

Father Conway To Lead Retreat

Father John Conway, CM, will lead a guided retreat July 10-16 at the Cenacle Renewal Center, 693 East Ave.

An internationally known retreat director, Father Conway leads into contemplative prayer through presentations and suggestions on praying with Scripture.

The longer retreat offers extended time for such prayer as well as for private consultation.

The offering for the program is \$120. Reservations are made by contacting the Cenacle Ministry Office (716) 271-8755.

Local Pianist Honored

Christine Schulick Brown, pianist, has received the Artist Diploma, the most advanced award of the American College of Musicians at Austin, Tex. Dr. Betty Jean Berk of Dayton, Ohio,

judged the extensive group of memorized compositions.

Mrs. Brown, a local piano teacher and Nazaeth College graduate, is a student of Robert Hobstetter of Irondequoit.

Sarah Child

All in the Family



Romance Diet

There is nothing, Oscar Wilde and George Bernard Shaw to the contrary, quite like romance. I happen to be mad about it.

The dictionary says romance is an idealized expression of love. I like my own explanation better: Romance is to love as frosting is to a cake, as cherry to a sundae, grated cheese to pasta . . . well, you get the idea.

Anyway, encountering it always makes me as giddy as my three-ounce limit of wine.

This past week, my husband called from work and asked if I'd like to meet him for lunch (romantic in itself, yes?)

I assented immediately and we made plans to meet

He was already at the table when I arrived. Sitting down, I noticed a small brass plaque, about three inches square, affix-

ed to the table.

Between sips of chablis, I read it aloud: "At this table on the 19th of December, 1979, Gary asked Pat to marry him and she accepted."

Naturally, I was charmed.

By the time the waitress was free to be engaged in conversation, we were up to our knuckles in chicken wings. We left without asking about the plaque.

A couple of days later, though, I called the restaurant and got Lin Embrey on the phone.

"Who are Gary and Pat?" I wanted to know.

Lin couldn't remember their last name. No, they weren't on the staff. They were customers. The plaque had been on the table since 1979.

"We've got two other tables with plaques," he offered. "One is for Dave and Ann who got engaged here in 1980 and the other couple I can't remember. Their table is in the basement being re-finished."

"Your place must be quite the spot for romance," I said.

He laughed. "Well, it's cheap. Maybe that accounts for it."

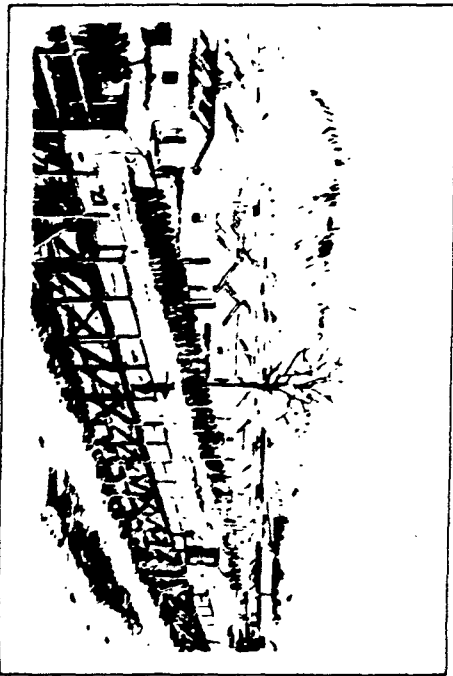
I suddenly had a thought. "Next time we come in maybe I can get my husband to propose again. Would you . . .?"

"Sure," Lin said.

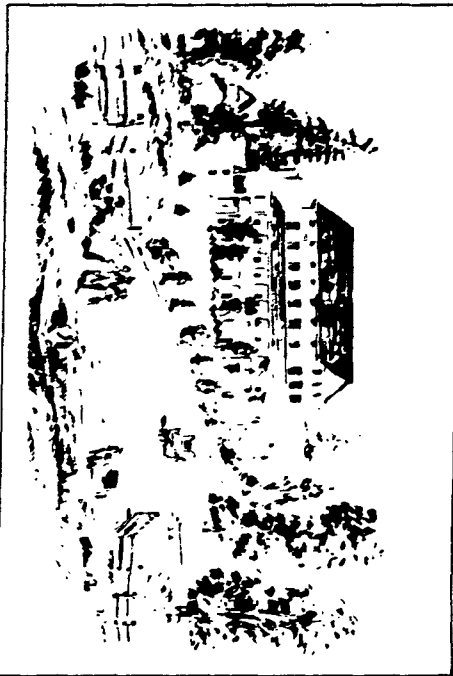
"We'll give you a plaque."

On July 3, it will be 20 years since he proposed the first time. I think it's time he did it again.

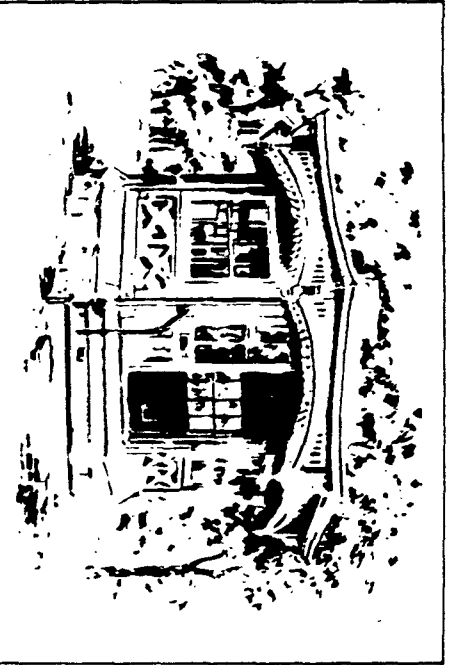
Elmira Confederate Prison Camp, 1864



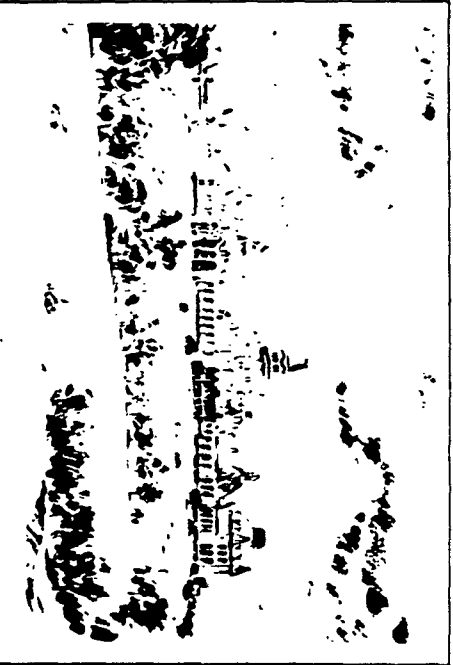
Gleason Health Resort, 1857



Mark Twain's Study



New York State Reformatory, 1876



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major event in the history of the Chemung Canal Bank took place in 1857 when John Arnot, Sr., former president and longtime cashier, indicated a desire to acquire ownership of the bank. With the approval of the stockholders, John Arnot became president, Stephen T. Arnot vice president, John Arnot, Jr., cashier, and Matthias H. Arnot assistant cashier. Thus the father and his three sons began the Arnot family control of the bank which would continue for 46 years.

These were fabulous growth days for the Elmira area . . . but at the same time, the clouds of civil strife were forming. With the secession of South Carolina from the union and the incident at Fort Sumter, the conflict began which was to have a great effect on Elmira. 1863 saw Elmira the military recruiting headquarters of the Western Division of the state. Elmira became a City in 1864, the same year the nationally known Elmira Prison Camp was established. Civil war raged on until the North's advantages of men, money and iron turned the tide.

Elmira was humming with activity as the war ended. The years from 1867 to 1873 saw local industry flourishing. The school building program was enacted, and the first horse-drawn street cars made their appearance. It is ironic that the year 1873 saw the passing not only of the man who served the Chemung Canal Bank so intrepidly and successfully for 40 years, but also of the Chemung Canal itself, for which the Bank was named. John Arnot, Sr. died in 1873 at the age of 84 and the canal was closed in the same year.

When John Arnot, Sr. died, the Chemung Canal Bank was operating under the provisions of Federal Laws as the Chemung Canal National Bank. Mr. Arnot was survived by five children: Stephen Tuttle Arnot, John Arnot, Jr., Matthias H. Arnot, Marianna, who later married William B. Ogden, and Fanny, wife of George Haven. Soon after the senior Mr. Arnot's death, the Bank surrendered its charter and continued as a co-partnership—a private bank—composed of the five children. Stephen T. Arnot became the senior partner.

Elmira and the surrounding area was maintaining a rapid rate of progress. Another railroad, traveling southwest to northeast through the city, was completed. Mark Twain was a familiar figure on the streets and in the area's billiard parlors. In 1875 horse racing took on a respectable air with the completion of a race track east of Eldridge Park. The Elmira Reformatory was completed and opened in 1876; the Elmira Telegram made its debut in 1879; and by 1880 the telephone had reached the city. In 1882 Elmira mayor David B. Hill was elected Lt. Governor of New York and went on to become Governor when his running mate, Grover Cleveland, was elected President. Stephen T. Arnot filled Mayor Hill's unexpired term in city government.

During the 1870's and early 1880's, the entire country was witnessing tremendous advances . . . electricity, the phonograph, motion pictures and other marvels. The population of the United States reached 50 million. Arc lights brightened Broadway; construction of the Panama Canal was begun; and the Brooklyn Bridge was opened to traffic.

With these momentous strides forward, the Chemung Canal Bank kept pace easily, continually expanding and growing.

This is the second in a series of historical vignettes highlighting events in the 150-year history of Chemung Canal Trust Company.

Our 150th Anniversary book with expanded coverage of these years is available to you at each of our nine right-on-your-way offices.



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