

Obituaries

Joseph John Nasser at 74; served longest as Corning mayor

Attorney John Nasser, mayor of Corning from 1960 to 1983, died of a heart attack on Monday, March 21, 1988.

When informed of Mr. Nasser's death, Congressman Amory Houghton, Jr., who considered the former mayor a close and helpful friend, said, "He's done more for Corning than any other politician has ever done."

Mr. Nasser was born in Syracuse on Feb. 26, 1914. In 1910, his Lebanese-born parents, John Thomas and Mary David Nasser, brought their family to Corning, where Mr. Nasser opened a clothing store.

Mr. Nasser was graduated from St. Mary's School in 1927 and Corning Free Academy in 1931. He then studied pre-law and law at Georgetown University. Admitted to the New York State bar in 1937 — the year he graduated from law school — he immediately started his own practice of general law in his hometown.

Mr. Nasser built up a substantial law practice over the years. His success became almost proverbial. "If Joe Nasser takes your case, you won't lose. He really enjoyed trying cases," Steuben County Judge Donald J. Purple observed last week.

Results for his clients? Though he was no master of words, he had a deep feeling for the "common man," and this sympathy gave his trial work its drive.

Mr. Nasser entered politics in 1948, when he was named Corning city attorney. In 1959 he

ran for mayor on the Republican and Liberal tickets, and won the first of his 12 terms in the office. In four later elections, he ran unopposed. He finally met defeat in his 1983 bid for re-election. His opponent won by a mere 68 votes.

The main reason for Mr. Nasser's popularity was that he actually achieved his aim — one highly appealing to the average citizen — "to lower taxes without sacrificing progress." His frugal policies were often criticized, but he weathered the controversy and when he retired as mayor, the city treasury had a surplus of \$6 million.

Mr. Nasser's response to the great flood of June, 1972, was his finest hour. Re-establishing order in the sodden city called forth all his energy and his exceptional administrative ability. It also prompted his vision of a resurrected Corning. With the aid of federal, state and foundation funding, he was able to supervise the building of a new hotel, housing project and library-city hall complex.

Next came the renewal of Market Street. This restoration of the old Victorian buildings, now one of Corning's chief tourist attractions, has achieved national renown.

"Joe was proud of Corning," Dick Peer wrote in the Corning Leader, "second only to his family."

On the day of the funeral, the procession to the church was appropriately routed through the neighborhood that he had largely recreated.

The funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church on March 25. Father Francis R. Davis was celebrant and homilist. Con-

celebrating priests were two former associate pastors, Fathers Philip J. Billotte of Webster and Andrew W. Teuschel of Dansville. Representing St. Mary's in the sanctuary was its pastor emeritus, Father Thomas F. Brennan. The large crowd of mourners in the church was a cross-section of Corningites; 60 members of the Steuben County Bar; ranking officials of the Corning Glass Works; ranking officials of the Corning City; the aldermen and other city officials and employees; an honor guard of Corning firefighters; and a host of friends and of "simple people" who had experienced the late

mayor's kindness.

Mr. Nasser was "an excellent parishioner, an excellent family man and one who was always there when anybody sought advice or assistance," Father Davis observed.

Mr. Nasser is survived by his wife, Eleanor Gilmartin Nasser, and by four daughters, Jennifer Ann of Piscataway, N.J.; Mary Ellen Monahan of Corning; JoAnn Nasser of Martinsville, N.J.; and Kathleen Nasser of Corning, a retired businesswoman and city official.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Corning.

Mercy sisters schedule last of year's Faith Sharing events

The Sisters of Mercy invite women who are interested in learning about religious life and the Sisters of Mercy to attend the congregation's final two Faith Sharing Program events for this year.

The first is a weekend retreat to be facilitated by Sister Virginia Wilson at High Acres, Geneva, from April 22 to 24. Sister Virginia is a member of the Mercy Prayer Center staff on Highland Avenue, Rochester. Car pools can be arranged to the High Acres retreat house from several locations.

The final event is a Eucharistic liturgy and supper scheduled with the Mercy Sisters' community at 18 Upton Park on Monday, May 16, at 6 p.m.

The Mercy Faith Sharing Program is sponsored by the congregation's Vocations Team in order to offer an informal opportunity for women to expand their knowledge of the vowed life and their own possible call to it, and to share faith experiences with other lay women

and Sisters of Mercy.

For registration or information, the Rochester area contact is Sister Mary Fran Wegman, congregation vocation director, (716)342-9594. Outside Rochester, call: Sister Lucille Lenhard, (607)734-6840, Elmira/Corning area; Sister Nancy O'Brien, (607)687-3121, Owego; and Sister Virginia Taylor, (607)273-0143, Ithaca.

Seton fashion show planned to help St. Mary's Hospital

The annual Seton fashion show "Fashion Impressions" will be take place on Saturday, April 16, at 11 a.m. in Sibley's Tower Restaurant, downtown Rochester.

Tickets to "Fashion Impressions" are available by calling St. Mary's volunteer office at (716)464-3255. All proceeds from the fashion show and luncheon will benefit St. Mary's Hospital.

Classifieds
To place a classified ad, call 328-4340 between 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Classified ads cost 50 cents a word with a \$7.50 minimum.

General

Card of Thanks 2

THANKS: St. Jude, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Holy Spirit, Good Health me and mine. K.S.

THANKS TO St. Jude for special favors received. M.S.

Announcements 7

Call the Covenant House 9-LINE, a hotline for troubled youth and families, open 24-hours a day, seven days a week, from anywhere in the U.S. 1-800-999-9999

Employment

Help Wanted 14

SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER for urban interdenominational ministry. 15 hrs./wk. General office responsibilities. Some computer experience or willingness to learn.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on March 9, 1988, the Limited Partnership Agreement of Eison and Associates, Limited was transmitted for filing with the Monroe County Clerk of the State of New York.

DRIVERS WANTED

minimum age 23, (1) year cross country experience, insurance, clean driving record, weekly settlements, bonus programs, loading/unloading. KROBLIN REFRIGERATED XPRESS, INC. (800) 331-3885. (NYSKAN)

GOVERNMENT JOBS! Now hiring in your area, both skilled and unskilled. For list of jobs and application, call (615) 383-2627, ext. J513. (NYSKAN)

Buy/Sell—General

Antiques/Art 24

ANTIQUE SHOW-SALE St. Mary's Parish School Hall, Waterloo Saturday, April 9, 1988 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Country Cooking and Bake Sale Donation \$1.50

Collectibles

HUMMEL'S COLLECTORS: Club Pieces, close editions, current ones. All mint. Think Mother's Day... 924-5773.

Wanted To Buy

Antiques 37

Top cash paid for old wood furniture, clocks, glass and china, sterling, crocks, quilts, etc. One item or complete household. 872-2239 or 654-7511

Property

Household Sales 41

HOUSEHOLD & ESTATE SALES Experienced, Free Estimates. We also buy accumulations. Nancy Flaherty (716) 533-1746.

Report Property for Sale 49

RETIRED: THE best people, fishing, golf, sailing, weather, small coastal village, new two bed, two bath homes or lots, RETIREMENT, Box 329, Oriental, NC 28571. (NYSKAN)

Report Property for Rent 60

HILL COURT APARTMENTS SOUTH One and two bedroom including heat, hot water and cable. Carpeted throughout. 544-1788

MIDTOWN MANOR APARTMENTS FOR AGE 52 AND OLDER

Convenient Downtown location walk to shopping. On a direct busline. Studio \$254 One Bedroom \$299 All Utilities Included Monthly Mass Services Section 8 accepted 475 East Broad St. 546-3650

Home for Sale 61

PRO SERVICE REALTY, INC. 659-8577 2273 County Line Road Merton, New York 14508

Uniform Apartments for Rent 68

NO. UNION NEAR MAIN 1 Bdrm. for quiet elder, reliable, clean, private, bus, \$260 includes everything. Corpus Christi area. 271-2110.

Office Space 82

— OFFICE — Commercial bldg., for rent. 560 sq. ft. plus basement. Offices, professionals, etc. Ample Parking. 3861 Lyell Road in Gates. (716) 436-3200

Transportation

Automobiles 70

INCREDIBLE INFORMATION Jeeps/Cars/4x4s seized in drug raids for under \$100.00? Call for facts today! (800) 247-3106, ext. 865. (NYSKAN)

Services

Carpentry 88

NOISE & SQUEAKS removed from inside stairs. Free estimates. Cameron Gilbert, 247-5130.

House Cleaning 101

TAKE TIME out, let Hazel's Helpers thoroughly clean your home. Efficient, reliable, dependable. Call: 621-5612

Income Tax Services 103

VERY REASONABLE. Free estimates. Hours 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily (in your home if desired). Anthony Cimino, 458-8542.

Instructional Schools 104

TRAIN to be a diesel mechanic. 7 mo. hands-on program. Next class April 11th. Diesel Technology Institute, 106 Phoenix Ave., Enfield, CT. (800) 243-4242. (NYSKAN)

Painting/Papering 113

BILL KNAPP PAINTING Interior - Exterior Free Estimates - 18 Years Experience Fully Insured - W.M. Travel (716) 342-2021

PAINTING: Interior - exterior. 25 years experience. Reasonable. Fully insured. Tom Mulhern. 248-9653.

KOJAN WALLPAPERING & INTERIOR PAINTING Reasonable Rates - Quality Work Wallpaper Sales Janet or David Cook 647-2350

HOUSE PAINTING - Teacher with 15 years experience. Reasonable, free estimates, no obligation. Fred Lester. 248-3308.

Ceilings 129

TEXTURED CEILINGS 9x12 ceiling only \$59. Water damage, drywall, plaster repairs, stipling, swirl, sunbursts, painting, insurance work. 663-8924.

SPRING SUPER SAVER
15 Words in the COURIER CLASSIFIEDS FOR \$5.00/Week. The ad must run for two weeks in a row. Offer Expires April 15, 1988