

ARMORY SET FOR CATHOLIC HIGH DANCE

The Main Street Armory will house the first diversified entertainment program of the Catholic Inter High Council, it was decided following a recent meeting at St. Mary's School of Business.

Previously scheduled to be held in Aquinas auditorium, the Council's first recreational project will be presented in the roomier armory to accommodate the large group of students who have evinced their interest.

The date set for this first function is Wednesday, Apr. 27, Jerry Santora's orchestra has been signed to provide music for dancing.

Colonel Fred E. Wegner, who was contacted for the Armory rental said the opportunity was welcomed to provide facilities for such a worthwhile undertaking of Rochester youth.

At a meeting at Our Lady of Mercy High School, membership cards were distributed to representatives of all the high schools and various parishes to be circulated among Catholic students in public high schools. These cards will be required for admission to any of the Catholic Coop Club's activities. The bearing may bring one guest.

Now being printed, tickets for the coming event will cost thirty cents.

Program Encouraged
After observing the Council in action during its weekly meetings, the Rev. Francis Hester, chaplain of St. Mary's School of Business and the Rev. Charles Guttenberger, C.S.S.R., rector and chaplain of St. Joseph Commercial School, state that the progress of the group in planning its own needs indicates a successful future for the organization.

The Catholic Inter-High Council sponsor of the Catholic Coop Club, represents Rochester's seven Catholic high schools with an estimated membership of 7,000 students. Participation in the extension of the organization has been planned to include all Catholic teenagers of the city, including those not in Catholic schools.

Masses in Memory Of 2 Servicemen Set

Masses are scheduled in two parish churches this Saturday for two air corps men who have been declared dead by the War Department.

A Mass will be offered at 9 a. m. that day in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral for 2nd Lieut. Ernest F. Culhane, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Culhane, 561 Westmount St., who is presumed killed.

Copilot of a B-17, Lt. Culhane was reported missing in action over Belgium on Mar. 13, 1945. He held the Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters.

Surviving besides his parents are a sister, Janice; a brother, Bernard, and his grandmother, Mrs. Daniel Culhane.

At 9:30 a. m. Saturday, Mass will be said for S/SGT. John W. Guyett, 22, in St. Charles Borromeo Church. Sergeant Guyett was listed missing in action over Truk since July 27, 1944.

According to reports reaching his parents, the plane on which he was serving as waist gunner-engineer, was hit by flak and last seen 12 miles off Truk, spouting flames. Although two parachutes were sighted, no member of the crew was found, the War Department said.

Sgt. Guyett leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Guyett, 57 Cosmos Dr., and a sister, Betty June Guyett.

NCCW Deanery Meeting Listed
An important meeting of representatives of all Rochester Deanery affiliations of the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women, will be held in Parlor A, third floor, Columbus Civic Centre, Tuesday, Apr. 16, at 8:15 p. m. The meeting is open to all interested in Catholic action. Mrs. M. F. Keogh, deanery president, announced.

Prof. DeKoninck To End '45-'46 Lecture Series

Closing the season's Christian Culture Series at Aquinas auditorium this Sunday, Apr. 7, will be Professor Charles DeKoninck, head of the department of philosophy at Laval University. His topic will be "The Power of the Word."

Professor DeKoninck replaces the Honorable Paul Martin, Canadian Secretary of State. Mr. Martin has requested his lecture be transferred to the next series due to a debate on a citizenship bill which he is presently sponsoring in the House of Commons.

A native of Belgium, the professor studied at Orléans and Louvain University where he earned his doctorate in philosophy. He has been lecturing in philosophy and theology at Quebec for the past 8 years. He is the father of seven children.

Among the many writings is "The Primacy of the Common Good." A member of the Royal Society, Academy of Theology, he has given many series of courses at the National University of Mexico. This is Professor DeKoninck's second appearance in a Christian Culture event.

Classes Begin For Converts
A recent announcement of the formation of a convert class in St. Peter and Paul Parish, Elmira, has already produced results. "The Church," parish publication reports.

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Classes for converts will be held twice a week on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 6:45 beginning Sunday, Apr. 7. It is hoped the course of instructions will be concluded by the Feast of Pentecost. Sessions will be from one-half to three-quarters of an hour.

Few Catholics At Church Prior To Reformatory

About ten percent of the young men received into Elmira Reformatory during the fiscal year of the Office of the Catholic Chaplain claimed to have attended Church regularly before being admitted, states the annual report of the Rev. Francis J. Lane, Catholic Chaplain, out this week.

Of the new men received, 200 claimed to have been members of the Catholic Church and 21 of these claimed to have attended Church regularly.

Eleven or about 3 percent received all their education in a Catholic school, according to the report. Sixty-seven claimed to have attended both Catholic and Public Schools and 42 of these left the Catholic School before the Sixth Grade.

Eighty-eight or forty-five percent admitted having come from broken homes, that is, homes where either one or both parents are deceased or divorced. Thirteen were born outside the United States, the largest number, seven, coming from Puerto Rico.

Bishop at Jubilee
The report reviews the Silver Jubilee Mass of the Chaplain, Father Lane on May 29, 1922, at which His Excellency, Bishop Kearney presided and the majority of Catholic inmates and officers received Holy Communion. The breakfast following is said in the report to have been the first at which a Bishop ever sat down with a group of prisoners and shared a common meal with them in their own Mess Hall.

Confirmation of 38 inmates by Bishop Kearney in October, the annual Mission given by the Rev. Charles Gaskin, O.P., and the perpetual novena in honor of St. Don Bosco as well as special devotions in Lent for the inmates are recorded.

Many Masses are celebrated every Sunday in the Reformatory with an average attendance of about 75 percent. Confessions are heard every Saturday with an average of about 135 per week.

NCCS-KC Canteen Closed After Serving 10,258 Meals

Luxembourg Honors Former Diocesan Nurse Unit Head

An honor from Luxembourg is in the possession of First Lieut. Marie M. Flanagan, first president and one of the founders of Rochester Council, National Council of Catholic Nurses.

Lieutenant Flanagan has had conferred on her by Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg, the degree of Chevalier of the Grand Ducal Order of the Oaken Wreath on the testimony of the minister of foreign affairs and government in council of Luxembourg.

The award was authorized for meritorious services while Lieutenant Flanagan was serving as an Army nurse with the 50th United States General Hospital at Ber-le-Duc, France. Place of the presentation and date have not been announced.

The Catholic nurse is a native of Hornell. She was prominent in arranging the first Communion breakfast of the diocesan Catholic Nurses unit on March 2, 1941 and was elected President of the Rochester unit on March 19, 1944. As president she presided at a second Communion Breakfast at which Bishop Kearney spoke on April 12, 1942 which marked the first year of successful activity of the Catholic nurses in the diocese.

A graduate of the Genesee Hospital School of Nursing, she served two years in the European theater. On returning to the United States she was assigned to the Harvey Cushing General Hospital at Framingham, Mass. She expects to remain there until release from military service early in the summer.

GUILD'S MEMBER CAMPAIGN SET
Final plans for the current membership drive of the Little Flower Guild of the Little Flower will be discussed at the monthly business meeting Tuesday, Apr. 9 at 2 p. m. at the Catholic Women's Club. Refreshments will be served at 4 p. m.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney will be the guest speaker at the final report meeting of the drive Wednesday, May 1 at 12:30 p. m. at the Powers Hotel.

Honorary chairman is Mrs. Edward Belkitch, with Mrs. Frank Dykell acting as general chairman, assisted by Mrs. Joseph F. Ritz as co-chairman. Hostesses are: Mrs. Austin Hietzel, Mrs. George Butts and Mrs. George Andrews.

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Alumnae Seek 500 Members

Setting a goal of 500 new members, the Alumnae Association of Our Lady of Mercy High School this week launched its first membership drive.

Fifty-five campaigners representing every former class of Mercy received their final instructions with their workers' kits last Saturday at a school luncheon.

Headed by Miss Loyola Nolan and Miss Dorothy Schuchert, co-chairmen, the following alumnae will captain teams: the Misses Esther Cleary, Marjorie Murr, Agnes Schleuter, Mary Louise Ermaninger, Constance DiPasquale, Margaret Echter, Virginia Sullivan, Rita Chimer, Elaine Mulcahy, Elaine Kalesnik and Mary Terrey, Mrs. Robert Swartzberg, Mrs. Raymond Keller, and Mrs. Richard Ebeling.

First returns will be reported at a meeting Sunday, Apr. 7 at 3 p. m. at the school. On Saturday, Apr. 13, final reports will be given.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, will celebrate Mass at the close of the campaign Sunday, Apr. 14 when a Communion breakfast will be held at the school.

Father Pegram Listed By Mission Guild
Rev. Francis J. Pegram, former chaplain of the exterior Belleau Wood, will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Catholic Mission Guild Monday evening, Apr. 8 at 8:30 p. m. in Columbus Civic Centre.

The slate for election of new officers and members of the board will be presented by Mrs. Charles Connel, chairman of the nominating committee and her co-ordinates, Mesdames Charles Case, William Heindl, William Fungler, John Crowley and Miss Ann Hall.

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HOME GARDEN NEED
Washington (INS) — President Truman asks home gardeners to plant again this year: "The great conflict is over, but this is no time to let up — not while hunger stalks the world. Food today is the most sought-after commodity in the world."

Trumansburg Men Organize

Trumansburg — Organization of Men's Clubs for parishes of St. James Church here and St. Francis Church, Interlaken, took place at a Communion Breakfast held Sunday.

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Speaker at the Communion Breakfast, first for the men, the two parishes held in several years was Charles A. Tucker, Chairman of the Diocesan Speakers Bureau sponsored by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

In his talk on "Two Thousand Year-Old Atomic Bombs," Tucker stressed corporate life and corporate activity to be participated in by each member of the Mystical Body.

The Mass at which the men received Holy Communion was a Dialogue Mass offered for the repose of the soul of the late Monsignor Joseph F. Stedman of Brooklyn, author of the Sunday Missal and a friend of Father Kelly's who as a Navy and Marine Chaplain had cooperated in spreading Sunday Missals among the Marines in the Pacific.

OFFERS PARENTS' JUBILEE MASS

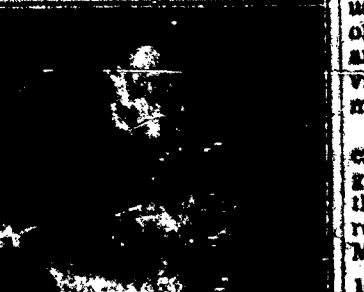
Corning — On Saturday morning the Rev. Lawrence J. Bessney of Syracuse will celebrate High Mass at 10 a. m. in St. Mary's Church, marking the 50th wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Bessney, 160 State St.

Mrs. Bessney, nee Elizabeth Smith Jones of White Mills, Pa., was united in marriage with Henry J. Bessney April 6, 1896, at Honesdale, Pa. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William Dastley. They resided in White Mills until 1918 when the family came to Corning where Mr. Bessney became an employe of Corning Glass Works. He was retired recently after 30 years service with that concern.

Mr. and Mrs. Bessney were the parents of nine children — seven of whom are living. They are: Father Bessney, Henry Jr., of Corning; William and Edward, Painted Post; Joseph, Syracuse; Mrs. L. G. Recktenwald, Glencoe, Ill., and Charles at home.

Corning Knights Hear Talk by Father Walz
Corning — The Rev. Frederick L. Walz, assistant pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's Church, was guest speaker at a recent meeting of Corning Council Knights of Columbus. Father Walz spoke on Present World Events. He was introduced by Lecturer Gerard Gillon.

Previous to Father Walz's talk a regular business meeting was held at which plans for the scheduled retreat on April 7 were discussed.



Lt. Marie M. Flanagan

St. Eustace Auxiliary Sets Supper Meeting

A supper meeting will be held by St. Eustace's Ladies Auxiliary at 6:15 p. m. in the auxiliary room.

Rev. Charles Guttenberger, C.S.S.R., and Rev. Francis J. Pegram, C.S.S.R., spiritual adviser, and Deputy Mrs. Lillian Ruff will be guests of honor.

Miss Margaret Brander has been named chairman of business. The regular business meeting will follow the supper.



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