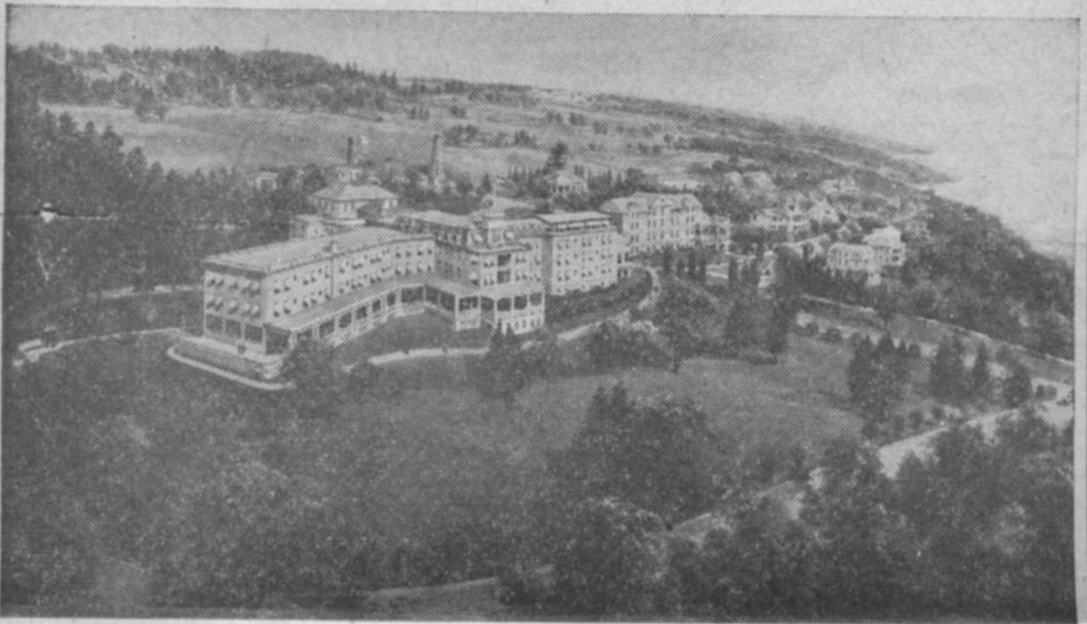


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Franciscan Order Buys Glen Springs For Seminary and High School



PURCHASE OF the Glen Springs at Watkins Glen by the Franciscan Order of Friars was completed Friday. From left are: Atty. Henry Valent, Watkins Glen, Glen Springs Corp. counsel; the Rev. Churibin Drag, OFM, provincial treasurer; the Very Rev. Isidore Cwiklinski, OFM, provincial; and Maj. William M. Leffingwell of Washington, D. C., president of the Glen Springs Corp., an attache of the U. S. Embassy at London.



THIS IS A REPRODUCTION of an old lithograph of Glen Springs at Watkins Glen showing Seneca Lake in the background.

Watkins Glen—The Glen Springs, famous Finger Lakes hotel and fashionable resort for many decades, was purchased yesterday afternoon by the Franciscan Order of Friars.

The Glen Springs will be used as a school to prepare youths for the priesthood, but other students will be accepted. It will be known as St. Anthony Minor Seminary and High School.

Announcement of the sale of the Springs was made by Atty. Henry A. Valent, Glen Springs Corp. counsel, and Waldorf R. Ring, Philadelphia real estate broker.

Faculty for the new school will be considered at the next provincial chapter in June at Pulaski, Wis.

At this gathering, a permanent superior of the monastery will be appointed and a rector of the high school named.

The Most Rev. James Kearney D. D., bishop of the Rochester diocese, has approved the sale.

in two years is expected to reach 300 students.

Up until 25 years ago, the Glen Springs was a flourishing resort. It was erected for a Summer hotel by the late Judge George S. Freer around 1870. In 1890 it became the Glen Springs and several additions were constructed over the years.

During its heyday many famous personalities came to the Springs. They included the late John D. Rockefeller Sr., Prince Otto, pretender to the Hapsburg throne, Gen. John J. Pershing, Earl Cas-