



Planning Century Club dinner-dance are Joseph L. Weckesser, Charles M. Bayer, Brother Lawrence Killelea (moderator), Lou Basso and Dr. Angelo Bianchi.

Basilio to Be Kearney Speaker

Carmen Basilio, former world's welterweight and middleweight champion, will be guest speaker at the eighth annual membership dinner-dance of the Century Club of Bishop Kearney High School to be held at the Party House on Feb. 28.

Basilio fought his way out of Central New York's onion fields to become one of America's most respected sports champions. One of nine children, he learned to fight at an early age, winning

several Upstate New York titles before joining the U.S. Marine Corps and serving in the Pacific War theater.

He fought 75 professional fights, beating the likes of Ray Robinson and Kid Gavilan.

He's as quick with a quip as he was with his fists, and to prove he can keep up with the youngsters, he teaches physical education at LeMoyne College and serves as a very active member of Genesee

Beer's sports advisory staff.

The BK Century Club has over 140 local business and professional men as members. Their prime purpose is to aid in reducing tuition to the high school. The Century Club holds a single social event each year. This year's arrangements are being coordinated by Joseph Mileo and Robert Roth.

Bishop James E. Kearney and Brother William Stoldt, principal of the school, are invited guests of honor. Toastmaster will be Dr. Angelo Bianchi.

BONA GRADS PLAN FETE

The Rochester chapter of the St. Bonaventure University Alumni Association will hold a dinner and reception March 8 for the university president, Very Rev. Damian McElrath, OFM. Dinner is scheduled for 8 p.m. at Ridgmont Country Club, West Ridge Road. Cocktails will be served at 7. Alumni, students and parents are invited. Further information is available from Jack Gertner, 385-1582, or Parker Small, 334-2491.

Look to Future, Principals Told

In a semi-retreat atmosphere the Diocesan Department of Education conducted its Principals Workshop at the Notre Dame Retreat House Feb. 12-14.

It was a special program offered to elementary and secondary school principals to give them a perspective into the various changes and dilemmas confronting education today. Sister James Lynch, coordinator of diocesan educational services, explained the workshops as "an effort to stand back from the scene of confusion and re-energize their spirit so they can move through the demands and changes in education."

Father Alfred McBride, O. Praem., religious education

specialist on the staff of the National Catholic Education Association, was guest speaker. Father McBride reminded those present they were religious as well as secular educators. He also emphasized that as leaders they had to know how to deal with people, which means the implementation of three important factors: the stressing of cooperation rather than competition; motivating people by understanding their needs, and the human touch.

Father McBride also stressed the vision concept: "think wildly... think ahead 10 years to what you will be teaching and plan accordingly." He told his listeners, "a good leader is a good future planner."



Inspirational Afternoon

Fathers William Poorten, SJ, Joseph DeMaio, O. Carm, and William McCusker, SJ, will speak on Possessions, Christian Marriage and Worship at an "Inspirational Afternoon" hosted by the McQuaid Parents Club, Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. at McQuaid Jesuit High School. The program will conclude with a Mass at 5 p.m. The public is invited.

IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

The group will consist of eight congressmen and seven presidential appointees. It will be called the National Gambling Commission and it will convene soon in Washington. One of its main purposes is to shape new government policies on sports betting.

Now this could be very good, or it could be very bad. Normally, when the government wanders onto the gambling scene it blows up a terrible blunder. Off Track Betting in New York State is a classic example. The volume is only a fraction of what it could be without that abortive 5 per cent surcharge, which coupled with the extra breakage, means the OTB customers are giving up about 25 per cent. How many hours of poker would you play if the house cut 25 per cent every deal?

Several years ago a survey revealed that 1 of every 11 adults in America wagered something — maybe only tomorrow's coffee and doughnuts, but something — on Monday night TV football games. That is a lot of people betting a whole bunch of bread.

A New York Times survey recently suggested that betting on team sports — all of which is illegal — amounted to about \$50 billion a year. Who's about to argue with the figure? But how about this note from the same New York Times survey? "Bookie service offers credit, good odds, a reasonable takeout."

I hope the National Gambling Commission does not take the Times report as gospel. Good odds may be interpreted many ways. While the track pays actual odds, and OTB takes too big a slice, the bookmaker on racing sets limits. It varies in Mexico, Canada and in different States of the Union, but the wizards of odds have limits. They vary from 20 to 1 to 15 to 1 against a winning horse, which means the

track odds might return \$158 for \$2, but the most you'll get from your bartender or elevator operator or whoever your bookie's runner is, will be either \$42 or \$32 for \$2.

Daily Doubles and other exotic wagers are reduced in payoffs, also. So the book takes a large lead off first base in racing, the Times notwithstanding.

Now about those football odds? Most big books are content with dealing point spreads against simple head-to-head odds. You want Pittsburgh against Minnesota, you give 2-1/2 points, and you bet \$1.15 against every \$1 of the bookie's. All he wants is that 15-cent vigorish, only 10 cents in the cases of big players.

What I would like the congressional and presidential people to open with, before they worry about quarterbacks being contaminated or umpires being bribed, is the weekend football card.

This is a form of grand larceny that has been inflicted on the public for three decades. It looks minor to authorities because the cards can be played for as little as a dollar a throw.

The backers of these football cards should get life and throw away the key, for what they do to their customers. They are inclined to offer you "8 for 5" if you pick one winner, which means they are offering you 60 cents on the dollar. They offer you "4 for 1" for picking three winners, which should be "7 to 1" and not "4 to 1." The word "for" means the odds actually are only 3 to 1.

They will be happy to pay you 8 for 1 for an actual 15 to 1 proposition, and some cards have the gall to offer 100 to 1 against picking 10 winners. The actual odds are 1,024 to 1. That's one thousand and twenty four to one.

That's not all. You can get reduced odds if you take an escape clause, "Ties don't lose." Let the National Gambling Commission start with this incredible swindle, then work its way up. And don't think it's penny ante. One estimate puts the football parlay card handle at \$200 million a week. When did you last hear of an arrest for peddling or selling these impossible-to-beat tickets? Let the National Gambling Commission please start at the bottom. With those innocent looking weekly football cards.

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