



Members of the Catholic Womens Club planning their upcoming banquet are, from left, Mrs. John J. McLaughlin, CWC president; Mrs. Louis J. Teall, co-author of the club's 60-year history; and Mrs. Lewis J. Boyce, toastmistress.

CWC Banquet Slated May 13

Officers of the Catholic Women's Club for 1980-81 will be installed at a dinner on Tuesday, May 13. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Hill Country Club. Reservations are required.

The Catholic Women's

Effective Living Set At Cenacle

A program based on the principles of the nationally acclaimed Effective Living Seminar will be offered at the Cenacle Renewal Center, May 9-11. According to Carolyn Schulte of the center, a limited number of places are available for the event. The program is open to persons of all faiths and consists of lectures interspersed with time for reflection and discussion on developing one's potential. Techniques are taught which help overcome negative habit patterns and attitudes. Further information on the weekend is available at the Cenacle, 963 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14607; (716) 271-8755.

'Choice' Set At St. Patrick

Seneca Falls — St. Patrick's Church is offering "Choice," a weekend program for young single adults on June 6-8. According to an announcement in the parish newsletter, "The Patrician," the weekend is "intended to help single young adults recognize and rejoice in the gift they are to our Church, and to the world." Leading the program will be Bud and Mary Stowell, Father Michael Bausch, Steve Miskel and Sister Chris Lloyd.

Religious Ed Plans Workshop Sessions

The Office of Religious Education is sponsoring a two-session workshop for parents and teachers of preschool and kindergarten children, May 14 and 21, 7:30-10 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy School, 600 Denise Road. The workshop is open to both CCD and parochial school teachers.

Father David Gaesser, a psychologist experienced on this level of religious education, will give the

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, on First Friday, May 2, following the 9 a.m. Mass. A rosary is recited at 9:45 a.m.

Club began with six members in 1919. It now has 800 members. The group's purpose is "to unite women of similar aims and ideals to work together for the good of the community," according to a CWC press release.

The group sponsors fund raising, social and religious activities. It also provides partial scholarships to girls in Catholic high schools.

Those interested in attending the dinner may call 275-9173 or 271-7140 for reservations.

Cubans 'Voting with Their Feet'

By Martin Toombs
Southern Tier Editor

Ithaca — "Nobody flees what is good," an early Cuban revolutionary told an audience of more than 200 persons at Cornell University April 17. Only for a "powerful reason" would 10,000 Cubans seeking to leave their country flock to the Peruvian Embassy as they did recently in Havana, said Huber Matos, a leader of the Cuban revolution who later was jailed by Castro for treason.

What happened at the embassy is a "dramatic move of thousands of people leaving everything behind" to seek freedom, Matos said through a translator.

Their action, for which there is "no precedent in all human history," the prisoner of 20 years said, "shows the degree of desperation of the Cuban people," and is a "large NO" to 20 years under Fidel Castro.

The Cuban people have not been able to elect a government through free elections, Matos noted, so now they "have voted with

their feet by entering the Peruvian Embassy."

Appearing fit in a three-piece gray suit, Matos spoke for more than an hour with a humor that brought laughter from those in the audience who understood Spanish, and with emotion that caused him at times to forget to pause to allow his words to be translated.

A leader of the revolution that overthrew Batista and installed Castro as Cuba's leader, Matos related how he and his forces overcame great odds in defeating the regular army, noting especially that his forces had the support of the people, for "we represented their hope," he said.

And on Jan. 1, 1959, when the new regime took over, it was a "victory of the people" and the new government was accepted by the people, he said.

Then, he said, Castro "began to play with the communists," giving them high positions in the military. Most influential in that drift were Castro's brother Raul, he said, and Che Guevara. They got

more communists involved in the government, he said, and Castro "let them do it."

Then serving as military governor of Camaguey province, Matos protested to Fidel and was told "it would be worked out."

Matos commented that while the military phase of the revolution had to be led by one man, the government was not for "one person to manipulate as private property."

"You know the rest," Matos concluded.

Matos resigned his post, and was arrested for treason, placed in a punishment cell three feet wide and nine feet long, with a boarded-up window and no electric light. He spent three months there before standing trial.

After his conviction and sentence to 20 years, of which he served every day, he spent five years in an underground punishment cell because he refused to cooperate with prison authorities.

He was released in October 1979.

During the 20 years he spent in prison many improvements were made in Cuba, Matos said. There are more schools, he noted, but they are not used to train "free thinkers," but "loyal followers of the communist regime." There are more fishing boats, he agreed, "but all the good fish is sold to other countries" while Cubans don't have enough to eat.

And, he pointed out, there have been thousands of political prisoners and "one million people have left the island."

Matos also mourned the loss, once again, of Cuban independence, this time to the Soviet Union. "The title of puppet fits him (Castro) very well," he stated.

Matos said that the United States should not re-establish trade or diplomatic ties with Cuba, and should work to inform Cubans of what it is to live in a democracy. Cubans also need to know, he said, that if they rise up against Castro, they won't be "obliterated" as the Hungarian people were in 1956.



The Happy Times

Nancy Roselli, at the piano, and Barbara Kircher rehearse with Father William O'Malley in preparation for the McQuaid Parent's Club annual Spring musical entitled "The Happy Time." The event will be in the school hall on May 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. The parents will perform a series of skits reminiscent of their school days and commemorating the 25th anniversary of McQuaid. Tables set for groups of eight or 10 are available and all reservations may be made by calling the school at 473-1130. Tickets at the door will be \$2, and a cash bar will be provided.

'Church' Theme

Horseheads — The Church Women United Spring Fellowship Day will be

Friday, May 2, beginning at noon at St. Mary Our Mother Church. Participants are invited to bring a lunch.

Marian Devotions Highlight Month

Mrs. Mary Kelly, the local head of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, announced last week a number of activities during May, a month traditionally emphasizing devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

The Blue Army will hold an evening vigil of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, beginning at 9 p.m. on

Parish Celebration Continues

Father Sebastian Congiaco, CPPS, pastor emeritus of the Church of the Most Precious Blood, was presented a plaque recently which commemorated the parish's 50th anniversary. The plaque listed the names of the four pastors who have served the parish throughout its history.

The 50th celebration will continue this Sunday, May 4, with an anniversary Mass, celebrated by Bishop Matthew Clark. The Mass is at 12:15 and Bishop Clark will bless the anniversary plaque.

May 1, in Holy Rosary Church. The devotions will be led by Father Gerard Guli and Father Richard Shatzel.

On Sunday, May 4, Mrs. Kelly said, about 700 persons will participate in a prayer march, beginning at the Liberty Pole in downtown Rochester at 2:30 p.m. The intent of the march is to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. The march route is about a mile long and will take about 20 minutes to complete.

Mrs. Kelly said that similar marches will be taking place across the country and in several foreign countries at the same time.

She also noted that a limited number of seats are available on a charter bus pilgrimage to Washington, N.J., and Allentown, Pa. The pilgrimage will be visiting the national headquarters of the Blue Army, and a center for devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Further information on all of the events is available by contacting Mrs. Kelly, (716) 586-1664.

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