



Auburn Citizen-Advertiser Photo

Frank "Cannonball" Lenini is the football hero in this Memory Lane scene coming May 10 and 11 to the stage of Auburn High School. The cheerleaders in the St. Francis Minstrel Association show are, from the left, Yvonne McGraw, Lee Dillon, Antoinette Simone and Angela Saltarello.

## St. Francis Players in 36th Year

Auburn—The St. Francis Minstrel Association probably is unique in these times, if only by virtue of its long survival. The annual stage show due at Auburn High School May 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. will mark the association's 36th year of performing for the benefit of St. Francis Church.

It all began in the woman's organization, the St. Francis Sodality, in 1935. All performers were women, until the all-male organization, the Friars Club, decided to get into the

act. The Friars joined the sodality troupe to create the St. Francis Minstrel Association. Annual performances ceased only during World War II and were revived with renewed vigor at the war's end.

The association is actually a year-around organization with a chairman and vice chairman and social gatherings throughout the year. As membership is open, it reaches beyond-parish boundaries to bring together those interested in supporting St. Francis Church and those

who enjoy welding together ideas, music and material. From this group of performers a number of volunteers are found to do shows at veterans' hospitals.

The association puts on the old traditional style minstrel show every other year, alternating with a revue. The original material is by the group. In the 1960s, the husband and wife team of Mike and Ida Cervo took over the musical directorship.

A "Memory Lane" that takes in scenes from Italy years ago will be the subject of this year's show.

## Hornell Hospital Host To Financial Seminar

Hornell—Seventy-five persons working in financial management of hospitals in the Rochester Regional Hospital Council attended a seminar of the Hospital Financial Management Association last week at DeSales Hall, hosted by St. James Mercy Hospital.

David Houghton, business manager of the local hospital was chairman of the day-long session. He welcomed the group and introduced the speakers.

"Engineering Applications in Financial Management" was the program for the morning session. John J. Dunne, associate director, Leonard B. Fox III, project engineer, and James E. Magenis, senior project engineer, of the Hospital Financial Management Association, were on a panel.

The afternoon session was devoted to a review of the proposed upstate, six-region "Hospital Association, negotiating Speakers included James Bartlett, M.D., chairman, State Hospital Association, Negotiating committee; George B. Allen, executive vice president, State Hospital Association, and Richard L. Epstein, Harry Beach & Wilcox Law Firm.

A proposed uniform contract has been developed by the association's upstate Negotiating Committee, and is designed to provide an agreement that each hospital could sign with their Blue Cross plan. Presently, there are seven different contracts, and it is felt that adoption of the proposed contract will constitute the first uniform contract between Blue Cross and member hospitals which will unify the approach to the types of service offered, levels of care, and mean a consistency in reimbursement.

The program included a business meeting of the HEMA and

a luncheon served by the dietary department of the hospital.

Represented were Arnold Gregory Memorial Hospital, Albion; Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital, Elmira; Bethesda Community Hospital, Hornell; Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic, Clifton Springs; Corning Hospital, Corning; Dansville Memorial Hospital, Dansville; F.F. Thompson Hospital, Canandaigua; Geneva General Hospital, Geneva; Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville; Lakeside Memorial Hospital, Brockport.

Lyons Community Hospital, Lyons; Meyers Community Hospital, Sodus; St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira; Schuyler Hospital, Montour Falls; Seneca Falls Hospital, Seneca Falls; Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital, Penn Yan; Taylor Brown Memorial Hospital, Waterloo; the Genesee Hospital, Highland Hospital, Monroe Community Hospital, Park Avenue Hospital, Rochester General Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, all of Rochester, and St. James Mercy Hospital.

## Lions Raise Money For Hospital

The "Lights on for the Blind" dance that the Henrietta Lions Club gave in February raised \$1,000 for the ophthalmology department at St. Mary's Hospital.

President-elect James Hart and two other incoming officers, W. Edward Woodams and Glen Stevens, presented the money Monday to Dr. Samuel J. Ianacone, ophthalmology chief, and William J. Reardon, hospital administrator.

They explained that a 15-piece orchestra had contributed to the profits by playing without pay at the fairgrounds dance last Feb. 27.

## Major Decision Due At Presbyterian Meet

Major decisions regarding both the substance and the style of work done by the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., will be made at the denomination's 183rd General Assembly (1971), meeting in Rochester this month.

The General Assembly, highest legislative body of the 3.1 million-member denomination, is scheduled in the War Memorial Auditorium from May 17 to 26. About 2,000 persons including 799 commissioners (voting delegates) from throughout the country will attend.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will participate in an ecumenical service as part of the assembly on May 23 at the War Memorial.

Among topics are:

- A draft plan of union for rejoining the United Presbyterian Church and the southern-based Presbyterian Church U.S.

The plan is to be submitted for study, comments, and recommendations by members of both denominations, which have been separated since the Civil War era.

- A proposed statement on the Indochina war. The United Presbyterian Council on Church and Society and a Task Force on Indochina jointly have agreed that a small drafting group will prepare the statement, for consideration by the Assembly.

- Drug abuse, including proposals for an ecumenical conference on ministry to drug abusers and efforts to curb production and distribution of illicit drugs.

- The role of women in the church, including a proposal for regulations requiring that at least half of all the lay persons in the church's national boards and agencies be women.

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