

# C. C.-Sponsored Spelling Contest Tryouts Set May 2

"I before E except after C" and other rules will be polished off by contestants in the diocesan spelling regional contest to be held Saturday, May 2. Winners of school contests which have been held in all schools of the diocese this past week, will vie in 8 area contests for a place in the finals to be staged a week from Saturday.

Every parochial school in Rochester and Monroe County on the east side of the Genesee River will send its representative Saturday morning to the Academy of the Sacred Heart; those on the west side of the river will send their contestants to Aquinas Institute, Holy Family School, Auburn, will draw representatives from the 8 elementary schools of that city and Clyde. To St. Francis de Sales School, Geneva, will come contestants from the two schools of Geneva, Canandaigua, Penn Yan, Seneca Falls and Waty too.

St. Peter & Paul's School, Elmira, will serve as the center for the six Elmira Schools, Oswego, Ithaca and the three Corning schools.

Contestants from each of the 16 Danville schools, Hornell, Wayland, Perkinsville, Lima, Avon and Mt. Morris will compete in St. Mary's School, Danville.

The Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, arranging the affair will chairman the east side contest in Rochester. Assisting Father Duffy will be the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, at Aquinas Institute; the Rev. William E. Davis, at Holy Family School, Auburn; the Rev. William A. Burns, at St. Peter & Paul's School, Elmira; the Rev. Raymond Nolan, at St. Francis de Sales School, Geneva; and the Rev. Edward K. Ball, at St. Mary's School, Danville.

A prize of \$5.00 will be awarded the winner of each of the regional contests, by the CATHOLIC COURIER, and the winner and next three highest ranking spellers will be eligible to compete in the diocesan finals, May 9, at De Sales High School, Geneva. All contests will start promptly at 10 o'clock.

The Spelling Contest marks the first time diocesan-wide competition of this nature has been planned bringing children from various parochial schools together.

# ELMIRA CATHOLIC HIGH

**By WILLIAM THOMAS**

The "Spring Carnival," presented in the scout rooms on April 22 by the Junior class, turned out to be very successful. A large crowd patronized the booths for refreshments, novelties and games, and danced from 9:30 to 11:30. Music for dancing was furnished by Blas Falange's orchestra.

James Flynn and Therese Richardson were crowned King and Queen of the carnival, having been nominated and elected to that honor by the student body. The election was held a few days previous to the affair. Attendants from the home rooms were as follows: Seniors, Mary Ruth Dunn and Tom Burke; Sophomores, Kay Reidy and John Battersby; and Freshmen, Theresa Gordon and Robert Vetter.

Therese Richardson and Patsy Bonsignore were co-chairmen for the carnival.

All the students and faculty of

ECHS will observe the month of May again this year as usual by gathering each morning in front of the May altar, to sing a hymn to the Blessed Virgin. Attendance at daily Mass this month is also being encouraged.

Work is progressing rapidly on the annual senior yearbook. Orders are already being taken for copies, and the book is expected to appear in a month or so.

The Marion, official school periodical, which is ordinarily published monthly by the Senior class, has been taken over this month by the Juniors for production of the annual Junior issue of the paper. Next issue, however, the Senior staff will again be in charge.

Quarterly examinations finished up about a week ago. Even now, the scent of report cards is being wafted on the gentle May breezes.

# THE PROMPTER

By LUCIA MALLORY

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"Toll Miss Mallory, 'Thank you, Donny!'"

A tiny boy stood with his mother and older sister at my desk in the children's library. I had given him a little pamphlet, with colored illustrations, advertising some new books. His mother did not allow him time to say one word before she admonished him to express his appreciation.

At his mother's command, the little fellow slowly looked up from the pictures he had been admiring to smile at me. He opened his mouth to speak, but again he was interrupted.

"Why, Donny, where's your tongue?" his mother asked impatiently. "Won't you ever learn to say, 'Thank you!'"

The happiness went out of the boy's face, and the pamphlet he had been enjoying dropped to the floor. His sister hastily picked it up and the trio left the room.

How I longed to answer that mother's question. How I wished that I could say to her, "No, Donny will never learn to say, 'Thank you.' If you continue to prompt him, he will never learn to say 'Thank you' to me, or to anyone else."

When Marian brings in the paper to her father, he tells her, "Thank you," again.

When Father passes Mother's plate, she tells him, "Thank you."

When Marian starts off to school, she takes her lunch box and calls, "Thank you for my lunch, Mother! Goodbye!"

If Baby hears those attractive words, "Thank you," all through the day, it won't be long before his little lips are forming them for himself.

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one find so many inexpensive gifts—and where so many attentive relatives and friends to bestow them upon children?

Where, also, can one hear so many mothers prompting, "Tell the lady, 'Thank you, Son!'" "Now, what do you say, Jack?" "Why, Jane, I am ashamed of you, you forgot to say, 'Thank you!'"—while the children, tired and bewildered from being dragged from one display to another, stand mute and confused and humiliated, their pleasure in gay balloons or mechanical dogs forgotten.

Words are new to the tongue of a two-year-old. They do not come to him as readily as they do to one who has been using them for twenty or thirty years. But the child likes to use words and proudly practices each new one that he learns. Hear him triumphantly exclaim, "Horse!"—"Cow!"—"Dog!"—"Kitty!" as you turn the pages of his picture book.

The baby will need little or no prompting if the older members of his family are careful about saying, "Thank you."

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# NCCS LEADERS AT USO DRIVE PARLEY



Outstanding Catholic leaders, high-ranking Army and Navy officers, government officials and community leaders of America met in Washington April 12 for a one-day rally to co-ordinate efforts for the forthcoming USO War Fund Campaign. Among those attending were (left to right) Prescott S. Bush, National Chairman of the USO War Fund Drive; Lawrence Tibbett, famed opera star and a director of USO-Camp Shows, Inc.; Howard Chandler Christy, noted artist; Anne Sarachon, Hooley, Assistant Director of the National Catholic Community Service, and Dr. Franklin Dugham, Executive Director of the NCCS, one of the six USO member agencies. (N.C.W.C.)

# A Drama Of Life

Early last Saturday morning, far removed from the eyes of the populace in whose name it was enacted, a drama took place, a drama that would be the envy of the leading tragedians of all ages.

Bernard Sawicki, 19 years old, was resigned to the role he had to play. After all, it was only the anti-climax. For him the climax had taken place several weeks before and, I think, any competent dramatist would have recognized this.

Bernard willfully and premeditatedly killed four innocent people. For this the people of Illinois said he had to die. No question of the justice of it, even Bernard recognized this. And, as he cursed the judge who sentenced him, he did not protest the sentence.

The drama takes all of 19 years, perhaps even longer. The setting is any slum, lack of religion, no proper parental influence, companions who were in pretty much the same boat as Bernard. Follow it through. Petty thievery, reform school. Bitterness against forces he did not know but whose heavy hand he felt. A naive intelligence that grasped quickly the finer arts of those outside the law. A devil-may-care attitude that graced the final rumpus amuck which left three men and a boy dead.

This was the build up. Dramatic moments were developed in his courtroom attitude. But three weeks before the electric current coursed its way through his body

for eight minutes, pushing the boy's life ahead of it, there came the climax. Bernard kneeled before his God humbly, contritely, self confidence gone and a new confidence in God present, as a priest poured the water of Baptism on his head and murmured the saving words.

Again a fitting setting. As Bernard prepared to meet his Maker, a different kind of resignation in his heart, it was significant that just as there was no more bitterness in him, there was none in the wife of the patrolman he had killed. She sent word that she was

making the Stations of the Cross for him.

Many people said that Bernard was "no good." He said so himself in just those words. But they and he were wrong. Certainly the things he did were not good, but God and the Church knew about the boy himself. And so did Father Kaufhold, O.F.M., who baptized him and consoled him in his dying moments. Probably as great a declaration of faith as it is simple were these words he wrote to the wife of one of his victims on the eve of his execution:

"I knew that Mr. Speaker (Policeman Speaker, whom he killed) is up there praying for me; I will probably meet him there tonight if God wills it."

(New World, Chicago.)

# National Legion of Decency List

- CLASS A—Section 1—Unobjectionable for General Patronage**
- About Face
  - Alias Boston Blackie
  - Always in My Heart
  - Arizona Cyclone
  - Babes on Broadway
  - Bandit Trail
  - Barstool Bachelor. The
  - Below the Border
  - Birth of the Blues
  - Blondie Goes To College
  - Bombay Clipper
  - Borrowed Hero
  - Broadway Big Shot
  - Bus Sounds, The
  - Bullseye for Bandits
  - Cadets On Parade
  - Canal Zone
  - Castle in the Desert
  - Close Call for Ellery Queen
  - Code of the Outlaw
  - Come On, Dancer
  - Corsican Brothers
  - Courtship of Andy Hardy
  - Cowboy Serenade
  - Dawn Express, The
  - Dive Bomber
  - Don't Get Personal
  - Down in San Diego
  - Down Rio Grande Way
  - Driftin' Kid
  - Dudes Are Pretty People
  - Duke of the Navy
  - Fingers at the Window
  - Flying Blind
  - Freakies Comes Home
  - Frisco Lil'
  - Gentleman from Dixie
  - Ghost Town Law
  - Gold Rush, The
  - Great Guns
  - Heart of the Rio Grande
  - Hello Annapolis
  - Hold That Ghost
  - House of Errors
  - Jesse James, Jr.
  - Kathleen
  - Kid Glove Killer
  - Lawless Plainman
  - Law of the Jungle
  - Law of the Timber
  - Let's Go Collegiate
  - Lone Rider in Cheyenne
  - Lone Star Ranger
  - Mad Martindales, The
  - Mayor of 44th Street
  - Mainly Love
  - Mississippi Gambler
  - Mrs. Big Goes To Town
  - Mister 'V
  - Mokey
  - My Favorite Blonde
  - Nazi Agent
  - North of the Rockies
  - Obliging Young Lady
  - Pacific Blackout
  - Parachute Battalion
  - Private Snuffy Smith
  - Raiders of the Range
  - Read the Wild Wind
  - Ride 'Em Cowboy
  - Riders of the Purple Sage
  - Right To The Heart
  - Road Agent
  - Roaring Frontiers
  - Rolling Down the Great Divide
  - Scattergood Rides High
  - Secret Agent of Japan
  - Secrets of the Lone Wolf
  - Ships With Wings
  - Small Town Deb
  - South of Santa Fe
  - S O S Coast Guard
  - Stage Coach Express
  - Suicide Squadron
  - Sundown Jim
  - Sunset on the Desert
  - Target for Tonight
  - Tarzan's Secret Treasure
  - Texas Manhunt
  - They Died With Their Boots On
  - They Met Again
  - This Time For Keeps
  - Thunder River Feud
  - To the Shores of Tripoli
  - Tramp, Tramp, Tramp
  - Treat 'Em Rough
  - True to the Army
  - Twilight on the Trail
  - Under Fiesta Stars
  - Unseen Enemy
  - Vanishing Virginian, The
  - West of Tombstone
  - When a Cookin'
  - When Knights Were Bold
  - Whispering Ghosts
  - Wicwaczi
  - Yank on the Burma Road
  - Young America
  - You're in the Army Now
- CLASS A—Section 2—Unobjectionable for Adults**
- Adventures of Martin Eden
  - Affairs of Jimmy Valentine
  - All That Money Can Buy
  - All Through the Night
  - Amateur Gangster
  - Black Dragons
  - Blue, White and Perfect
  - Blondie's Hissled Escot
  - Body Disappears, The
  - Brooklyn Orchid
  - Bullet Scars
  - Butch Minds the Baby
  - Captains of the Clouds
  - Continental Express
  - Dangerous Lady
  - Desperate Chance for Ellery Queen
  - Drums of the Course
  - Falcon Takes Over
  - Flee's In, The
  - Fly By Night
  - Gambling Daughter
  - Gentleman at Heart
  - Ghost of Frankenstein
  - Grand Central Murder
  - Great Man's Lady, The
  - H. N. Fallam, Esq.
  - Harold's Lu
  - I Killed That Man
  - I'll Sell My Life
  - In This Our Life
  - Lady Has Plans, The
  - Lady In Distress
  - Lady Is Willing, The
  - Louisiana Purchase
  - Major Barbara
  - Man Who Came to Dinner
  - Monster and the Girls, The
  - Moopie
  - Navy Fugue
  - Night Before the Divorce
  - Not A Ladies Man
  - Our Wife
  - Out of the Fog
  - Paula's Wives, The
  - Roxie Hart
  - Shanghai Gesture
  - So Ends Our Night
  - Sullivan's Travels
  - Swamp Woman
  - Three Girls About Town
  - Three Hearts
  - Time on the Sun
  - Too Many Girls
  - Tutches of Tahiti
  - Twin Beds
  - Two-Faced Woman
  - Ship Aboard
  - Sing Your Worries Away
  - Sizark
  - Sleepers West
  - Sleeping Gal
  - Spoilers, The
  - Strange Case of Dr. X
  - Sunday Funch
  - Sundown
  - Sun Valley Serenade
  - Suspicion
  - Swing It Soldier
  - There's One Born Every Minute
  - This Gun For Hire
  - This Was Paris
  - This Woman Is Mine
  - To Be or Not To Be
  - Today, I Hang
  - Too Many Women
  - Tommy Returns
  - Tragedy at Midnight, A
  - Two Yanks in Trinidad
  - Unfinished Business
  - We Were Dancing
  - When Ladies Meet
  - Who Is Hope Schurrier?
  - Woman of the Year
  - Yokel Boy
  - You Belong to Me
  - You'll Never Get Rich
- CLASS B—Objectionable in Part**
- It's All in the Mind
  - Lash of the Penitentes
  - Marronage Forbidden
  - Niye Bachelor
  - No Greater Sin
  - Paye in Stone
  - Reverend Madras
  - Race Suicide
  - Roi, Le (French)
  - Sinful Daughters
  - Stolen Paradise
  - Time in the Sun
- CLASS C—Condemned**
- City of Sin
  - Damnable Goods
  - Daybreak
  - Fighting the White Slave Traffic
  - Honus Wreckage

# Getting On In The World

**TAGALONGS**

A Fijian chief was climbing a mountain path one day escorted by a long file of his warriors. He stumbled in the path and fell to the ground. At once all his men stopped and fell with him, excepting one. Him they attacked fiercely and desired to know why he esteemed himself superior to the chieftain.

Do not laugh at this tribal yarn, for many of us are very like the Fijian Islanders, in that one of us does the same thing he sees done and does it in the same way.

The follow-the-leader spirit is too often the sign of a weak character. He who is content to tag-along on another's merits, or spade work, or leadership is a weakling.

Loud-mouth blusters frequently seek to lead—the wrong way and frequently the subtle tags along though he knows that he is doing wrong. He is as brainless as the Fijian.

A firm "No" is what he needs. "No" from his conscience, from his lips, his heart and his actions. Once he gets the feel of manliness that comes from saying "No" at the proper time, he will be inspired to become himself the right kind of a leader.

**RENEW**

If our civilization is to survive, we must renew ourselves in Christ. We must again make profession in our Savior, Who has our best interests at heart, that we will keep His commandments.