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ELMIRA, NEW YORK

Tom Agan Wins In Oratoricals' Semi-Final Test

By CATHERINE CARSTATER Elmira Catholic High School students may well be proud of senior Thomas Agan. This "map of the hour" brought fame to his school and himself last Monday by winning the semi-finals of the Bishop's Oratorical Contest in Geneva.

"Fatima — an Undying Challenge" was the topic that brought Tom fame, not to mention his ability in making a powerful extemporaneous speech. Our second contestant, senior Mary Ann Mullen also displayed oratorical ability not to be overlooked, in her address on "Cardinal Mindszenty — Modern Martyr."

Students journeying to the scene of the performance in De Sales High School auditorium in Geneva, thoroughly enjoyed themselves on the chartered buses. They indicated their enthusiastic school spirit by eagerly embarking on the journey in three large buses which were always kept lively by the singing of peppy class songs.

All the students greatly enjoyed the speeches made by each contestant because of the interesting topics. Tom, along with Dianne Driscoll of DeSales High School, Geneva, will make their final appearance in Rochester next Tuesday May 17, to compete in the finals at Aquinas Institute.

Tobin Speaks to Press

New York (NC)— Labor Secretary Maurice J. Tobin will be a guest speaker at the annual Communion breakfast of the Catholic Institute of the Press, May 1, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here. Presentation of the first annual CIP award will be made to Bob Considine, newspaperman.



TOM AGAN

'Living Wage' Studied By Club

Corning — Topic chosen for discussion was "A Living Wage," at a recent meeting of the Aquinas Club, held in the room of the Catholic Daughters of America. Leading the discussion were William Orcutt, Thomas Spruck, Francis Marusak and Edward Manning.

During the business meeting, Mr. Orcutt was chosen as chairman of a nominating committee to select two candidates for the policy committee. Other members of the nominating committee are John Dougherty, Mary Lou Lawrence, Marlon Holmes and Mary O'Neill.

Mr. Manning is in charge of reservations for the annual dinner to be held at a date in May to be announced later. At the next meeting of the organization, which is scheduled for Monday evening, May 16, the Rev. Robert McNamara will be the guest speaker.

Our Lady's Statue Erected In Hornell K. C. Rooms

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Our Lady of Fatima, appeared to the three children in the little parish of Fatima, Portugal in 1917 she asked prayers and consecration of the world to her Immaculate Heart for the conversion of Russia and world peace. Her first appearance was on May 13.

"In her third apparition to the children in July, 1917, Our Lady of Fatima promised the conversion of Russia from atheistic Communism if her wishes were carried out," the priest continued. "She requested that the devotion to her Immaculate Heart be established in the world and that Holy Communion be received on the first Saturday of each month in reparation for the sins of mankind. She also advocated frequent and fervent recitation of her holy Rosary."

"It is highly significant," Father Coonan continued, "that Our Lady of Fatima also told the three children in 1917 that if the world continued to offend the Lord by sin another War, more terrible than World War I, which was then raging, would take place."

Continuing his explanation of the spread of devotion to Our Lady of Fatima the priest told

of the thousands who went to the site of the apparition, the Cova da Iria, after the three children had related their extraordinary story. Many reliable witnesses observed phenomena such as the sun whirling like a gigantic wheel although the apparition of the Blessed Mother was seen only by the three little shepherds. Miraculous cures at the site have also been recorded.

EACH YEAR, the priest continued, particularly on May 13 and October 13, the dates of the first and final of the six apparitions, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims flock to Fatima. Devotion to the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the Church in 1930 after intensive investigation and has since spread throughout the world.

Father Coonan closed his talk by urging attendance at Our Lady of Fatima devotions which are held each evening during May at 7:30 o'clock in St. Ann's Church. Services consist of the recitation of the Rosary, prayers, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A large shrine centered by a statue of Our Lady of Fatima has been erected in the sanctuary of the Church in observance of the May devotions.

Elmira Catholic Highlights

By KATHERINE CARSTATER The long awaited day is here at last. Mothers are flying, wires are buzzing, and everyone is talking about the Senior-Junior Prom. This Saturday evening will be the climax of the long planned event which will last from 9 to 11 in the Knights of Columbus ballroom. Conveniently for the promenade, refreshments will be served in the same building during intermission and confidentially, the cats sound pretty good!

Bids may be had from the senior and junior class officers and obtained at the door. Shine up those shoes and come one and all to the celebrated Senior Junior Prom.

Last Round-Up The Sodality Council meeting was held last week to plan for this week's committee meetings. They will be the last such gatherings for this school year. Along with the usual business plans were also discussed for the approaching party to be sponsored by the sodality. The possibility of a last dance to be held after place of recognition for the month the next general meeting, was also discussed.

Senior class day is rapidly approaching. There is no class more aware of this fact than the seniors. Already one group is busy planning songs for the occasion while another is entrusted with gathering the material for the last will and testament... something new has been added to each homeroom! Mary has been given a special

Mrs. Schneider Heads CDA Court In Ithaca

Ithaca—Mrs. Gertrude Schneider was elected Grand Regent of Court Santa Maria, Catholic Daughters of America, having been elected May 3. Named with Mrs. Schneider are: Vice Grand Regent, Mrs. Genevieve Savage; Prophetess, Mrs. Mary Daniels; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Mary McCarthy; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Finnegan; Monitor, Mrs. Agnes Congdon; Historian, Mrs. Marie Senecal; Lecturer, Mrs. Helen Shriver; Sentinel, Mrs. Mabel O'Neill and Organist, Mrs. Carmela Fahey. Mrs. Katherine Leary and Mrs. Laura Laught, past grand regents, were elected trustees for three years.

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