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COURT COMMENTS

AQUINAS INSTITUTE
After last week's loss to the Albion High team, the Aquinas basketball team last Wednesday (7-2) the second game of the season.

The Holy Family team was composed of an all-veteran outfit and proved their mettle against the Albion team.

On December 16, the Learymen will stack up against the Alumni of years gone by in a tilt that is usually quite the game of the year.

On December 21, the most ardent rivalry between the Irish and C. B. A. will be renewed on the court.

The first game against Albion showed the Irish lacked experience against the tricky maneuvers of the Albion lads.

In the second half Albion concentrated on defense and proved themselves practically invulnerable.

The play was under the direction of Miss Mary I. Tobin, president of the Blackfriars Guild.

Scenes in the play were presented in the Garden in the Home for Aged Men at Alameda Street, N. Y.

A separate cast appeared in each act to assist "Sister Gracia".

CIA TEAM
Columbus Youth Association Basketball Team has just been formed.

Players lined up for games are: Joseph J. Kiebler, J. Spinger and Callahan, with Jack Kennedy and Harold Reif coaching.

Games are scheduled for Saturday mornings at 11 o'clock in the Columbus Civic Center gym.

Any teams in the 17-year-old class desiring games with the CIA Team may contact Harold Reif, Stone 3492.

DESALES HIGH
From down Geneva way the locals dropped a one-point decision to the strong Penfield quintet.

The locals displayed frequent outbursts of speed and sharpshooting ability but could not overcome the visitors.

It was a thriller right down to the whistle as Lungo tossed in a shot at the last second of play.

Play jumped to the final seconds and LaVore scored the Irish with nine and seven points respectively.

HOLY FAMILY HIGH
At Auburn, the Rev. John J. Healy, director of athletics at Holy Family High School, announced the completed fixtures for the schedule.

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ST STEPHEN'S PRO
The St. Stephen's Pro Basketball Club is pleased to announce the opening of the season.

The club will play its home games at the St. Stephen's Pro Basketball Club.

LOYOLA FOOTBALL COACH
HANDS IN RESIGNATION
LOS ANGELES—Tom Lieb, football coach and Athletic Director of the University of Loyola here, has handed in his resignation.

Lieb, in the nine years which followed his departure as assistant coach from Notre Dame, had brought Loyola forward from a position virtually unheard of in the football world on the Pacific Coast and South.

Capacity Crowds Acclaim Second Blackfriar Play

The wide influence exerted by a determined nun, strong in her vocation, over lives of those coming under her care was strikingly portrayed in the Blackfriars Guild production "The Kingdom of God," presented four times last week at Blessed Sacrament Auditorium.

In the role of Sister Gracia, around whom the drama by G. Martinez Sierra revolves, Amy Lavigne Edulmanston well known in Rochester dramatic circles turned in convincing performance.

She relived in the three acts of the play the young nun struggling against her family's attempt to persuade her to leave the religious life.

The aged conflict between the spiritual and the worldly was handled by a capable cast with the "Christ's attitude on problems" confronting individuals clearly brought out.

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Social Center Activities
Geneva Institute
A group of women over at the Geneva Institute are busy this week and their fingers are flying over the bright red material as they make warm bright, hooded capes for the Institute children to wear during the Christmas time.

Members of the cooking class of the Geneva Institute are busy too these days and they are producing luscious light and dark fruit cakes to make some people happy at the holiday season.

The Girl Scout Troop from the Catholic Women's Club under supervision of Mrs. Wilson will entertain the local Scout Troop at the Geneva Institute at the Institute on the 14th evening December 22.

The evening of December 22, the Christmas party for the girls of the Catholic Women's Club will be held at the Geneva Institute.

Merrimac Centre
The Merrimac Centre, Mass. is planning to hold a Christmas party for the children of the Merrimac Centre on December 22.

Charles House
The Charles House, N. Y. is conducting a Christmas party for the children of the Charles House on December 22.

Bowling
Falzone Takes Honors in Catholic League
Corpus Christi took the spotlight in the Catholic League this week by opposing three straight from Holy Rosary No. 1 team.

St. Andrew's took two out of three from Holy Rosary No. 2 with Filten and St. John hitting the map for good scores.

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Flynn's 623 Leads K. Of C. Bowlers
In the Knights of Columbus Bowling League, Joe Flynn took grand total honors with a 623 score.

The Indians took the Klites for a ride by defeating them three straight.

Individual scoring honors went to Larry Morrow with 223, Dan McNally had 229, Joe Merkel, 228, Frank Redmond, 229, Tom Garsghan, 212, Joe Gaffney, 207 and Nikolai, 211.

BOYS' TOWN' FOOTBALL
ELEVEN, UNDEFEATED IN 3 SEASONS, WINS AGAIN
LOS ANGELES—The undefeated "Boys' Town" football team scored an impressive victory over the aristocratic Black-Fox Military Academy eleven in a stirring game for the benefit of the famous institution conducted by the Rt. Rev. Edward J. Flanagan, by a score of 20 to 12.

It marked the sixth consecutive victory for the Nebraska boys, who have been undefeated in three seasons.

REPORT SUBMITTED TO HOLY NAME MEN Indicates Enthusiasm For Retreat Move

The intense enthusiasm has resulted from the recent Laymen's Retreat Conference held in Rochester to spur Catholic Laymen of the diocese in the program is gleaned from a comprehensive report submitted this week to members of the Holy Name Society of St. Jerome's Church, East Rochester, by Wilfred J. Brusco.

The report which covers most of the points reported in the December 11 issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER was read to the Society to give them a complete picture of the important events and discussions which took place during the conference.

Mr. Brusco's article, which space does not permit reproducing in full, was in part as follows:

The first National Conference of the National Laymen's Retreat League was held in the Columbus Civic Center under the patronage of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James Edward Keane, D.D., Bishop of Rochester.

The theme of the conference was "The Laymen's Retreat in the Catholic Action." The keynote was given by the Most Rev. Bishop Keane.

The conference opened with a Solemn Pontifical Mass, celebrated by the Most Rev. Bishop Keane, assisted by the Knights of Columbus (Choral Society) The Bishop preached the sermon, text of which was the First Commandment. His Excellency pointed out that the retreat is not a luxury but a necessity.

At the conclusion of the Mass the celebrants and the delegates assembled at the foot of the altar and participated in a Holy Communion.

The conference was called to order by Charles A. Tucker, President, Rochester Laymen's Retreat League. Mr. Tucker is no stranger to us having been guest speaker at the Holy Name Society on two different occasions.

Panel discussions were held throughout the session. Papers were given on different phases of retreats by outstanding laymen and clergymen who conducted the meetings along forum lines.

These were covered in the Dec 17 issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER. The keynote of the conference was the banquet held in the ballroom of the Seneca Hotel.

The speaker of the evening was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, Professor of Catholicism at the Catholic University of Washington, D. C. He is a noted radio speaker, author and outstanding clergyman.

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Solemn Benediction was given by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Sheen. The Holy Hour was conducted which included three splendid sermons. Father Criss in particular impressed us with his disarming simplicity and force in the world. They believe themselves so because from the very earliest times they were led to believe themselves the chosen people of God.

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As a result of these sessions, it is the hope of Rochester that we may soon be enjoying the benefits to be derived from having a Retreat House of our own.

Respectfully submitted
Wilfred J. Brusco

Bob Saggau Will Be Here Dec. 27
Robert J. Saggau, star halfback on the 1938 Notre Dame University football team, will be guest of honor at the Victory Ball to be held at The Rochester Club on Dec. 27.

Saggau is the first sophomore in the history of the school to step into the halfback post. He is only one year older than the two more years of varsity football.

Even now, he is being compared with the immortal George Gipp. His outstanding playing on this year's team is more amazing than any other since the first backfield material available this year at the South Bend institution.

Saggau is six feet tall, weighs 185 and lives in Dennison, Iowa. When in Rochester he will be the guest of John G. Dorschel, president of the Notre Dame Club of Rochester.

College Marks 75th Year
Port of Spain, Trinidad.—St. Mary's College for boys here has celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary.

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