

At St. Paul's . . .

'The Soiree's the Thing'

Webster—Your parish looking for some way to build community spirit? St. Paul's council was in a similar position and



Wed 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Costello, 9 Myrtle Ave. Auburn, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary April 4 with a Mass at St. Aloysius Church. The Papal blessing was bestowed by Father Edward Shamon, pastor. A reception followed at The Grand hall given by their children, Police Chief John Costello, William and Thomas Costello and Mrs. John Rusin. They were married April 4, 1921 in St. Aloysius Church by Father John McGrath. They have 28 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They received a congratulatory message from Bishop Hogan.

Aquinas Sets Open House, Band Concert

Father Albert Gaelens, principal of Aquinas Institute, has invited the public to an open house at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 24, to see the results of a two-year \$700,000 renovation program.

The whole interior of the building has been done over, with new floors, furniture, lighting and plumbing.

At 8:15, the school band will give its Spring concert in the refurbished auditorium. The '84 Aquinas musicians, directed by Alfred Fabrizio, will be assisted by 10 girls from Nazareth Academy.

St. Anthony's Day Fund-raiser Set

The Holy Cross celebration of St. Anthony's Day June 12 gets started this Sunday, April 25, with the 11th annual money raising spaghetti dinner.

Dinner will be served from 1 until 6 p.m. in Holy Cross Hall, Latta Road off Lake. Tickets will be sold at the door or may be reserved through 663-0950, evenings after 6.

Meanwhile, parade units are asked to sign up with Art DeMatteo, 865-2292. Peter DeMatteo is general chairman of the 59th St. Anthony festival, which will follow a traditional format, including morning church ceremonies, and evening parade and fireworks at Ontario Beach Park.

KING FERRY SERIES

King Ferry—The Adult Education Series sponsored by the Rural Education Center here will feature a discussion of "The Adult Approach to the Eucharist" by Father David Simon from St. Patrick's in Victor. The first talk will be Thursday, April 22 at the King Ferry parish hall at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be repeated Monday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Isaac Jogues Chapel Hall at Fleming.

came up with a solution—the "soiree."

St. Paul's soiree (standing for "socializing over an interesting, rewarding encounter") has social, liturgical and intellectual dimensions.

Open to adults in the parish, a soiree consists of dinner and social hour in the parish center, guest speaker and a discussion. The event concludes with the celebration of the Eucharist.

Since its inception in 1969, the semiannual event has grown steadily in popularity. Last October's affair, for example, drew 70 couples, or more than a third of the congregation of 400.

What is the secret of the soiree's success? Sister Marie Lynch, SSJ, religious education coordinator at St. Paul's, feels that several factors are involved.

"First of all, soirees offer parishioners a chance to socialize, while at the same time giving them an opportunity to become informed on issues of particular interest to Christians today.

"The fact that dinners are simple—only \$5 per couple—also makes the soiree attractive."

Guest speakers have been Father John Hempel, director of the Office of Human Development, Sister Mary Sullivan, RSM, professor of English at RIT, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Florack.

Nationally famous theologian, Father Charles Curran, will speak at St. Paul's next soiree, on Saturday, April 24. Father Curran, professor at Catholic University, Washington, D.C., will discuss development in moral theology.



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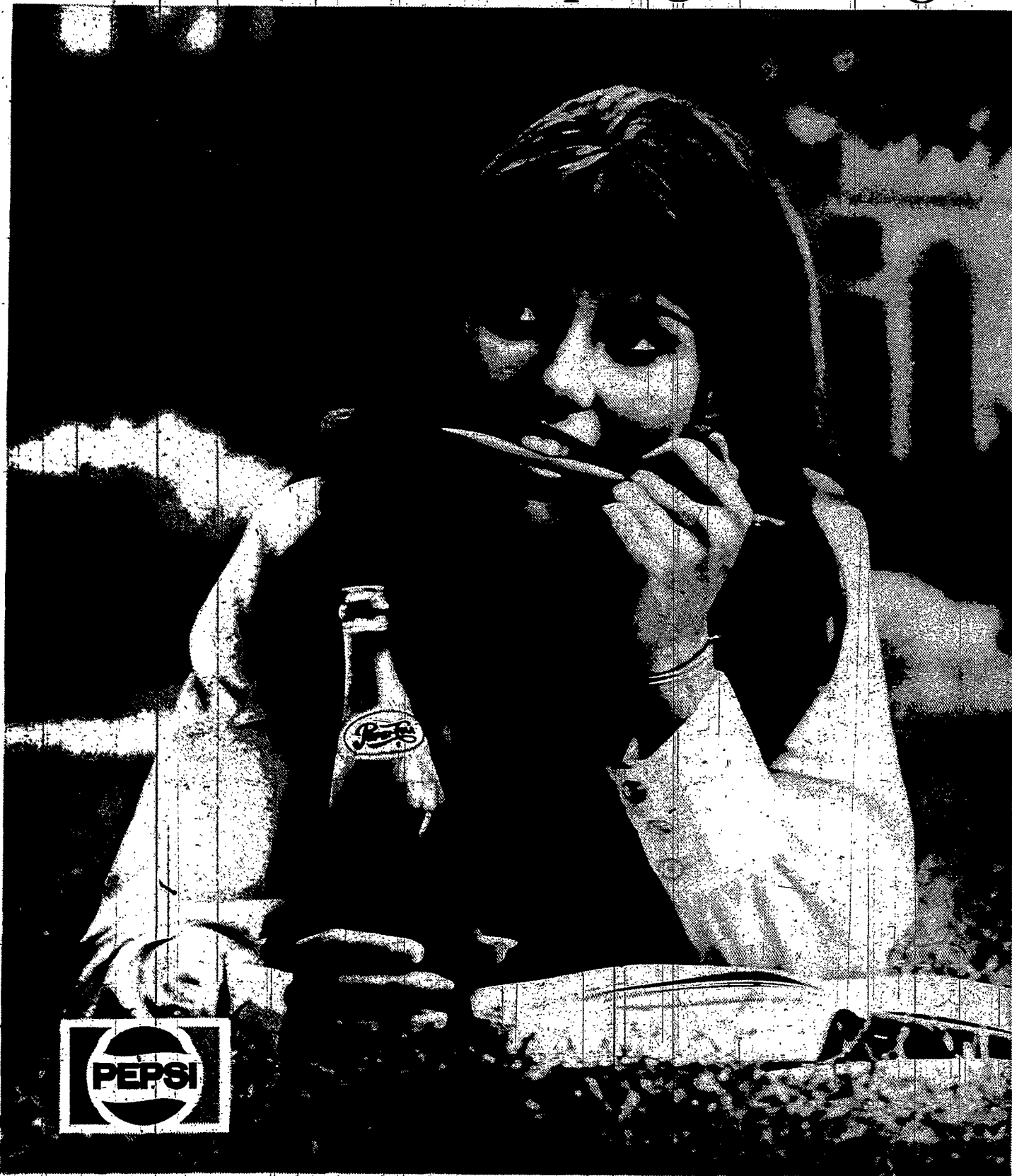
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