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Characters Come Alive

The first grade at St. Mary's School, Elmira, dressed as favorite storybook characters for their celebration of Library Week April 10. They then told their stories to the kindergarten pupils. A few students assembled on the school steps, above, with three staff members. In front is Cristen Perry, as Little Red Riding Hood. The second row, from left, is Miss Theresa Ransey, the first grade teacher, dressed as Raggedy Ann; Charles Blake is a clown, Mary Dezelski is Fireman Small, and Rebecca Sherman is Grandma Woodsey. The third row is Billy Moldt as a pilot; Jeremie Narosky as Papa Bear from the Three Bears; and Bridget Sullivan as a strange character from her story. In the back are Raggedy Andy and another clown, who usually are recognized as Mrs. Pat Strader, school custodian, and Sister Marilyn Reeves, principal.

Religious Education Staffer To Be Hired for Southern Tier

By Martin Toombs
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Horseheads — The appointment of a Religious Education Department staff member stationed in the Southern Tier was announced at a meeting which took place at St. Mary Our Mother April 10.

Sister Roberta Tierney, diocesan Education Division director, told the parish religious education coordinators and priests attending that the department has decided to replace a staff member leaving the Rochester office with a new employee to serve in the Southern Tier.

In explaining the staff realignment, Sister Roberta said that it is "very important that services are available to people where they need them," and that the change will fill requests from the area for assistance "in our backyard."

The experience with the Southern Tier staffing could influence future moves in the eastern portion of the diocese, she said, and in the Yates-Ontario-Wayne Region.

While expressing the view that the person hired will be extremely busy, covering five Southern Tier counties alone, those attending the meeting were enthusiastic about the potential of the new arrangement.

The Religious Education Department will be the third diocesan organization to station full-time staff members outside Rochester. The Social Ministry division and the Courier-Journal have Southern Tier offices which opened in 1976.

Sister Roberta noted following the meeting that she expects the new staff member to have an office in the St. Peter and Paul, Elmira, school building, where the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry is located.

Those attending the meeting heard the role of the staff member clarified, and identified needs in the area.

Mrs. Anna Black of St. Patrick's, Corning, expressed the need for help in setting up classes for the handicapped.

Mrs. Virginia Stanton of St. Mary Our Mother, and the Chemung-Schuyler field representative, called for help for parishes which don't have religious education programs.

Others asked for help in implementing the new sacramental guidelines and with family programs.

Sister Roberta asked about the type of person who should be hired for the job. Mrs. Stanton spoke for a "people person" who would be able to work closely with parish staffs. Others spoke for someone familiar with the area, and qualified to work with a variety of programs.

The job description which was distributed calls for the person to spend 80 percent of his or her time on Southern Tier projects, and the

remainder on work on a diocesan level, which, Sister Roberta said, probably will be determined after hiring.

Listed objectives include identifying local concerns and curricula, and work on adult education. The staff person also will help plan programs and build audio-visual and print resources as needed.

Plans call for the person to start work July 1, she said, with the summer used for orientation and familiarization.

Listed requirements for the position are a master's degree in religious studies or equivalent, and experience in coordinating parish religious education programs. The salary range is \$14,000 to \$19,000. Staff support from a part-time secretary also is included in the description.

Benefit Dance Slated

Hornell — The Women's Board of St. James Mercy Hospital will sponsor its annual dance, with the theme "May Time is Fun Time," Saturday, May 2, at the Hornell Country Club.

This year's event will feature dancing to the music of Al Cecechi and the Modernaires, and hors d'oeuvres starting at 9 p.m., for \$5 per person.

The dance will benefit two important projects, the

DeSales Student Nurse Award and the Hospital Equipment Fund. It is the only fund raising project for the DeSales Student Nurse Award. The \$2,000 award is presented annually to a student entering the junior year at St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, selected by the Award Committee after a careful review of financial need and scholastic record.

It also will aid the purchase of automatic, self-regulating IV infusion pumps to help the

hospital maintain high medical standards that are so important for quality care.

The dance committee includes Mrs. James Griffin, Mrs. William Argentieri, Mrs. Joseph Tolan, and Mrs. Earl Coleman, assisted by Mrs. John Watt and Margaret Lynch.

Reservations for the dance, or donations, may be sent to: Mrs. Joseph Daniels, 67 Oak St., Hornell, or St. James Mercy Hospital.

CCGEB Approves Budget

By Martin Toombs
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Elmira — The 1981-82 budget for the Elmira Catholic schools received unanimous approval at the Chemung County General Education Board meeting April 16.

The \$768,000 budget was voted upon after a brief discussion concerning the calculation of the parish assessments, and the ex-

pression of long-term concerns by two parish councils. St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Lourdes councils asked that the system study its assessment formula and ways to reduce expenditures.

The budget had been previously reviewed at the March CCGEB meeting and in meetings of various groups.

Registration for the coming year is 51 for the pre-school, and 759 for kindergarten

through grade eight. Gail Callahan, school system business manager, told the board.

Noting the current K-8 enrollment of 838, members determined that the potential enrollment for next year would be about 800. Martin Tracy, board president, and board members emphasized the need for those additional students to be registered.

The board then had a general discussion of ways to increase enrollment, especially noting the need to contact those families currently in the system who have yet to register for next year.

The board approved a motion instructing the principals to request scheduling for swimming instruction through the Elmira City School District for next year. At the same time, it asked the principals to prepare an evaluation of this year's participation in the program to be presented at the board's May meeting.

Thomas Klotz reported on the work being done on the system's festival, scheduled for June 20, 21 at Dunn Field. The board also agreed to a principals' proposal that the board sponsor a program on Teacher Recognition Day, May 20, to jointly thank all the system's teachers.

CWU Plans Fellowship

Elmira — Church Women United of Chemung County will conduct its annual May Fellowship Day at noon on Friday, May 1, at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Church Women United as a national

ecumenical movement in which Christian women witness to their faith and unity through prayer, study, celebration and action. The theme this year is "The Spirit of the Lord Frees ... and Unites."

All area women are invited to share in the program and worship service. Participants are asked to bring their own sandwich, beverage and dessert will be provided.

There will be a short business meeting, followed by a special anniversary worship service and a guest speaker. Sister Susan Dunford, from the Twin Tiers Rehabilitation Center at St. Joseph's Hospital. Her appearance is in recognition of the observance of 1981 as the Year of the Disabled Person.

ME Weekend Announced

Ithaca — Reservations are now being taken for a Marriage Encounter weekend scheduled for May 29-31. Those wishing to register or obtain more information should contact Alice and John Neno, 272-8436, or attend an information night at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 26, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 402 N. Aurora St., Ithaca.

Road Rally to Benefit Burn Unit

Big Flats — On Sunday, April 26, the Glen Region Sports Car Club of America and the Glen Regional Corvette Club will conduct the second annual "Turns for Burns" road rally for the benefit of St. Joseph's Hospital's Burn Care Unit.

The benefit rally will begin

at the Arnot Mall in Big Flats. Registration and inspection will be from 10 a.m. until noon, with the first car leaving at 1:01 p.m. At the conclusion, a picnic will be held for all competitors and workers, and prizes will be awarded for finishing positions and pledge totals.

Sponsorship of the rally is provided by J.A. Coughlin of Elmira. Entrants are asked to solicit donations to support their entries in the rally; a minimum of \$20 is required. Pledge sheets and additional information is available from Dave McCawley, 739-8536, or Ade Ketchum, 936-8235.

Dance Set For May 2

Corning — St. Vincent DePaul parishioners are planning a "Stewardship Stomp" for 8 p.m. until midnight, Saturday, May 2, in the school hall. Music for the dance will be furnished by Larry Comerkeski and his band.

Tickets, at \$10 per couple, include food and beer. Tickets are available from committee heads, who are: Mr. and Mrs. John Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Killigrew, Mr. and Mrs. Don Currier, Mr. and Mrs. James Bacalles, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coreoran, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cavallaro and Dr. and Mrs. Alex Wahlig.

Fund Run Scheduled

Elmira — The Twin Tiers Rehabilitation Center, in this International Year of the Disabled Person, will sponsor the second annual "Walk, Wheel, Skip, Hop, Anyway We Can Do It Fund Run" to raise money for treatment of handicapped children in the Rehabilitation Center.

The first Fund Run was a great success, raising more than \$6,000 for the treatment of children. This second run will be conducted on a quarter-mile track on the south side of Market Street

opposite St. Joseph's Hospital. It will begin at 10 a.m., and end when all participants have finished. They will have one hour to complete as many laps as they can.

Local sporting goods companies have donated gift certificates for winners in a variety of categories. In addition, T-shirts will be awarded to all participants who enlist the support of at least five sponsors.

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