# Central Verein Slates Spring Fete April 9

Rochester Branch, Catholic Central Verein will hold a Spring Festival Wednesday evening, Apr. 9 in the C. Y. M. A. Hall of St. Joseph's Church, 31 Franklin Square.

Games will begin at 8:15 p. m. followed by dancing, music and entertainment. The admission fee of 75c will be collected at the door.

Arrangements are under direction of Charles H. Mann, chairman, assisted by the following: William Bogert, Caroline Bonadio, Paul Bonk, Louis Kist, Michael Fischer, James Wanner, Mrs. Austin Hannemann, Ben Hemmer, Michael Cronin, Mathias Mannebach, Lee Roth, Arnold Bogert, Perry Finke, Phillip Dietz, Fred Bogert, Clem Schlueter, John G. Meier, August M. Meier, Anthony Limper, John B. Bilzer and Charles Stich.

All proceeds of the festival will be used to further the projects of the Catholic Action movement by the Catholic Central Verein.

The Verein has scheduled a picnic for July 13 at Edgerton park.

# MUSI-COMEDY SET BY CLUB

Cast of "The Degrees and the Doubles," newest musical production of the St. Boniface Past, Night Club, has been selected for presentation on May 6, 7, 9 and 10.

A musical comedy, the entire play is written in song in three acts.

Marcia Gerstner, Lucille Williams, Tom Fitzpatrick and Jack Bauer will enact the roles of Tillie, Millie, Harry and Larry.

Members of the first chorus are: Mary Kaiser, Mary Ramery, Marie Schaible, Ruth Meagher, Margery Wright, Joan Sommers, Jane Lynch, Jack Wall, Dick Kirby, Pat Reinhardt, Peter Klee and Ray Kretzman.

The Gypsy Chorus includes: Joan Klumpp, Delores DeMarco, Minnie Weiler, Margery Stallworth and Lois Sweet.

Mrs. Violet Gleichauf will play the Gypsy and Mrs. Katarina Lessing is cast in Frosty Knower.

# Catholics Get Papal Blessing

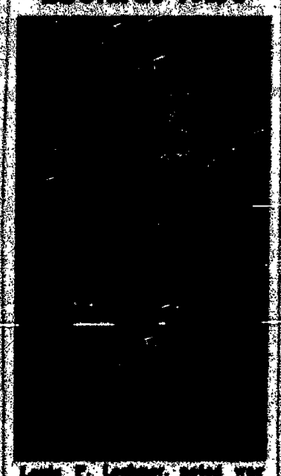
Washington — (NC) — In commencement of the Solemn Mass celebrated in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of the Catholic University of America here to mark his coronation anniversary, in Holiness Pope Pius XII has bestowed his Apostolic Blessing on Magr. F. J. McCormick, university rector, the faculty and student body.

In a telegram to Magr. McCormick, Magr. Giovanni B. Montini, of the Papal Secretariate of State, said: "Deeply touched by devout, prayerful solemnities of coronation anniversary, the Holy Father lovingly imparts to the rector, faculty and student body of Catholic University his paternal Apostolic Blessing."

### Sterilization Proposal Hit

Washington — (RNS) — The Most Rev. Lawrence J. Sheehan, auxiliary bishop of Baltimore and Washington, has denounced a proposal for sterilization of Washington's mentally deficient. The proposal was contained in a recent survey made by the Washington Council for Social Agencies.

# Lectures Here



Louis F. Lochner, noted war correspondent who will lecture under auspices of James E. Lonergan Post No. 2045, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Community Civic Center at 8 p. m. April 25. Tickets on sale at Adams Tire Store, Mabey's Service, Burgess and Columbia Music Store.

# Father Cuddy To Give Champlain College Retreat

Plattsburg — The Rev. Paul J. Cuddy, Catholic chaplain at Sampson College, will speak before the Newman Club of Champlain College for a four-day retreat from April 13 to 17. His topic for the four evening sermons will be courtship, marriage and the family.

Champlain and Sampson Colleges are both members of the Associated Colleges of Upper New York. Both have active Newman Clubs.

Father Cuddy is a former army chaplain; he served at Napier Field, Ala., for two years and in England, France and Bavaria with the ninth air force for two more years. He is an ardent promoter of the retreat movement, especially for servicemen and ex-servicemen.

Father Cuddy was assigned by the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, to the new parish at Sampson College last October. While in Germany he published three pamphlets for servicemen: "Collecing Letter," "Last Scrapes (new Theme," and "To the 52-%."

Among the newly elected members of the executive committee of the Champlain Newman Club is James R. Lansing, 14 Russell Street, Rochester.

# Birth Curb Bill Draws Protests

Danbury, Conn. — (NC) — The Knights of Columbus here have joined the growing protest of both Catholics and non-Catholics against an attempt by the Connecticut Legislature to lift restrictions on the dissemination of birth control information through passage of the Alsop bill.

The Knights reviewed the moral evils of birth control and warned that a spread of the practice threatens our national security by opening the way even further to race suicide. The resolutions passed by the Danbury K. of C. Council were aimed against the bill introduced into the State Assembly by Representative John Alsop of West Hartford, which would repeal Connecticut's 80-year-old law making it illegal to disseminate information on birth control under any circumstances.

# Sampson Service Aided by Guild In Seneca Falls

Seneca Falls — St. Patrick's Guild & Altar Society elected at their March meeting, to donate the sum of $50 a month for one year to the newly formed Community Service to Sampson. These contributions will be used by the organization for the purchase of materials for use by the veterans who are hospitalized at Sampson.

When the Veterans Administration took over the handling of affairs at Sampson, the Red Cross was called upon to look after the needs of the men through the local Chapter. Since it was a tremendous undertaking, a meeting of representatives of the various organizations was called and plans were formulated to take care of the recreational needs at Sampson.

Mrs. Howard Cardwell, E. Bayard St., was chosen President of the Community Service to Sampson.

Such articles as leather for making billfolds and various articles, old clocks and watches, Easter cards, Easter lillies for the Chapel, etc., are a few of the numerous things requested. Each month the Red Cross gives out a list of the articles asked for and the various organizations volunteer to either furnish them or contribute the money for the purchase of same.

The men who are "sweating out" their convalescence have nothing to take up their time through the long days and as an essential part of their recovery, their minds and hands need to be furnished with means of occupation.

# Warn Hollywood On Film Laxity

Hollywood — (NC) — Declaring that motion picture producers are becoming lax in adherence to standards of self-censorship, Eric A. Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association, is warning individual producers that unless they do so, they face the threat of censorship by the States and by foreign countries, according to Variety, widely circulated publication of the amusement field.

Mr. Johnston is being particularly emphatic in warning against giving offense to foreign customers. He is discussing not only the moral angle of the films, but those subjecting nationalities to ridiculous characterizations or situations. It is indicated that the warning is a direct result of Mr. Johnston's talks recently with President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall.

Pointing out that freedom of expression in honestly portraying American life is more essential today than ever before, Mr. Johnston wants the industry to de-emphasize drinking and sex.

# New Apparition of Mary Confirmed

Liege — (NC) — In honor of Our Lady of Banneux, a pastoral of Bishop Louis Kerkhofs of Liege has been read in all the Churches and Chapels of the diocese, reiterating the declaration of March 19, 1942, in which the apparitions of Our Lady of Banneux were recognized as worthy of devotion.

The letter also announced the proposed blessing on September 21 of the first stone of the spacious church to be erected on the spot of the apparitions. In 1931 Our Lady appeared to a child of the Louveigne village of Banneux, and proclaimed: "I am the Virgin of the Poor." A tiny chapel has been erected on the spot, and several convents have been built in the neighborhood since then.

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