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and assigned for his Philosophical and Theological studies to the University of Louvain in Belgium by the late Bishop Thomas C. O'Reilly. Ordained on July 14, 1935 by the Mos Rev. Bishop Paulin LaDeuze, the then Rector Magnificus of the University, at the American College of the University in Belgium. He read his first Mass in his Parish Church of St. Mary's, Avoca on July 28, 1935.

His first assignment in the Diocese was at St. Mary's, Mt. Pocono, then as Administrator of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Miners Mills. He served as an assistant in Holy Name in Swoyersville, Annunciation in Williamsport and then St. Mary's of Immaculate Conception in Wilkes-Barre.

Archbishop O'Connor was the pastor, and a lasting friendship developed from this assignment. When the Bishop left to build the North American College in Rome, Father Kane was assigned as administrator of St. Mary's, and then assistant at St. Patrick's. Father during his time at St. Mary's, was made Assistant Superintendent of Diocesan Schools, and also the founding director of the Parochial Child Health Association with offices in the Kirby Health Center. He also was the Director of the Legion of Mary for the Diocese. His first Pastorate was at St. Mark's in Inkerman, and after a short time was asked to found the parish of Gate of Heaven in Dallas.

The challenge of the new Parish was met by building a Church and

School that served for the first eight grades. It took its name from the Litany invocation to the Blessed Mother of Gate of Heaven.

The Parish was dedicated as a Church-School on November 13, 1951 by Bishop Hafey. The growth of the area is reflected in the fact that six years after the dedication, the parish school had to be doubled in size to 16 classrooms, gymnasium, cafeteria and all purpose room. It reflected the phenomenal growth of the area, the enrollment skyrocketed to 800 children in eight grades. The parish pioneered the use of buses to take the children from surrounding area to and from school. In all, six buses were on the road each day making four trips. Two in the morning and two in the afternoon.

During this time, a Rectory was purchased at Harveys Lake above Old Sandy Bottom; this property served as the Rectory for not only Gate of Heaven, but also for its mission, Our Lady of Victory at the Lake.

In 1963, the present Rectory in Dallas was purchased. It was the Elmer Williams' property, but after a complete renovation and numerous additions, it became Gate of Heaven Rectory.

In 1969, Our Lady of Victory mission became a Parish on its own, as the population growth continued into the Back Mountain area. At about the same time, the Asa Day home on Terrace Street was bought and after a major renovation program, became the Convent for

nine nuns to accommodate the teaching Mercy Sistes, who up to that time had been living at College Misericordia.

In 1970, after working and building the Parish of Gate of Heaven, Msgr. Kane was transferred to Nativity Parish in Scranton. A well established Parish, Monsignor administered to the spiritual needs of the parishioners for the next six years, when he was given his present assignment as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in West Pittston on September 8, 1976. He continues in that capacity at the present time, and will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his priesthood with his parishioners, former parishioners, friends and relatives, acquaintances and fellow priests on July 28, 1985.

For his outstanding work in his priestly endeavors, he was made a Domestic Prelate with the title of Rt. Rev. Monsignor on September 8, 1968.

His work was not to build in Immaculate Conception as the Parish had excellent facilities, but to increase the devotion of the people for our Eucharistic Lord, and to make her Immaculate Conception a reality in the heart of the parishioners. In gratitude and prayerful obedience to the Will of God, as manifested by his Bishop, we ask that these 50 years may have a definite impress upon the hearts of many, and helped many a soul to love their God.

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from Gettysburg, led by Rev. Robert McAskill of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. Rev. McAskill will be the lecturer for the group.

The entire group from the three areas will travel to Kennedy Airport from where they depart. When they reach the Holy Land, they will visit the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt. of Beatitudes, Magdala, Cana, the place of Jesus' first miracle, Nazareth, Caesara, Megiddo and stay overnight in Tiberius.

The tour will also take them to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, Jericho, Jordan River, Jerusalem, the Garden Tomb, Bethlehem, Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane and drive through the Kidron Valley.

In each place they will visit the sites, homes and other places which were part of Jesus stay on earth.

The two extended days of the tour will be spent touring wherever the majority decides, probably Masada, on the eastern edge of the Judean desert, a huge massive rock with a sheer drop of 1300 feet to the western shore of the Dead Sea, a place of gaunt and majestic beauty in Central Israel. It was where 960 Israelites, men, women and children, ended their own lives in 72 A.D. rather than become slaves to their Roman conquerors. The second place they may visit is Petra, long-lost hidden city in Israel.

The local group of men and women range in age from 20 to 70 and all are confident that they will come to no harm.

"There has been no occasion that persons on the WTI Tours have been in a crisis situation. We have the utmost faith that all will be well," said Mrs. Pillarella, who is coordinating details of the trip. Her hus-

band, Rev. Pillarella, also expressed his confidence that all would be fine.

Persons interested in joining the

group are urged to contact Mrs. Pillarella no later than Aug. 15 for additional information or to make reservations.

Tax

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for Act 319 property generally transfers with the property when sold.

Although some properties have increased assessed value, Porterfield said, Wyoming County is not allowed by law to increase its millage by more than five percent next year. School districts are limited to a 10 percent increase.

"The purpose of this law," Porterfield said, "is to keep the taxing bodies from getting a windfall of taxes for the re-assessment year."

"The taxing bodies (County, School

districts) must pull back their millage to compensate," he added.

An example of the roll-back is Wyoming County's current 36 mill rate being dropped to six and one half mills for 1986. In 1987 and beyond, the millage will be raised or lowered according to budget needs.

Whether or not an increase of tax millage is approved by the taxing bodies in 1986-87 is the decision of the various boards, Porterfield said.

Senior games scheduled

With the July 5th registration deadline less than two weeks away, more than 500 persons have signed up for this year's Pennsylvania Senior Games at Shippensburg University.

Though the Games won't be held until Aug. 8-10, an official of the Senior Games Committee said that the July 5th deadline is firm and no last-minute registrations will be accepted.

'Grimace' appears at auction

McDonalds "Grimace" will be at the Back Mountain Library Auction at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 13 to help open the children's portion of that auction. He promised to have a surprise for anyone who visits him there.

Any Pennsylvania age 55 or over is eligible to compete in the games. Applications can be obtained from local area agencies on aging and senior centers.

This year some 20 events are scheduled—among them archery, fishing rod casting, bowling, bocce, track and swimming events, tennis, golf and racquetball. Persons compete in age brackets to keep competition as fair as possible.

A Chinese Auction is being planned for the children this year. Each child may purchase 20 tickets for \$2. As they look at the items received they will put a ticket and or tickets next to the ones they hope to win.

Board

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Luzerne County ratio is 17. percent and in Wyoming County the ratio is 15.1 percent. The district includes Jackson, Lake, Lehman and Ross Townships in Luzerne County and Noxen Township in Wyoming County. The average property owner in Lake-Lehman District pays \$565 in property taxes.

The directors also approved \$10 per capita taxes, one percent earned income tax, one percent realty transfer tax, \$10 occupational privilege tax and the \$10 license fee for mechanical devices, by a 9-0 vote.

Directors also approved the appointment of legally certified tax collectors of each municipality at a commission for real estate and per capita taxes; H.A. Berkheimer Associates for earned income tax at a commission of three percent, for occupational privilege tax at a com-

mission of 3½ percent, and mechanical devices at a commission of 3½ percent. Recorder of Deeds, Luzerne County, will collect the real estate transfer tax at a commission of one percent, and Wyoming County at a commission of two percent.

The final day of payment in rebate was set as September 13 and the final day of payment in face November 13.

The directors also granted an increase of 45 cents per hour to all clerical-secretarial employees.

Jeff Pace was appointed as all sports trainer for the 1985-86 school year at the salary per the negotiated agreement between the Lake-Lehman Education Association and the school district by an 8-1 with Ed Mark casting the dissenting vote.

Rich Gorgone was appointed head football coach for the 1985-86 season by a unanimous vote of the directors.

Action on the appointment of a high school soccer coach was tabled until the July meeting.

The secretary was authorized to advertise bid roof repairs at the seventh and eighth grade building and the sewage plant.

Transportation chairman Don Jones presented plaques of appreciation for their cooperation and support to Debbie Noon, Lake-Noxen PTA representative; Rita Stefanovich, Lake-Lehman junior high; and Judy Scavone, Ross Township PTA; and Bonnie Turchin, Lehman-Jackson PTA. Anthony Marchakitus, assistant to the superintendent, presented the representatives to the directors.

Board chairman Joseph "Red" Jones announced that due to the July 4 holiday, the regular meeting of the board will be held July 9, at 8:30 p.m.

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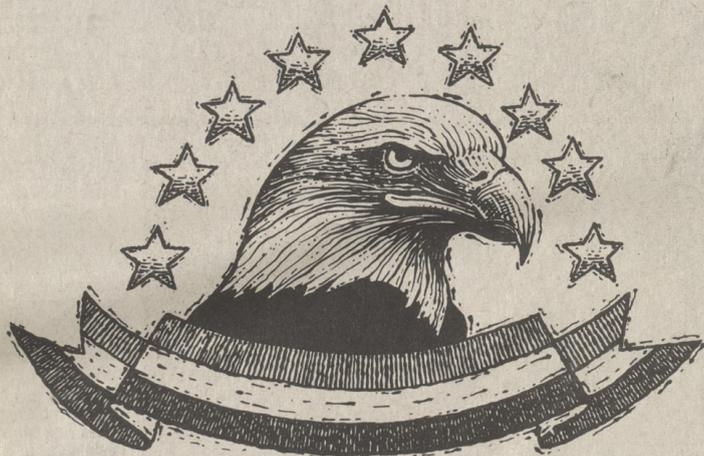
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