

Chest Group To Visit at La Salle

The special gifts committee of the Albany Community Chest will visit one of the 33 agencies at a kickoff luncheon Monday in LaSalle School, 391 Western Ave.

Community Chest

AGENCY NO. 1
Albany Home for Children, founded 121 years ago, is a private nonsectarian institution for children more than 2 years old. The home, set up on the cottage plan, receives placements through public and private agencies.
Children living at the home attend public schools and churches of their denominations. Activities include medical and dental care and full-time service of a social worker. Average population is 120 children. Of the total annual budget of \$111,104 the Chest contributes \$18,287, or 16.4 per cent.

Lester Herzog Jr. is committee chairman.
Volunteer co-chairmen are City Court Judge George Myers and the Rev. John J. Hart, executive director of Catholic Charities.

Team captains of the 100-member group include Harry W. Albright, William Barnett 2d, Harold E. Deuel, M. Michel Dobris, the Rev. Harold J. Hinds, James Hughes, Peter J. Kiernan Jr., Ira Mendelson, William Robinson, Edward N. Scherberling, Mrs. J. Vanderbill, Thomas B. Wheeler Jr. and George W. Wriston.
The special gifts committee will make 1,042 calls, starting Monday to complete its phase of the campaign before the chest drive begins Oct. 18. A goal of \$225,000 has been set for the campaign.

Reich Arming 'Reasonable,' Acheson Says

Washington (UP)—Secretary of State Acheson said today Western Germany should be allowed to participate in Western Europe's increased defense efforts.
He said Western Europe must do vastly more in the next year to rearm. He told a news conference it is highly desirable that West German people and authorities participate in the defense effort. He pointed out they live in the area the democracies want to defend.
His remarks were made when he was told John J. McCloy, U. S. high commissioner to Germany, suggested yesterday Western Germans must be allowed to defend themselves "in some manner."

Mr. Acheson said McCloy was stating an obvious and proper objective.
America's object, he said, is a strong Western Europe and Western Germany lives in that area.
He said Western European members of the North Atlantic Pact had hardly begun to make the increase in military strength that is necessary.
He said the first year of the North Atlantic Pact had been spent drawing plans and that next year members must do in the next year is get forces allocated for defense.
These and other problems will be discussed at the Big Three foreign ministers meeting in New York beginning Tuesday, he said.

Albany Housewife with Nijmegen 'Ties' Learns Her 3-Year 'Marshall Plan' Worked--Wonders

An Albany housewife has just received a firsthand account of the gratitude of five Dutch families she "adopted" during Albany's aid-to-Nijmegen program three years ago.

Ever since she received letters of thanks from the five Nijmegen families who received her original gifts of clothes and food during Albany's citywide assistance operation, Mrs. Louis Burger, 24 Fleetwood Ave., has continued to send packages to her correspondents on a monthly basis.

Yesterday she was visited by her aunt, Mrs. William Radner of Holyoke, Mass., just returned from a five-month European tour which included a five-day visit to her niece's Nijmegen "kin."

"Never in my life have I seen such unbounded and enthusiastic gratitude and deep feeling expressed as that of Sylvia's Nijmegen families during our first meeting," Mrs. Radner related. "As her aunt, I was the recipient of their pent-up emotions and thanks of the past three years. She is 'Aunt Sylvia' to all of them and they look upon her as one of their own."

During the three years Mrs. Burger continued her one-woman Marshall Plan project, a voluminous two-way correspondence has been maintained between Nijmegen and 21 Fleetwood Ave. The five Dutch families include nine adults and 17 children and Mrs. Burger has become a confidante to the former and a fairy-godmother to the latter.

Two-way "Procession" of gifts been all one way. Within their limited means as normalcy returned to their homeland, the Dutch families have sent a shower of gratitude gifts to their Albany benefactress. Included among the quantity of handmade household linens and other gifts are two handwrought objects d'art which had been in the keeping of one family over 100 years, an indication of the esteem in which Mrs. Burger is held by her "kin" abroad.

Mrs. Radner arrived in the Hague July 6 and was met by the son of a Nijmegen couple befriended by her niece. He escorted her to Nijmegen, three hours



The Knickerbocker News Photo
Mrs. Louis Burger, 24 Fleetwood Ave., left, who has maintained a one-woman Marshall Plan for five Nijmegen families three years, receives a first-hand account of her Dutch 'relatives' gratitude from her aunt, Mrs. William Radner, Holyoke, Mass., who recently visited the Dutch city. Mrs. Radner holds a copy of the Nijmegen "Dagblad," which featured an article on her visit as a representative of the Albany benefactress. Mrs. Burger shows some of the gratitude gifts she has received from her 'kin' overseas.

distance by train, where the five families had a joint reception for her.

"The enthusiasm of that reception was impossible to describe. I felt as though I were a royal visitor," Mrs. Radner narrated. "It was not until later that I learned that all the working people in the group had specially arranged to take time off from their jobs for the occasion. One man, whose wife is a tuberculosis patient, had even arranged for her to leave the sanitarium for the day."

I also found out the five families had not known each other until they got together to plan my Nijmegen visit. I spent a day at the home of each family and they had arranged my schedule so that each day's itinerary was a different one."

The Dutch Friends
"Everyone in Holland uses a bicycle for travel and they rarely do any walking. Since I can't ride a bicycle, I'm afraid Sylvia's 'relatives' did more walking dur-

British Radio Lectures Go in Only One Ear

Birmingham, England.—(AP)—Half of Britain's radio listeners never understand the lectures broadcast by the British Broadcasting Company, a psychologist reported today.
Prof. Philip Vernon of London University reported the results of his survey of 1,600 representative listeners at the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Popular lectures on a wide variety of subjects are regular features of BBC, Mr. Vernon said 56 per cent of the listeners with average intelligence failed to grasp any of the main points.
Talks scheduled tonight: "The Nature of the Universe; No. 1—'Continuum Creation,' and 'Academic Elephantiasis.'"

VFW Party to Benefit LaChance Building Fund

Edward A. Day Post, VFW, will sponsor a game party for benefit of the Harvey LaChance building fund at 8:30 p. m. Friday in its most rooms, 122 N. Pearl St. The benefit will be given in cooperation with Buco-McTague Post, American Legion, which is conducting a campaign to complete payment on a home for M. LaChance, Albany's only paraplegic veteran.

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to the city. "Aunt Sylvia's Dutch friends escorted Mrs. Radner on an extensive tour of their area. Points she visited included the American cemetery and the Open Air Exposition at Arnhem, the Rotterdam Exposition and the Hague.

On Road to Recovery

The Dutch are well on the road to recovery from the war, according to Mrs. Radner's observations, and foodstuffs and clothing seem plentiful now. Of all the European nations she visited, she thought the Dutch most appreciative and understanding of American assistance. Mrs. Burger's gifts have kept pace with Holland's progress toward recovery and her packages to Nijmegen now contain more minor luxuries such as candies, coffee and sugar than the basic items sent earlier.

The Nijmegen families had planned for Mrs. Radner's visit long in advance and on her arrival presented her with a large hand-painted plate with appropriate sentiments of welcome inscribed on both sides.

"I have done some work with charitable organizations at home in Holyoke," said Mrs. Radner, "but I've never witnessed such whole-hearted and unintermittent generosity as Sylvia here as maintained with these Dutch families. She deserves a world of credit. She has built international good will in a practical and lasting way."

Mrs. Burger, who has three sons of her own, looks upon her Nijmegen friends as "family" and doesn't feel her gifts to Holland come under the heading of charity. She believes that she, too, has benefited from the link established across the Atlantic.

"Two years ago, I was very ill and had to undergo two serious operations. I was deluged with letters from my Dutch relatives and the children told me their classes were saying prayers for my recovery. You know, I believe that had a lot to do with my recovery. I was very touched," Mrs. Burger recalled.

Mail from Abroad

Mrs. Burger interrupted the interview a moment to answer the doorbell. She returned with a handful of mail that had just been delivered and quickly opened one with a Dutch postmark. Her face beamed as she turned to her aunt, "What wonderful news," she exclaimed. "Anna has been released from the hospital."

Anna is her Dutch friend who was confined to the tuberculosis sanitarium. To a considerable extent, Anna's recovery was probably due to her three years' efforts.

When will Mrs. Burger visit her Nijmegen families? "I don't know. It's something I've looked forward to for a long time. I hope to go there some day." "Whenever she does go to Nijmegen, there will probably be bands at the station and a reception that will be a wonder to see," observed Mrs. Radner.

Civil Service Group Backs MacDonald

Francis A. MacDonald, Warwick, has been nominated for president of the Civil Service Employees Association, Miss Charlotte M. Clapper, association secretary, announced today.

Mr. MacDonald, who was nominated through independent petitions circulated by a 16-member committee, will oppose the regular nominee, Jesse B. McFarland, Albany, who was given official association endorsement Aug. 2. A minimum of 2,500 signatures was required to nominate Mr. MacDonald, an association vice-president.

Complete results of independent nominating efforts will be announced by the association tomorrow. If successful:

Reginald L. Stark, president of the Clinton State Prison chapter, will be pitted against John Powers for first vicepresident. Mr. Powers is the regular designated candidate.

Fred J. Krumann, of Syracuse, will seek the second vicepresidency in opposition to Raymond Munroe, Rochester. Harry Swartz, Buffalo, will make a three-cornered race for fifth vicepresident against Dr. David Schneider, incumbent, and Joseph Feily, both of Albany.

5 Red Wings Named Stars

New York (UP)—Five Rochester players gave the 1950 International League all-star team a distinct Red Wing tint today.

The all star team was selected by the I. L. Baseball Writers Association. Pitcher Tom Poholsky, voted the league's most valuable player last week, polled the most votes, being named on 34 out of 35 ballots.

Named to the team and their last official averages:
Manager—Joe Becker, Jersey City.
1B—Don Bollweg, Rochester, .320.
2B—Pete Pavlek, Jersey City, .276.
3B—Don Richmond, Rochester, .338.
SS—Don Richmond, Rochester, .318.
OF—Russ Derry, Rochester, .228; Hal Rice, Rochester, .310; Don Thompson, Montreal, .317.
C—Clyde Klutz, Baltimore, .291.
HR—Tom Poholsky, Rochester, 18-6.
LH—Bill Kennedy, Baltimore, 14-9.

HOME BUREAU TO MEET

The West Albany Railroad YMCA Home Bureau will conduct its first meeting of the season at 10 a. m. tomorrow at the West Albany Y.

WISCONSIN EDITOR DIES

Wausau, Wis.—(AP)—Mark R. Byers, 58, managing editor of the Wausau Record-Herald and widely known Wisconsin newspaper columnist, died today.

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