

Bennett Heads Rochester Club at St. Bonaventure... ST. BONAVENTURE, N. Y.—William Bennett, 149 Longview terrace, was elected president of the St. Bonaventure College Rochester Club, it was announced today. He will head the

organization during the 1948-49 school term. Other officers elected include William Welder, 145 Meigs St., vice-president; Larry O'Brien of 156 Lexington, secretary, and John Fanning, 156 Genesee Park Blvd., treasurer.

### Priest in Memorial Day Message at Hornell Rites

Hornell—Our departed heroes ask us to fulfill our duties as American citizens, declared the Rev. Paul J. Gibbons, assistant pastor of St. Ann's Church, at the municipal Memorial Day exercises in Union Park.

Father Gibbons has appeared on the speakers platform at the Memorial Day exercises each of his four years in Hornell and has been principal speaker twice. The priest's address in part follows:

"Throughout our land these are days of homecomings. To every town and hamlet, to every city and village, the heroes of World War II are returning. But their homecoming is no signal for celebration, no occasion for rejoicing. Instead, their return means the reopening of old wounds and the sundering anew of hearts already broken. Only yesterday these heroes stood as we stand today, growing boys, strangers to war and its horrors. Now they are coming back to final rest beneath the grassy sod of the place they loved, where they had hoped to live, attain some small measure of success and happiness and die in peace and tranquility.

"During the war itself, as conflict after conflict produced huge lists of casualties, we had not time to evaluate fully our loss. But now as we see them return one by one, resting beneath the flag for which they died, the full import of our loss assaults us. With grief in our hearts and tears in our eyes we ask, 'For what was such a great price demanded?' These men left behind their desires and shelved their plans for the future that they might preserve that which is the central theme of American democracy—the sacred dignity and worth of every human being.

"These heroes died for a cause. They died for a principle which exalts the individual human being above any state. America came into being as the concrete expression of man's belief in his God-given rights as a person. Its Founding Fathers cast in an imperishable mold this principle when they wrote the Declaration of Independence and when they drew up the Constitution.

"This Memorial Day, then, is a day of tribute and a day of challenge. The tribute is from us to those who have died for the cause of America. The challenge is from them to us that we may live as true and loyal American citizens, faithful to our own God-given dignity and to the principles for which they died. From

### SWORN IN AS U.S. ENVOY



When Robert Butler (left) of St. Jude's parish, St. Paul, Minn., was sworn in as U. S. Ambassador to Cuba a few days ago, Justice Frank Murphy succeeded Mr. Butler's uncle, Justice Pierce Butler, on the high court. Ambassador Butler, who formerly served as U. S. envoy to Australia, is head of the Walter Butler Co., which constructed a number of Catholic Churches and educational institutions in various parts of the country. (NC Photos.)

Falrma Statue in West Africa  
Lisbon, Portugal—(NC)—The duplicate statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which has been on a pilgrimage through Europe and is now being taken through the Portuguese colonies in Africa, was greeted with airplanes dropping flowers on its arrival at Bissau, capital of Portuguese Guinea in west Africa.

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### Avon Society Commended For Social Work Program

Avon — Over 130 members of the St. Agnes Rosary Society gathered at the Tally-Ho Inn last week for the organization's annual banquet.

Miss Marjorie Howland of the Speakers Bureau, N.C.C.W., addressed the society, pointing out how closely related members are to the work of the social worker. Social work can be made the work of Christ and a work of real charity through this type of cooperation, Miss Howland said. Rev. Lawrence Sansom, moderator, introduced the speaker.

Past presidents of the organization were introduced from the speakers' table by Isabel Boden, president. These include: Mae Cullinan, Marion McLaughlin, Margaret McGinty, Mrs. Clarence Tighe, Mrs. Willis Henry, Mrs. Elizabeth Moran.  
Rev. Charles E. Muckle, pastor of St. Agnes Church, congratulated the society for its outstanding work in the parish, emphasizing the enormous responsibility of Catholic women in being a bul-

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### Newark Sodality To Fete Seniors

Newark—Members of Newark High School Senior Class will be guests of the members of St. Michael's Sodality Club at the second annual Senior Ball to be held in the church hall Friday, June 4 from 9 to 11.

A wishing well, containing a wish for each member of the class of 1948 will highlight the ball, according to Miss Elizabeth DePaauw, chairman of the decorating committee. Miss DePaauw states that a canvas will be used to form a tent-like roof and seats will be arranged in a circle around the wishing well in the center of the hall.

Other committee members, according to Ralph DeJohn, president, are: Wilbur DePaauw, orchestra; Eleanor Lyman and Anna Marchioli, refreshments; Michael DeJohn and James Hart, furniture; Joseph Crescibene and Jack LaClair, clean-up; Theresa Colacino, publicity.

Others wishing to attend may obtain tickets from any member of the Sodality Club or from William Noonan, Jr. and Don McFarlane.

The Caryl Roger Orchestra of Newark will provide the musical background.

### CDA Anniversary Dinner Held at Glen

Watkins Glen—The 27th Anniversary banquet of Court Lourdes, No. 628, Catholic Daughters of America, also marking the 45th National Anniversary of the CDA, was enjoyed at the American Legion Home, here, May 18.

Principal speaker was the Rev. Benedict Ehmman, pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen and chaplain of the Court. Benediction was given by the Rev. Daniel Hogan of St. Mary's.

Miss Margaret Barrett district deputy of Corning talked on promoting the American Bill of Rights. Miss Naomi Ashley was toastmistress. Miss Zita Clark, grand regent, welcomed the guests.

Other courts represented were those from Elmira, Corning and Addison. Entertainment was furnished by the Misses Florence Del Rosso, Betty Bassett and Josephine Del-Rosso.

Committee in charge consisted of the Misses Alice Quirk, Sara, Margaret Sullivan, Naomi Ashley, and Mesdames Amelia Williams, Zita Clark and Kathleen Worth.

### Summer Dances Set By Immaculate Youth

With the presentation of an old clothes dance Friday evening, June 11, the youth committee of Immaculate Conception Church inaugurates a summer schedule of Immaculate Friday Night Inter-High Dances.

Miss Louise Woodard and Miss Arlene Feeley, both of Mercy High School, have been named co-chairmen of this old clothes dancing party.

New cooling features have been added to the spacious basement auditorium of the Immaculate Club for the summer dances. Joe Nolan and his orchestra, with Margo Porzell, vocalist, has been engaged for another year.

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