

Police probe break-in at St. Mary's

Fire at Auburn church caused minor damage

AUBURN — Auburn police are continuing their investigation of a July 18 break-in and fire at St. Mary's rectory, 15 Clark St.

In addition to fire and smoke damage in the kitchen — where police say the fire was set — smoke and property damage occurred throughout the building.

The parish is still receiving bills for cleaning, repair and replacement costs, according to Father Robert J. Schrader, St. Mary's pastor. The priest added that he was unable to estimate the total damage until all bills are received, and that nothing appeared to be stolen.

According to Father Schrader, a person broke through a window in the walkway connecting the rectory and the church shortly before 2 a.m. July 18. The perpetrator apparently cut himself and consequently left a trail of blood, the priest said.

A witness told Auburn police that he had seen a man with a medium-build, dressed in blue jeans and a

combat-fatigue jacket, smashing the window.

After setting the kitchen fire and causing damage in another room, the intruder then fled through the rectory's front door by breaking a chain lock on the door and waking Father Schrader, the pastor reported.

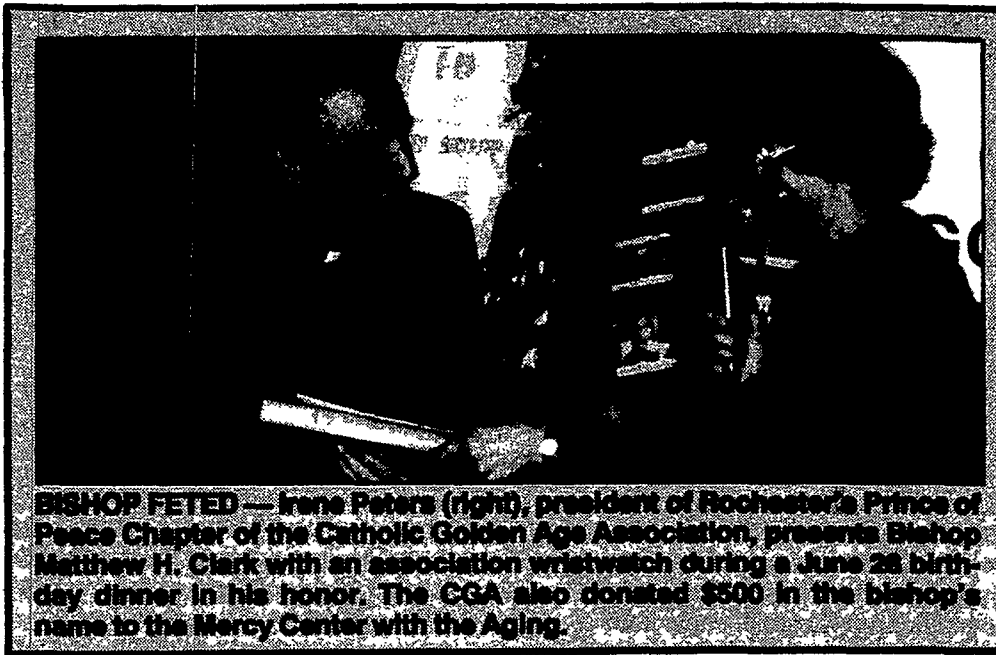
In addition to fire damage to the kitchen wall and floor, sections of the rectory's carpeting and wallpaper were also damaged and will need replacement, Father Schrader said.

Carpets and drapes in other parts of the rectory had to be cleaned and the kitchen wall and ceiling will have to be repainted due to fire and smoke damage. In addition, the front door and broken window also needed repair, the pastor said.

Auburn Police Detective Michael Pitcher declined to discuss the case in detail. "I have suspects. I do hope to make arrests," he said.

The detective did acknowledge that among those suspects were three Auburn men arrested in Ithaca July 24 in connection with a series of burglaries in Tompkins and Cayuga counties.

— Lee Strong



BISHOP FETED — Irene Peters (right), president of Rochester's Prince of Peace Chapter of the Catholic Golden Age Association, presents Bishop Matthew H. Clark with an association wristwatch during a June 28 birthday dinner in his honor. The CGA also donated \$500 in the bishop's name to the Mercy Center with the Aging.

Cathy Turner to kick-off 20th annual Ukrainian festival

IRONDEQUOIT — Olympic silver and gold speedskating medalist Cathy Turner will be on hand to kick-off the 20th annual Ukrainian Arts & Crafts Festival at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 13, at St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 940 Ridge Road E.

The festival will run until Sunday, Aug. 16, when Turner will draw the winning number in a raffle featuring the grand prize of a 1992 Cutlass Ciera

or \$10,000 cash.

Rallies commemorating the first-year anniversary of the declarations of independence for Ukraine and the Baltic states from the former Soviet Union will take place at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Aug. 16. Representatives of Rochester-area Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian groups will join with area Ukrainian leaders and dignitaries to make special presentations. Lithuanian folk dancers will perform at the rallies.

The festival will also feature a Ukrainian fashion show, carnival rides and games, singing, dancing, craft demonstrations and traditional foods such as pirogi and cabbage rolls.

Proceeds will support St. Josaphat's and its parish school.

In addition to its hours on Aug. 13, the festival will begin at 6 p.m. Aug. 14 and 1 p.m. Aug. 15-16. Admission and parking are free. For information, call 716/266-2255.

French Boys' Choir to perform in Tier park this weekend

WATKINS GLEN — The 60-member French Boys' Choir from Nogent-Sur-Marne, France, will perform in Watkins Glen this weekend.

The choir is scheduled to perform during a free outdoor concert at Lafayette Park, Decatur Street, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. The concert will feature a mix of secular and religious selections in French, English and Latin.

The group will also sing during the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's of the Lake Church, 901 N. Decatur St., on Sunday, Aug. 9.

Both performances will be followed by fellowship and refreshments, and are open to the general public. Tapes of previous tours will be on sale, and free-will donations will be accepted.

Known as "God's Singing Witnesses," the choir was founded in 1953. Ranging in age from 10 to 21, the boys will stay with families from around Schuyler County during their visit.

Further details can be obtained from Judy Shafer at 607/535-2786 or Becky Pevo at 535-7726.

New members appointed to Northwest quad board

ROCHESTER — Three new members have been appointed to the Northwest Quadrant Governance Board. The appointments were effective Aug. 1, 1992.

The new members — all of whom serve at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 152 Main St., Brockport — are Sister Margaret Mancuso, SSJ, school principals' representative; Father Roy Kiggins, pastors' representative; and Irene Goodwin, catechetical leaders' representative.

In addition to BVM in Brockport, the Northwest Quadrant Board oversees the administration and finances at the following Catholic schools: Sacred Heart, Holy Cross and Holy Rosary, all of Rochester; Our Mother of Sorrows at Paddy Hill, St. Charles Borromeo, St. John the Evangelist and St. Lawrence, in Greece; and St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport.

Choir school schedules auditions at Fairport home

FAIRPORT — The Cathedral Choir School is holding auditions at 6 Creek Bend Drive for singers ages 8-12 who are interested in learning sacred choral music.

The school rehearses once a week and performs six times per year at various public events.

Call Jura Litchfield at 716/328-3210, ext. 345 (days) or 377-6807 (evenings and weekends) for information.

Recognizing...

★ Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Hopkins, parishioners at St. Boniface Church, Rochester, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a 1 p.m. Mass Saturday, Aug. 22. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the church hall.

★ David C. Capone, hospital controller at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, who has successfully passed all four tests of the Healthcare Financial Management Association Fellowship Examination. The national fellowship examination is a test of industry knowledge for senior health care financial managers.



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