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## N. C. C. M. in Name of 32,000 Men Protest Birth Control Measure

By FREDERICK J. MIX

President of Rochester Diocesan Council N. C. C. M.

As surely as Congress convenes, and he neglects to add his influence to the opposition. We may weary of the fight, but we must not give up. The following is the resolution forwarded to Hon. George W. Norris, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senators Copeland and Wagner of New York and the Executive Secretary of the N. C. C. M. WHEREAS, a bill has been introduced in the United States senate known as the Hatfield Bill, S. 4436, which, if enacted, would permit the importation of contraceptive devices and allow the transmission of information relative thereto by mail, and WHEREAS, we believe that such legislation favoring the change of existing Federal Laws which express the traditional Christian conception of morality in their ban of birth control, is against the moral order and subversive of our country's Peace, Prosperity and Well Being; we believe such legislation will injure the family as the unit of society and encourage an individualism destructive of the social body, of national life and even of economic life.

RESOLVED, That Rochester Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Men, a Federation of 150 Lay Societies of Rochester Diocese with individual membership of 32,000, voice our vigorous protest as patriotic citizens and Christians to the proposed legislation; that we communicate to the Committees of Congress at their hearings on the Hatfield Bill, and request them to incorporate this Resolution in the records of such hearings.

At the annual meeting of SS. Peter and Paul's Church Holy Name Society, held February 1, officers were elected and plans made for a busy season of activities. Future events announced were a sauerkraut supper on February 15 in the school hall at which the Rev. Eugene Goidt and A. G. Slet will be speakers; and a Communion Breakfast on March 12 at which Charles A. Tucker will speak.

Under the guidance of the spiritual director, the Rev. Robert J. Fox, the society is arranging to have both a clerical and lay speaker at each meeting of the Society.

The Rev. Benedict Ehmman of St. Andrew's Seminary spoke to the Holy Name men at the February 1 meeting on Catholic lay action during the life of Blessed Thomas More as an example worthy of emulation. The officers who will guide the Society during the ensuing year are: Spiritual Director, Father Fox; President, Frederick V. Miller, elected for the tenth consecutive term; Vice President, Stephen Goidt; Recording Secretary, Frank J. Miller; Financial Secretary, Louis Bos; and Treasurer, Richard J. Powers.

## Holy Name Men Elect and Plan Busy Season

### Diocesan Council Protests

At the request of the National Secretary of the N. C. C. M., Rochester Diocesan Council forwarded the resolution passed on this subject at its Diocesan Convention. This resolution passed at a representative meeting of all the Lay Societies of the Diocese states the feelings of forty or fifty thousand Catholic voting citizens of Rochester Diocese on this subject.

The reaction of a person who sees similar proposals defeated time after time is to say: "Is that thing up again? It will never be passed," and thinking of it as a remote haz-

## St. John Knights Bowling League

With six weeks more to go, the teams in the Knights of St. John Bowling League entered the third and final series on Thursday of last week with four teams fighting for top position.

Amid much din and noise furnished by St. George's rollers, the St. Eustace team, turning a deaf ear to the yells of all on St. Eustace, managed to crawl further up the ladder. St. Peter and Paul won two games from St. Bernard. St. Boniface were able to take two from St. Mauritius while Cathedral was generous in handing St. Michael's three games.

Two hundred hitters were:

Boehler, St. George	225
Kress, St. Mauritius	225
St. Eustace	209
St. Michael	209
J. Dick, St. Boniface	209
C. Mura, St. Eustace	208
C. Bleier, St. Michael	208
J. Deschler, St. Bernard	205
E. Bauer, St. Mauritius	200

Team Standing

St. Boniface	39	6	368
St. Michael	35	10	377
St. George	31	14	358
St. Eustace	29	16	424
St. Peter & Paul	19	26	423
St. Mauritius	12	32	466
Cathedral	8	37	477
St. Bernard	7	38	485

The leading hitters are:

C. Bleier, St. Michael	136.32
J. Deschler, St. George	136.3
J. Bauer, St. Michael	135.3
H. Ritz, St. Boniface	132.11
F. Dell, St. Boniface	127.12
F. Ritz, St. Boniface	127.10

## Social Meeting Of C. D. A. Court, Feb. 16

Court Rochester, 1129, Catholic Daughters of America, will conduct the regular social meeting of the Court at Columbus Civic Center, Thursday evening, February 16, at 8 p. m. Arrangements for the evening will be in charge of Miss Catherine Mayering, social chairman, assisted by Miss Christine Koch.

The study groups will meet at 7 p. m. the same evening.

Yield not to discouragement; thou art alive, and God is in His world.—Archbishop Spalding.

## Poetry Group Of Catholic Women's Club Will Meet

Members of the Poetry Group of the Catholic Women's Club, under the leadership of Miss Blanche J. Thompson, will discuss the work of Edward Arlington Robinson, with special emphasis upon his long poem "Tristram," at their monthly meeting at the Club House Sunday afternoon, February 12, at 3:30 o'clock. At the close a candle-light tea will be served before the open fire. These meetings are open without obligation to any one who likes to read, or hear poetry read, or to those who compose, to whom invitation is extended to send in anonymous compositions to be commented upon by the group. At last month's meeting a letter to the Group from the well-known poetess and essayist, Sister Madeleine of the Order of the Holy Cross, was read.

At the monthly meeting of the Club Monday evening, February 13, moving pictures of life at Camp Madonna-on-Canadigua-Lake, sponsored by the Club, and of the picnic of the Club held at Genesee Valley Park last summer, will be shown. Members and friends are invited to come and see themselves on the screen. Miss Kathryn Gaffney, recreational leader of the Camp, will speak briefly on the advantages to girls of going to Camp Madonna, and Miss Gaffney and members of the Camp Committee will discuss plans for the coming season with interested parents, who are invited to attend. Announcement will be made that the privilege of having Mass celebrated on the Camp grounds this season has been accorded to the Club by Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D. This will minimize the danger of accident to the girls in having to travel on the highway to go to Church.

At the Club House next week the Chorus, directed by Theodore F. Fitch, will meet Tuesday evening, Mrs. Curtin's Contract Bridge Class Wednesday evening; Mrs. Sobie's Study Group Thursday evening; and the Mission Charity Sewing Group Friday evening.

The monthly meeting of the Big Sister Group on Thursday evening, will be a supper meeting. With Mrs. Frank Brandow acting as chairman. Each member is invited to bring a prospective Big Sister to supper. The Friday afternoon bridge tea will be held next week as usual. Cards at 2:30, tea at 4:00 p. m.

A few registrations are available for Miss Nan Heinrich's class in tap dancing for juniors Saturday mornings at the Club House, at 9:00 a. m. The class is to be composed of twenty little girls.

Next Saturday morning, February 18, at the February Court of Awards of Council Rock District to be held at Columbus Civic Center at 10:00 a. m. Girl Scout Troop 35 of the Catholic Women's Club, directed by Captain Mrs. Charles J. Sackett and Lieutenant Emma Kensing, will put on the play "How the Girl Scout Laws Were Made." Troop 35 recently gave this production at the D. A. R. house.

Saturday evening, February 18, at the Club House the Business Women's Group and their friends will have a buffet supper and "poverty" costume party at 6:00 p. m.

## Good Counsel Group Arranges Valentine Party for Feb. 17

An old-fashioned Valentine party will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel School Auditorium, Erie-street, Friday evening, February 17. Music will be furnished by the Malta orchestra from 9 to 12 with William Lewis as master of ceremonies.

Costume prizes will be awarded. The following committees are arranging for the details of this event: General chairman, Mrs. Joseph Statti; tickets, Mrs. Leo Frayer, Miss Catherine McCaffrey, Mrs. George Mann, Mrs. John Burns, Mrs. John Leasing; prizes and decorations, Mrs. William Conley, Mrs. Norman Campbell; music, Mrs. Mary Ryan, Mrs. Herman Lower, Mrs. J. Mayers; publicity, Miss Mary Foss; refreshments, Mrs. Rose Buehler, Mrs. Frank Shaffer, Mrs. C. Harrington, Mrs. John Valley, Mrs. E. Horn, Mrs. W. Maier, Mrs. Thomas Corcoran.

Checking, R. Spurlis, Peter Stecker, John Valley; floor committee, Robert Ferguson, Alvin Holloran; Earl Harrington, Joseph Foley, William Kraft, Charles Langworthy, A. Bassant, J. Green, Robert Taylor, Edward McCaffrey; reception, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rohrer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Statti, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brandow, Mr. and Mrs. William Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Carlin, Mr. and Mrs. George Mann, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haverly, Mr. and Mrs. John Leasing, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Frayer, Mr. and Mrs. C. Chalmers, Dr. and Mrs. Leo La-Palm, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hagerman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spurlis, Mr. and Mrs. William Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. John Worden, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Quetschenbach, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Green, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Listman, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer White, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vigner, Mr. and Mrs. George McCleary, Mr. and Mrs. C. Degraes, Mr. and Mrs. A. Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burke, Mr. and Mrs. G. De-Prea, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Shortall.

## Fathers and Sons Dinner of K. of C. Set for Feb. 21

Committees have been appointed by Grand Knight Dr. Walter B. O'Neill to arrange for the annual Fathers and Sons dinner of the Council to be held on the eve of Washington's birthday, Tuesday evening, February 21, 7:30 p. m. Hedges of 141 So. Street has been named general chairman in charge of arrangements.

Outstanding athletic celebrities will attend the dinner. The committee is arranging for a special program of entertainment to appeal to the boys. Boys from St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Asylums will be invited to the dinner.

Assisting Chairman Hedges on the executive committee are: Dr. Walter B. O'Neill, John W. Callaghan, Hamlet A. Smyth and Joseph P. Flynn. Committee heads are: Entertainment, Joseph P. Flynn; Publicity, Thomas H. O'Connor; Tickets and Finance, Eugene Bopp; Reception and General, John G. Graham; Music and Song Sheets, Paul A. Predmore; seating, C. Vincent Wise; Orphans, St. Mary's, Patrick A. Dwyer; St. Joseph's, William J. Hays; Cheque, William A. Kunz; Traffic, Captain A. C. Barry; Decorations, Frank Quinn.

Tickets for this year's banquet are \$1.00 each and are now on sale at Financial Secretary Predmore's office in Columbus Civic Center.

## Historical Sketch of the 1st N. Y. Regiment of the Knights of St. John Commanderies and Auxiliaries

Compiled by L. C. H. Mura

(Continued from Last Week)

The First Regiment, Knights of St. John officers, today are: Honorary Colonel, Joseph H. Weis, K.E.G.; Colonel, Frank B. Blö, K.E.G.; Lieutenant-Colonel, William H. Rosenbach; Senior Major, Fred J. Wagoner; Junior Major, Fred J. Kunz; Surgeon, F. H. Goddard, M.D.; Paymaster, Raymond J. Crombach; Quartermaster, John G. Blittner; Commissary, Killian Eckert; Judge Advocate, Anthony J. Heinzel.

Inspector, Edward J. Braun; Assistant Inspector, Edward Bach, Sr.; Chaplain, the Rt. Rev. Messrs. John P. Schellhorn; Assistant Chaplain, the Rev. Joseph H. Gellert; Chief of Staff, Robert Kuttler; Adjutant, Joseph Wendelgass; First Sergeant, August Zellvogel; Second Battalion Adjutant, George Wurzer.

Existing Commanderies affiliated with the Rochester Regiment today are: St. Mauritius Commandery No. 9, affiliated with St. Joseph's parish; St. George, No. 42, St. Michael's parish; St. Eustace, No. 39, St. Joseph's parish; St. Boniface, No. 28, St. Paul's, No. 28, SS. Peter and Paul's parish; Holy Family, No. 197, Holy Family parish; St. Michael's, No. 40, Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish; St. Bernard's, No. 272, St. Francis Xavier parish; Cathedral, No. 105, St. Patrick's Cathedral.

St. Mauritius Commandery, No. 9, is the oldest of these commanderies and was formerly called the St. Mauritius German Catholic Union. Having been one of the societies associated in the forming of the Roman Catholic Uniformed Union, it was organized on July 30, 1873 with fifteen charter members. The organizers were: Louis Ernst, Joseph Schutte, Dominick Mura, Michael Fisher, Joseph Hegglinger, Michael Heaton, Leo A. Schiller, John E. Hahn, Martin Burkhardt, John G. Koester, Charles Bieri, Sr., John Thola, Louis W. Brandt, Adam Bauer, Schmidt and M. P. Maier.

The principle object of this Union's formation was for the purpose of conducting musical and literary entertainments for the members and their families and also for exercising in military movement. It was also their objective to spread by organizing uniformed societies all over the United States and Canada.

On August 10, 1873, the first civil officers were elected as follows: President, Joseph Schutte; Vice-President, John B. Hahn; Secretary, Louis Brandt, and Treasurer, Wendell Fisher.

On August 31, 1873, the first military officers were elected as follows: Captain Louis Ernst, First Lieutenant, George A. Begg, and Second Lieutenant, Jacob Nunnold.

The second oldest of these societies forming the Roman Catholic Uniformed Union was organized, October 3, 1873 in St. Michael's parish with twenty charter members. The organizers were: Joseph Schutte, George Young, Mrs. Benvenuto, St. George, the object being to secure mutual aid to its members in case of sickness and to relieve the widows and orphans of deceased members. It was also formed to foster a fraternal feeling in religious and social life together with the purpose of perfecting its members as much as possible in military practices.

The outlook for an organization of this kind was quite promising and by becoming the first Catholic uniformed society in the city it gained membership rapidly.

(To be continued next week.)

## Mercy High School Notes

By Ann MORAN

The students of Our Lady of Mercy High have organized a Whispersing Committee. The object of this committee is to publish a list of the Rochester Theatres that are showing objectionable films.

Every week this list is posted on the school bulletin board. Besides Dorothy Fennessy, the originator of the committee, Helen Burke, Alice Nolan, and Kathleen O'Sullivan comprise the committee.

The officers and committee heads of the Sodality of Our Lady of Mercy High School attended the second annual meeting of the Students' Spiritual Council, held on Sunday, February 5, at St. Francis de Sales High School, Geneva. The third meeting will be held at Our Lady of Mercy High School in June.

"The Lily of the Mohawks," A four-act play by Rev. Edward C. LaMore, O.P., will be presented in the Columbus Auditorium by the students of Our Lady of Mercy High School on March 5 and 7. It is this historical romance drama of the American Indian, the life of Katherine Tekakwitha, the beautiful Mohawk princess, is enacted. The moral struggle that the Indian maiden undergoes when choosing between the love she bears her father and her love for God, is clearly depicted. Indian dances and customs will be represented throughout the entire play. The leading role of Tekakwitha will be played by Clara Louise Harvey.

This play should be of particular interest because the beautiful life of the first North American saint, Katherine Tekakwitha, is now in process.

Representatives from Mercy High will attend the convention to be held at Sacred Heart Academy, Buffalo, on Sunday, February 12. The convention will feature the informal student discussion of "How Strong is Catholic Faith?" Dorothy Fennessy '32 and Beatrice Brown '35 will represent Mercy High.

## Aquinas Activities

By WILLIAM A. HEINDEL, Jr.  
Members of the Senior Class with Mr. Edwin Dolan, Director of Dramatics, directing began the preparation of this year's Senior Play, "The Nut Farm," to be presented on February 20 and 21. Advance reports on the play seem very favorable as shown in an article written by George R. Koerner in this month's "Maroon and White," the school publication, as follows:

"The Barton family of Newark, N. J., are trying to make good in Hollywood. Willie, an ambitious young man, aspires to become a movie director; sister Helen wants to be an actress, while her husband has sold his thirty thousand dollar business in Newark to buy a nut farm. Helen persuades her husband, who needs not Willie's warning, to stick to the nut farm idea, to finance a movie in which she will star."

"Come and see how Willie and Helen fulfill their ambitions, and husband Robert saves his money. Come and see the comedy that is different."

The Aquinas Band will play at the senior play. All who heard the Band at the school play, "The Poor Nut" will be glad to hear them again at the performances of "The Nut Farm."

At the German Club meeting on Monday Fred Englert put on a play, which he wrote himself, in German. He was assisted by Edrice Bauer and Stephen Canley. According to the members present it was very amusing.

Monday the regular monthly religious conference was given with Father Leo E. Hastings giving the sermon on "The Will of God." Benediction was given by Father Joseph E. Grady and the services closed with singing.

## BAPTIZE 10,000

Ningpo, China.—During the year ending June, 1932, the Vicariate Missionaries of the Vicariate Apostolic of Ningpo, Chekiang, Central China, administered baptism to more than 10,000 souls.

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## St. Boniface Knights and Ladies Arrange For Valentine Party, Monday, February 13

Committee of St. Boniface Commandery, 45 and Ladies Auxiliary, 47 arranged for the Valentine Party to be held Monday evening, February 13, in St. Boniface Hall, Whelan Street were announced this week.

The Valentine Party is one of the series of popular affairs being conducted by the St. Boniface Knights and Ladies. The program includes social hour and several features and activities. Checkers will be free. Tickets are \$1.00 each. General Chairman, Herman Gehring, announced that this will be a lively affair and promises all who attend a pleasant evening.

Committee members arranged for the party are: Reception, Herman Gehring; Colonel, Frank B. Blö, Chief of Staff, Albert Gollbach, Aide de Camp, Martin Wagoner, Sergeant, Dr. P. St. Godard, Captain, Wendel Fisher, Lieutenant, Edward Katsenberger, Miss Katsenberger, Mrs. Barbara Wagoner, Mrs. Schwalbach, Mrs. C. Gollagher, Mrs. M. Kassman, Mrs. J. Lohay, Mrs. C. Welter.

Tickets, Eugene Dell and Mrs. C. Roy. Refreshments, Mrs. M. Gollagher, Mrs. M. Seltz, Mrs. A. Weck, Mrs. A. Welter, Mrs. M. Ritz, Mrs. C. Schmitt, John Welter, Frank Dell, Edward Sankel, Martin Wahl, and Edward Katsenberger.

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