangelization which have succeeded somewhere in the country. Two versions are printed: one in English, and another, printed both in English and Spanish, which describes programs successfully used in Spanish-speaking parishes.

Father Illig also has filmed four, half-hour movies on evangelization, which are available for rental in 16 mm or videocassette. The titles are: "What is Catholic Evangelization Today?"; "The Five Groups in America Most Enriched by Evangelization"; "Fifteen Basic Principles to Assist Catholic Lay Evangelizers"; and "Contemporary Ideas to Inspire Catholic Laity to Become Evangelizers."

Also available are copies of Pope Paul VI's 23,000-word encyclical "On Evangelization in the Modern World," (for 50 cents plus postage), or a 3,000-word summary of the document (for 15 cents per copy, minimum of 50 copies).

Birthday Celebration Reunites Family

Elmira — Despite all the preparations which were necessary to bring together Mrs. Jean Milliken's 13 children and their families, she didn't realize they were planning a six-months-late 75th birthday celebration for her until the event took place Saturday, Dec. 27.

Mrs. Milliken's children had to travel from Arizona, New Mexico, Maine and Tanzania, Africa, to attend the event. It was the first time the entire family had been together since Mrs. Milliken's husband, Cornelius died 24 years ago.

Mrs. Milliken is a life-long member of St. Patrick's Parish, Elmira.

The reunion began with a Mass in Epiphany Church, Sayre, Penn., celebrated by a son, Benedictine Father Damien (Jack) Milliken, who traveled from Africa. A fourth

'North Pole' Wins Award

Hornell — Staff of the maternity unit of St. James Mercy Hospital took first place in the "Christmas Around the World" decorating contest.

Their entry, titled "Welcome to the North Pole," featured Santa's Workshop in the lounge, nursery windows labeled "Toy Shop," and "Sweet Shop," with the labor and delivery section designated as the "Doll Factory."

Second prize went to the nutrition department for the cafeteria transformed into "Christmas in Outer Space." The Supply, Process and Distribution Department took third place with "Christmas in Japan."

Honorable mention went to the housekeeping department and to the 3 West B patient unit.



MRS. MILLIKEN

great-grandchild, Mark Andrew Esposito, was baptized at the Mass.

The reunion continued at the Sayre Elks Lodge, where Mrs. Milliken was presented with a 135-page book on the family, including 36 pages of pictures. The book included submissions from each family member.

Participating in the event was Msgr. Leo Schwab, who baptized Mrs. Milliken when she was 18. He also baptized six of the children.

Mrs. Milliken also received congratulatory messages from Pope John Paul II, Bishop Matthew Clark, Father Joseph Egan, former St.

Patrick's pastor, Father Daniel Holland, present St. Patrick's pastor, Sister Judith Heberle, superior general of the Sisters of Mercy, and from several friends of the family.

Thirty-nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren participated in the party.

Mrs. Milliken's children are Therese Milliken Esposito, Cornelius Milliken and Jean Milliken Sweeney Dunn of Elmira; Margaret Milliken Nittinger of Sayre; Sister Kathleen Milliken, RSM, and Elizabeth Milliken Williams of Rochester; Helene Milliken Clark of Silver Springs, Maryland; Father Damien Milliken of Tanzania, Africa; Mary Virginia Milliken Welch of Los Alamos, New Mexico; James Milliken of Augusta, Maine; Rose Alice Milliken Nehring of Tucson, Arizona; Joseph Milliken of Portland, Maine; and Anne Milliken of Washington, DC. Another son, William Milliken, is deceased.

Hospital Announces Screening Clinics

Elmira — St. Joseph's Hospital continues to offer free eye screenings for detection of Diabetic Retinopathy. Diabetic Retinopathy, a serious manifestation of diabetes is the most common cause of new blindness in persons 41-60 years of age, and the second most common cause in the 21-40 age group. A person who has had diabetes for 10 or more years may suffer from the condition.

A half hour, and is done by eye specialists on one Tuesday afternoon each month between hours of 1:30 and 4 p.m. in Room 306 of the Elmira Medical Arts Building, by appointment only. The next scheduled clinic is Jan. 27.

Any person having diabetes, who does not visit an ophthalmologist on a regular basis for eye care, may make an appointment by calling St. Joseph's Hospital, Ambulatory Care Services at 733-6541, ext. 539.

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