

# ST. STEPHEN'S, Geneva

## CLUB MINSTRELS NAMED

(From Geneva Times)  
 GENEVA — Old time minstrelsy with a modern flavor was presented by the St. Stephen's Club on Feb. 10 at the Geneva High School Auditorium before a capacity house, whose enthusiasm re-echoed at times to the very rafters. It was one of the smoothest and most professional performances in the list of yearly entertainment provided by the club.

Lively music, sparkling wit and fine chorus work marked the sixth annual presentation. Noteworthy also were the soloists and the dance presentations, which were out of the ordinary and lifted the minstrel show and revue to a new high in entertainment.

An innovation last evening was the appearance of two young women as black face comedians, who with the four minstrel end men kept the audience continually amused with their chatter. They engaged in the ever-popular practice of minstrel men of ribbing well-known personages, their barbs being directed at prominent local business men. All this was done in a good-natured spirit and drew the laughter and applause of the audience.

### Interlocutor Scores

George Cryst as interlocutor kept the show rolling along at a smooth clip, opening the performance with the introduction of specialties from the Lorraine Abert Studio in Rochester, including "The Three B's" and Eunice Burritt. The young ladies added much to the show with their dancing, singing and musical entertainment.

The first selection was "Hawaiian Hospitality," by "The Three B's," followed by baton acrobatics by Eunice Burritt; "Harmony Time," by "The Three B's"; another acrobatic novelty by Eunice Burritt, and a musical trio by "The Three B's."

Act II featured Syracuse's No. 1 entertainer, "Marty" Lally, who proved to be a story teller of wit and humor.

Young "Jimmy" McHale, without whom no club minstrel show would be complete, then stepped out upon the stage and the audience was assured of some real dance entertainment. "Jimmy" was billed as Western New York's Premier Dancer and certainly lived up to the title.

St. Stephen's Club in "Mirth and Melody" was the introduction to the second part of the perform-

ance. The stage setting for this show was brilliant and patriotic in nature, red, white and blue bunting being artistically arranged for the background. Young men and women in formal attire were seated on the stage as the curtain went up for the second half of the show.

The opening chorus was "Hi, Neighbor," which provided a lively introduction to the minstrels. "Chuck" Connell then sang "Waiting for the Robert E. Lee," and was followed by a newcomer, John Turner, singing "Dear Mom." Miss Ruth Graison as black face comedian entertained with the song, "Lady Be Good," sung in old time minstrel style. The lovely and ever popular "Sympathy" was delightfully rendered by Miss Margaret Gilbert, after which George Handlan, minstrel man, sang "Alabama Jubilee" with all the added minstrel embellishments.

Popular selections following were: "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," by Fred Ferris; "Chattanooga Choo-Choo," by Paul Murray; "My Buddy," sung by Mrs. Rose Smith Walker; "I Can't Give You Anything But Love," by Mrs. Clifford Orr, and "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody," by George Cryst; "This Love of Mine," by Mrs. Seth Tournour; "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," by Ivan Smith; and "The Shrine of St. Cecilia," by Miss Margaret McNeerney. Chorus boys participating in the latter song were: Billie Comisky, Paul Gindling, Charles Hennessy, Jack Heffron, Michael Lanase and Tom Quigley.

"Tex" Waldorf sang "Elmer's Tune," the chorus joining in, and the closing chorus was "Clink Up! Cherrio! Carry On!" This closing chorus was exceptionally well rendered, the patriotic note being introduced by the playing of the bugle by Frank Alvaro.

Several newcomers to the minstrels displayed outstanding talent and contributed greatly to its success.

At the close of the performance, the entire audience joined with the chorus in the singing of the national anthem.

The performers were gracious in their response to encores and returned time and again to the front of the stage to please the audience with certain popular selections.

James Lynch was director of the Minstrel Show and Revue, assisted by a committee of the members. The performance was dedicated to the members of the St. Stephen's Club who are now serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

## Auburn Weddings

### Synott - Lepak

The marriage of Miss Anne Lepak, daughter of Mrs. Peter Lepak Susko of 41 Wright Ave. and the late Peter Lepak, and John Joseph Synnott, son of Mrs. Mary Synnott of 91 Lewis St. and the late John J. Synnott, was solemnized at 10:30 o'clock, Feb. 14, at St. Peter and Paul's Ukrainian Catholic Church. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Michael Lysiak, assisted by the Rev. Francis Harding and Rev. William E. Davie of Holy Family Church.

There were vocal selections by Miss Helen Lepak, a cousin of the bride and a member of the Ukrainian Boyan Choir. The attendants were: Rita Donovan, Mrs. Stella Paluda, William Dunn and George Tomzi.

### Luongo - Passarello

Miss Anna Passarello, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Passarello of 292 Genesee St., and Ralph Luongo of Geneva, were married at 8 o'clock Feb. 14 at St. Francis d'Assisi Church. Rev. Adolph Gabhanl, the pastor, performed the ceremony.

Miss Irene Luongo of Geneva, a sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. Thomas Piscioti of this city was best man.

### Elze - Robinson

Miss Margaret Ann Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Robinson of 12 Thornton Ave., and Ralph Francis Elze, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Elze, 278 Vocehees Ave., Buffalo, were united in marriage at 8 o'clock on Feb. 14 at St. Mary's Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen, pastor of the church, and the nuptial Mass was read by Rev. Leslie G. Whalen, formerly assistant pastor.

Mrs. John F. Dempsey of 145 Curtis Place was matron of honor. John G. Elze of Hartford, Conn., brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

### Fritz - May

St. Hyacinth's Church was the scene of a pretty and largely at-

## St. Francis De Sales

### HONOR ROLL LISTED

GENEVA. St. Francis de Sales School Honor Roll has been announced for the month of January.

The list follows according to grades:

Eighth Grade—James Casey, Marie Fenner, Elizabeth Jennings, Mary Ellen Lynch, Francis Pullano, Mary Ann Yannotti.

Seventh Grade—Michael Anania, Joanna M. Cannull, Antoinette Legott, Beatrice Baso.

Sixth Grade — James Anderson, Thomas Cleere, Edward Conatable, Bernard Lynch, Nicholas Aquilano, Mary Chester, Jane Giddings, Rose Mary Rago, Mary Lois Walsh.

Fifth Grade — Francis Alvaro, Nona Cleere, Margaret Laquiere, Patricia McGuire, Mary Tarquine.

Fourth Grade—Mary Louise Cannull, Mary Catalano, Patricia Flynn.

Third Grade — Robert Avery, Francis Balistreri, Noreen Bradley, Richard Connell, Mary Louise D'Amico, Mary Deane, Joanna Desio, Barbara Ferugia, Phyllis Fisher, Frances Hargrove, Jane Harrigan, Walter Jenson, Norina Liberatore, Mary Rizzo, Geraldine Sparrow, Anita Showney, Alice Marie Tancy, Theresa Yannotti.

tended midwinter wedding Feb. 14, when Miss Colia May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George May of 28 Grant Street, became the bride of John George Fritz, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fritz of 68 Pulaski Street. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Jerome Holubowicz, O.M.C.

Miss Josephine May, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Helen Fritz, a sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Betty May, a sister of the bride. Best man was John Dziukewski of this city. Ushers were Frederick Micholaki of Pennsylvania and John Myers of this city.

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