

Franciscan Order Buys Glen Springs

TO BECOME SCHOOL

Conclude Transfer of Ownership As Representatives of Order Meet Valent and Leffingwell

The Glen Springs Hotel, once famous the world over as "the American Nauheim" last Friday became the property of the Order of Franciscans Minor, as negotiations which began last January were completed.

The Very Rev. Isidore Cwiklinski, O. F. M., Provincial, and the Rev. Churibin Drag, O. F. M., Provincial treasurer, both of Pulaski, Wisconsin, represented the order and received the title deed from Village Attorney Henry Valent, and Major William M. Leffingwell, former owner.

Father Isidore, spokesman, said, "We are Franciscans of the Assumption Province, coming here with the approval of The Most Rev. James Kearney, Bishop of the Rochester Diocese, to establish a school under the title of St. Anthony's Minor Seminary and High School.

"Our purpose is to educate boys aspiring to the priesthood, and to extend academic courses in accordance with the New York State Regents for boys studying for other professions.

"Freshman and sophomore classes will begin in mid-September, when dedication services will take place. Later we will offer a full four year course," Father Isidore said.

According to this spokesman, the faculty, all members of the Order, will be appointed at the next Provincial Chapter in June at Pulaski, Wisconsin. At that time a permanent superior of the monastery and erector of the high school will also be named, he said.

Work towards the new school began on Tuesday as contractors and architects surveyed the buildings and grounds. Contracts will be let for grading the campus and building a gymnasium, which will be located on the former golf course, Father Isidore said.

It will measure about 510 x 90 feet, and include a stage balcony, bowling alleys and billiard rooms. Competitive basketball and football teams will be trained, and a comprehensive athletic program offered.

The Rev. Edwin Harupek, O. F. M., of Cedar Lake, Indiana, field representative for the new school, has already been canvassing prospective students, who will be drawn from eastern United States. A similar school, St. Bonaventure's at Sturtevant, Wis., serves the western part of the country.

FAMOUS RESORT HOTEL

Shades of a mundane past crowded about the walks and wide verandas of the old hotel as the friars, in the brown garb of their order spoke of plans for the future.

A visitor might think of fashionable carriages and luxurious automobiles that once rolled up to the entrance. He might envision the rich banquet tables, the golfers on the green, or glance through the register that carries many famous names.

Among the guests at the once renowned resort were John D. Rockefeller, John J. Pershing of World War I fame, Bing Crosby, and Charles Curtis, vice president under Coolidge.

The hotel, which made Watkins Glen known all over the world, was erected by Judge George S. Freer around 1870. In 1890 William E. Leffingwell purchased it and promoted it as a sanatorium. Mr. Leffingwell had analyzed the medicinal properties of the deer lick springs and found the mineral content five times that of the Nauheim spas. The saline bath treatment developed at that European resort became popular here, and the fame of the Glen Springs was assured.

It was a mecca for tourists and the wealthy until about 25 years ago when its popularity declined. Changing times and a second world war forced the closing of the Springs, and in 1943 its furnishings were sold.

After the war it served for a time for a dormitory for Cornell's married students, but has stood idle since last year.

FLY SHOES TO SCHUYLER

Carl D. Moore, proprietor of Hughey's Boot Shop, flew to New York City last Sunday to attend the advanced fall showing of the New York Guild of Better Shoe Manufacturers.

Mr. Moore returned by plane with a cargo of fall shoes.

B.P.Y. Group Hear Talk by Milton Daus

Socialized medicine was the topic of a talk by Dr. Milton Daus, Watkins Glen physician before a joint meeting of B. P. study groups on Monday evening.

Dr. Daus explained some of the terms used in connection with socialized medicine and pointed out his reasons for opposing the current administration plan.

"Although American medicine is the best in the world, there are still many shortcomings", the speaker declared. "There are not enough doctors in this country. Only 135,000 physicians are now practicing here".

"Distribution of facilities and doctors is poor. Most doctors concentrate in big cities."

"Doctors are not against correction of these faults, but they are against state medicine," he asserted.

"The current administrative proposal would create a huge bureaucracy which would be supported by taxpayers' money. If approved it will be a wedge towards socialism", the doctor said.

Dr. Daus predicted that some sort of health insurance plan would eventually be adopted, and endorsed the suggestions of Senator Taft and the American Medical Association. These plans recommend the appropriation of money for research purposes and encourage the extension of voluntary health insurance, the speaker explained.

"State medicine is indifferent medicine", he concluded. "Socialized medicine means the loss of a satisfactory doctor-patient relationship."

District Meeting of Home Economics Group Held at Watkins Glen

The annual spring meeting of the New York State Home Economics association, Southern district, was held Saturday, May 7, starting at nine a. m. in the Jefferson hotel at Watkins Glen. The meeting was attended by home economists and members of the Future Homemakers of America chapters in the area.

Mrs. Marion Stocker, assistant editor in Home Economics, Department of Extension Teaching and Information, Cornell university, Ithaca, New York, discussed "Publicity and Professional Contacts".

Miss Ellie Papatheophilow, a graduate student at Wells college, Aurora, New York spoke on "Life and Problems in Greece."

The speaker at the district luncheon was Dr. Robert Polson, Department of Rural Sociology, Cornell university, who discussed "Community Councils" and emphasized the part they can play in community life.

The Future Homemakers of America included an election of officers, a discussion of chapter programs by Miss Georgiana Marks, Supervisor of Home Economics, New York State Education Department, and State Advisor to Future Homemakers of America chapters. Miss Gladys Butt, associate professor of textiles and clothing at the college of home economics, was the guest speaker for this group.

Miss Vivian Collier, Afton, New York, is president of the Southern District group and Miss Marjorie Swift, Dryden, New York, is program chairman and made the arrangements for this meeting.

Modern Minstrel Visits Schuyler County Sunday

A wandering troubadour, 1949 style, appeared in Watkins Glen Sunday, dressed in dungarees and carrying a guitar over his shoulder.

His name is Archie Beebe, and he calls himself "Apple Knock-er", a pseudonym that has been acquired during years of travel and experience as a prize fighter.

He has lived for many years at Beaver Dams, but has traveled throughout the United States, singing ballads on stage and radio. His songs, he says, are typical American tunes.

Last year he covered nearly 12,000 miles.

Mystery Photo At Home