Mardi Gras Party Listed At St. Patrick's Hall

Joining in the round of pre-Lenten activity, St. Patrick's Church will sponsor a Mardi Gras Party, Tuesday, Feb. 6 in the church hall. Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor, is general chairman of the affair; the Rev. James O'Connell and the Rev. John Malley are honorary vice-chairmen.

Edward Murphy is master of ceremonies for the party, assisted by Charles McBride.

A general committee includes: Mrs. Grace Flannery, Arthur Lochte, Mrs. Hicks, Miss Mary Ryan, Mrs. Catherine Ryan, Mrs. Anthony DeCesare, Miss Beulah Watkins, Mrs. Nellie Herlihy, Mrs. Myron Murphy, Mrs. Richard Allen, Mrs. Mary Carey, Mrs. Elisabeth Beard, Miss Christine Joseph, Miss Ella O'Neil, Mrs. Joseph Fazio, Miss Winfred Flynn, Mrs. Frank Roseland, Mrs. Paul Strigl, Mrs. Mary Alletta, Miss Helen Tomasilli, Matthew Connor, William Ball, William Lurz, Joseph Joseph, Michael Joseph, John McKnight, Andrew O'Brien, William Kelly, Peter DeVulder, Mrs. Anna Bennett, Miss Mary Lipomi, Mrs. Anna Cordaro, Miss Josephine Landerer, William Reid, James Mufvihill, Mrs. Holleran, Louis Fiori, Mrs. Anna Bitzsky, Miss Bertha Weiss, Miss Mary Neville, Miss Mary Kast, Mrs. L. Cocuzzi, Miss Minnie Molella.

Decorations: Miss Veronica Sigler and Irene Carey.

Refreshments: Mrs. Christopher Delanty and Mrs. Catherine Hamill, chairmen; Mesdames Mark Costello, Charles McBride, William Lurz, Thomas Gannon, Lee Sullivan, Elisabeth Block, Misses Elizabeth Dietz, Ann White, Catherine Ryan, Marie Burke, Alice Rendeland.

Arrangements: Mrs. Leo Brasill, Mrs. Florence Richardson, Mrs. Raymond Brasser, Miss Winifred Casey, chairman; Misses Helen Riggs, Mary Sob, Adelaide Cannamore, Mae Monroe, Anna Cosgrove, Antoinette Cannamo, Mary Friedergast, Josephine Fiddle, Ethel Barry, Madeline Dougherty, Teresa Nicosa, Mary Rasalaita, Rosaria Maurizio, Mrs. A. F. Reilly, Mrs. Lena Scarfia, Mrs. Sebastian D'Francesco.

Features: Misses Marcella L. Sigler and Corrine Gilmore.

Treasure Chest: Messrs. Christopher Delanty, Myron Murphy and Mrs. John Gilmore.

Cashiers: George Siegrist and Miss Marie Blackwood, assisted by Edward Nassar, Misses Rose Herlihy, Irene Sullivan, Helen Murphy, Mary Spillman.

Old-fashioned dancing will be the highlight of the evening under the direction of Mr. Fay.

Admission to the Mardi Gras Party is 25 cents.

The COURIER'S COMMENTS on the CURRENT CINEMA

By JOHN SPRINGER

A couple of years ago, a Southern housewife wrote a book—a big, sprawling book, titled "Gone With the Wind," which as nearly as any book ever has been was a saga of the South. There is no need to discuss or the tremendous success of the book—you know all about that. You know also about the Hollywood translation of it—the long years of preparation, the fabulous Scarlett O'Hara hunt and all the rest. You know because every thing about it was news.

Literary critics had dismissed the book as merely pretentious hack material. Maybe it was. Certainly the characters had little depth. They were merely figures to whom things happened, rather than real, full-blooded characters who, you could sit back and be entertained by them but you could never feel yourself living their lives. They were types—the good people, the bad people. The good people, like Melanie, were sugar-sweet so nothing could shame them. The bad people, like Scarlett, stayed bad to the end—every act being motivated by their own selfishness. The characters, totally free of complexity, were understandable at a glance. People who had never read anything except True Confessions Magazine, read "Gone With the Wind" and enjoyed it. So did pretty nearly everyone else, critics or not, it was highly entertaining.

And now "Gone With the Wind" (MGM) the film version is here and it is not as you expected it to be. It is surprisingly beautiful and thrilling entertainment into every minute of its four hours. Time has been no stinting. Everything is as spectacular and magnificent a looking as it has been made to be. The production for the last Mayer (Louis B. Mitchell) is outstanding. It proves, if you will have to think about it, that in order to remember the best of the book that isn't in the picture. With much reluctance it is obvious that the picture contains the faults of the book as well as its virtues. But it is a splendid show—a picture, that, while it never gets under your skin, keeps your interest and attention keyed at a high pitch for the whole of its unreeling.

Victor Fleming has done a fine job of the direction. There are sequences, notably the evacuation from Atlanta, that are superb in their sweep. As for the acting—you don't need my word about Clark Gable. You must have decided that he would be the perfect Rhett Butler—and he is exactly as Miss Mitchell wrote him. You sometimes get annoyed at the mannerisms of Olivia deHavilland's Melanie, but as you did with Melanie, the writer. But then, there are times when you must admire Miss deHavilland's performance in the Mitchell spirit. Leslie Howard as Ashley Wilkes, Laura Hope Crews as Aunt Pitty-Pat, Ona Munson as Belle Watling—all might have stepped from the pages of the book. Thomas Mitchell appears as Gerald O'Hara, Butler; Hattie McDaniel, as the half-witted Prissy, and Hattie McDaniel, as the devoted Mammy, are priceless. And Vivien Leigh overcomes all opposition of those who believed that she couldn't play Scarlett. Miss Leigh not only has the requisite beauty, but she has talent. Her performance is shallow and superficial, perhaps, but don't forget that Scarlett, as written, was distinguished to a large extent by both these qualities.

But the real star of "Gone With the Wind" is Technicolor. Never has the process added so much to a picture. You could sit for four hours just looking at its beauty and the season, even if there weren't any story at all. But there is, and a splendidly done. It's strictly a beautiful show.

Members of the Legion of Decency are asked to note that certain of its characters and situations are objectionable in view of the accepted moral standards. The picture is listed by the Legion of Decency as "objectionable in part."

Like so many-umph times a picture is, it sort of loses some of its original savor. So it is with "Gone With the Wind." Those of you who have not yet seen it (those in which the army [illegible] West Point, etc.) proves to be [illegible] under the spell of [illegible] example, reveals his true [illegible] as well. As often as not [illegible] is James Cagney and [illegible] is "The Fighting [illegible] which has the [illegible] as the whole. [illegible] is a good picture [illegible] original [illegible] story [illegible] Cagney [illegible] Pat O'Brien [illegible] Brent [illegible] Father [illegible] Fighting 69th [illegible] Cagney