



Guests for Dinner

Fourteen Sisters of Mercy were the guests of Father Paul J. Cuddy on Friday, Sept. 30, at the Webster Knights of Columbus' weekly fish fry. The Knights gifted Father Cuddy with 75 fish dinners to celebrate his 75th birthday last month. Seated at the table, from left, Sisters M. Florence Sullivan, M. Teresita Williams, M. Howard Cowan, M. Denise O'Brien, M. Rose Schum, Jane Frances Hauser, M. Eileen Fitzgerald, M. Carmel Kruckow, M. Constance Casey, M. Inez Livingston, M. Celine Frank, Mary Alice Hayden, M. Imelda Corrigan, M. Alma Waterstraat, and Father Cuddy.

Hospital Seeks Construction Bids

Elmira -- The St. Joseph's Hospital Office of Planning has announced that the hospital's construction manager, Mc Bro of St. Louis, Mo., will release the construction drawings for St. Joseph's multimillion dollar renovation and modernization project to interested and qualified contractors this week.

DEATHS

Blanche J. Thompson Memorial Mass Set

A memorial Mass will be celebrated for Blanche Jennings Thompson at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, at the St. Ann's Home chapel. Father Benedict Ehmman will be the celebrant.

Miss Thompson, author of more than 30 children's books, died Sept. 20 at St. Ann's Home. She was 96.

Her first book, "Silver Pennies," an anthology of children's poems, was published in 1925 and by the mid-1960s, it had sold 350,000 copies. She wrote many other books, including fairy tales and also transcribed books into braille.

In one of her published works, she described her own background:

"I was born in the small town of Geneseo . . . My father was a lawyer and my mother a born story-teller with a strong sense of the dramatic. Everybody seemed to spout poetry on the slightest provocation . . ."

"After I was graduated from the State Normal School in Geneseo, I went to Rochester. There I taught first grade for a number of years . . ." And though she would go to teach at the University of Rochester and

Frank H. Allen

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Friday, Oct. 7 at St. Margaret Mary Church for Frank H. Allen who died Wednesday, Oct. 5 at age 75.

Mr. Allen an active, 43-year member of St. Margaret Mary parish served on the parish council, board of governors, and in the choir. He founded the parish's senior citizen club "50 and Over", and was captain of the 40-week club. At one time Mr. Allen acted under the direction of George Cukor.

Mr. Allen is survived by his wife Theresa Allen; son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Patricia Allen; a daughter and son-in-law, Virginia and Donald Whitmore; five grandchildren.

eventually become head of the English Department at Benjamin Franklin High School, she said, "I still like the littlest ones best."

She had a master's degree from the University of Rochester and an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from Nazareth College.

Miss Thompson retired in 1948 and had been a resident at St. Ann's since 1971.

She is survived by a nephew, Gerald Thompson of Piffard, and a great-niece, Mary Crosby, of Fairport.

The project, amounting to about \$19 million, will be divided into 20 trade categories, with each bid separately and awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, based on federal policies. Mc Bro expects that the three-year construction period will provide about 75 jobs.

John Renz, hospital planning director, said that the construction project will require a new steel structure to be built over and through an existing building, a concrete structure to be built over an existing building and a new steel and glass lobby entrance area for an existing building.

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St. Ambrose Students Win

Three St. Ambrose students won prizes in an essay and drawing contest sponsored by Skate America '83, it was announced on Thursday, Oct. 6, by Eileen Oseroff, contest chairman.

Brian Garofalo, a fifth grader, and sixth graders Jennifer Sherman and Christina Mancini, placed first, second and third, respectively, in the essay category for grades 3-6.

The pupils were honored over more than 200 other entries in their category. Their essay had to be no

more than 250 words on "Why I Like to Watch Figure Skating."

According to Mrs. Oseroff, 18 schools responded with over 350 entries. Kindergarten through second grade participated in a drawing contest, and there was another essay category for grades 7-8.

Final judges for the contest were Dr. Richard Gollin, professor of English and film studies at the University of Rochester, and his wife, Dr. Rita K. Gollin, professor of English at SUNY Geneseo.

The three St. Ambrose winners are all students of Sister Wilma Grabb, SSJ, who teaches fifth and sixth grade language arts.

For his efforts, Garofalo was awarded a \$25 savings bond, and tickets to Saturday's finals of the Skate America '83 figure skating competition, as well as tickets to Sunday's exhibition of champions.

The two girls, as well as their teacher, Sister Wilma, received tickets to Saturday's finals.

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