



Southern Tier Auburn-Geneva

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CCGEB Funds Projects

Elmira — The Chemung County General Education Board (CCGEB) has authorized expenditures for two capital projects.

The board agreed to pay \$900 for repair of boiler pipes at St. Mary's Convent, and to pay either \$2,000 toward roof repairs at St. Casimir's School, or up to \$7,500 if a new roof is put on the building.

The motion on the support of work at St. Casimir's followed defeat of an amendment advanced by Sister Yvonne Blind, St. Casimir's principal, that the board pay one third of the cost for a new roof.

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, the board also acted at its Oct. 8 meeting to set tuition for a second child in a family in the pre-kindergarten program at 70 percent of the normal tuition.

Gail Callahan, business manager, reported \$6,400 of tuition from the 1980-81 school year remains unpaid. Of that amount, \$2,700 is from families which don't belong to participating parishes. The unpaid bills have been turned over to a collection agency.

The board also was given new proposals for changes to its constitution regarding the board president. The board had rejected earlier proposals at its September meeting, while approving several other changes at that time.

The new proposals would make it more difficult for a non-board member to serve as president, and would restrict a president to two consecutive one-year terms.

The current board president, Martin Tracy, is serving his third year as president — and last year, under provisions of the current constitution. He resigned his seat as representative from St. Patrick's Parish, when first elected to the post, allowing the parish to designate a new member.

Tracy's predecessor, Lawrence Stephens, served three years as president, and the last two were after his board membership had ended.

The constitutional amendments must be presented at a meeting previous to any voting, and so any action cannot be taken until the November meeting.

And Tracy told the board the November meeting has been rescheduled. It will be Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7:15 p.m. Sister Edwardine Weaver, diocesan superintendent of schools, and Sister Roberta Tierney, diocesan Education Division director, are scheduled to meet with the board at that time.



Celebration

Joseph Perdicho brings the parish trustee book to Bishop Dennis W. Hickey during the Offertory at a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the 150th anniversary of St. Patrick's parish in Seneca Falls. Behind the bishop are the Rev. Mr. Rosario LaDelfa and Father Michael Conboy, pastor.

St. Joseph's Hospital Honors Sister Margaret Adelaide Owen

Elmira — Sister Margaret Adelaide Owen was presented the Centurion Award by the Development Council of St. Joseph's Hospital, in ceremonies Oct. 22.

Richard Evans, council chairman, cited Sister Margaret Adelaide for more than 42 years of continuous service to St. Joseph's and the community as a nurse, administrator, community volunteer and a Sister of the congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Evans reviewed sister's involvement in many facets of the health care system in Chemung County, including her personal efforts at establishing services for those suffering from alcoholism. She was instrumental in the evolution of the Southern Tier Alcoholism Services of St. Joseph's into the future intermediate alcoholism facility, a part of the forthcoming development program of St. Joseph's Hospital, "Quest 82."

Members of the Development Council, Board of Directors, and friends gathered to pay tribute to her as she was presented a bronze plaque which will be displayed in the "Honors Hall" of the hospital.

Sister Margaret Adelaide, Board of Directors president, received an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Nazareth College in May. She served as

St. Joseph's administrator from 1942 through 1973, and assisted the hospital through recovery efforts after two major disasters.

The Centurion Award was established by the development council "to recognize a member of the community of Chemung County, New York,

who has been involved in a capacity that results in the improvement of the health care system."

Previous recipients have been Charles F. Kennedy, long-time board of directors chairman, and Gordon L. Black, manager of New York State Electric and Gas.

Craft Fair Benefits Notre Dame High

Elmira — The Notre Dame High School Booster Club is sponsoring the Second Annual Crafts Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on both Friday, Nov. 27, and Saturday, Nov. 28, in the school.

Many talented craftspersons from a wide area of New York and Pennsylvania will exhibit and sell their wares. Leather work, macrame, tole-ware painting, doll houses, woodwork and

much more will be offered for Christmas buying.

Food will be served all day, with the Italian specialty corner doing business again this year. Free "mother's helpers" will watch the young children.

Additional slots for exhibitors are available. Those interested should contact Mrs. A.R. Nichols, 1007 Lake St., Elmira, or (607) 732-1859 evenings.

X-ray Technicians Attend Workshop

Hornell — Six radiologic technologists from St. James Mercy Hospital, Arnot-Ogden Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, completed a four-day "Teacher Improvement Project System" workshop recently.

The program was offered in cooperation with the

educational services department of St. James, and Gwynedd Mercy College, Gwynedd, Pa.

The program was conducted by Sister Marie Madeline, RSM, of Gwynedd College. It is designed for radiologic technologists who have an interest in teaching, but have less than five years teaching experience.

Class Set in Family Planning

Elmira — A Natural Family Planning class will begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at St. Joseph's Hospital here.

Pre-registration is required and a \$40 fee covers the cost of three sessions, instruction materials and followup.

For more information or to register, the contact is Sister Dorothy Mulcahy at the hospital, 733-6541, or the

NFP office in Rochester (716) 464-8705.

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All in the Family

Grass Is Greener Department

A friend and I were trading inadequacies the other day when I recalled an episode from my early marriage.

My husband and I worked at the same paragraph factory although in different departments and a colleague of his invited us to his home to meet his wife, his little boy and to have supper with them.

We all hit it off fairly well with only a little restraint between the wife and myself and the occasion was repeated many times, sometimes at their house, sometimes at ours.

But I was always ill at ease when they visited us. For Jenny (not her real name) was clearly superior to me in all aspects.

Not only was their home always squeaky clean and neat, but beautifully decorated as well within the limits of their budget.

Jenny was also a superb hostess, gave beautiful parties, gardened, canned her own vegetables, made bread twice a week, sewed like a dream and possessed a trim figure on which everything looked good.

Their little boy was a cheerful, if quiet youngster. Never once did I hear Jenny raise her voice — a paragon of a parent. A model wife and mother.

As our friendship continued, I finally had to confide in my husband. I told him that Jenny made me uncomfortable and as much as I enjoyed our get-togethers, the strain was beginning to take its toll.

"She doesn't much like you either," he grinned and then related what Jenny's husband had remarked about me. Since I worked outside the home in a supposedly "creative" job, I was, in Jenny's eyes, "smarter" than she was. Never mind that in all the womanly virtues she made me feel like a slattern with 10 thumbs!

I suppose I should have learned something from that exchange, but, no, I still spend a great part of my life apologizing for not being what the Lord clearly never intended me to be — a razzle dazzle homemaker. (If He had, I think I would have had some inkling by now.)

And, Jenny, as talented and accomplished as they come, no doubt, moved away 15 years ago, probably still thinks of herself as being uncreative.

To paraphrase the Bard: Lord, what fools we women be!

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