

Geneva, Auburn Pupils Win Co-Ed Schools' Oratoricals

A student from De Sales High School of Geneva and one from Holy Family, Auburn, will represent the co-ed high schools of the Rochester Diocese at the finals of the Bishop's Public Speaking Contest May 9 at Aquinas Institute Auditorium, the diocesan school office reports.

John Donahue of De Sales High, and Day Ann Kennedy of Holy Family captured the coveted honor in the first semi-final Monday evening, Apr 23 in Holy Family auditorium.

Donahue's presentation of the topic "The Hydrogen Bomb" was judged best of the addresses given by the male contingent, and Miss Kennedy was voted the honors from among the girls for her talk, "You Can Change the World."

OTHER CONTESTANTS and topics were: Andrew Von Hondy, "Christ or Chaos," Esther Manzo, "The Message of Fatima," both of Elmira High School; Mary Deane "World Peace and the United Nations," DeSales High; Edward Foley, "Socialized Medicine: Will It Work?" Holy Family.

Judging the speeches were J. Donald Fravel of Elmira, Cal Gregory of Geneva and Mrs. George Snyder of Auburn. Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney diocesan school superintendent, presided and presented awards.

Next event of the diocesan oratorical contest will take place Wednesday, May 3, at 8 p.m. in Nazareth Hall with four boys, two each from St. Andrew's Seminary and Aquinas Institute of Rochester, fighting it out for the honor of representing the boys' schools.

The girls' semifinals are scheduled Thursday, May 4 at 8 p.m. in Aquinas Institute, when the entries from Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High School, Sacred Heart Academy, and St. Agnes High School will take the stage.



REV. A. J. AYLRARD, C.S.B.

Los Angeles—The Very Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.B., director of the Notre Dame Retreat House for Laymen, Rochester, N.Y., was elected moderator of the National Laymen's Retreat Conference at the close of its three-day session here.

Some 500 official delegates from 130 retreat houses in the United States, Canada and Mexico attended the 12th conference, held under the patronage of Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre of Los Angeles.

FOR AID TO ITALY



Alberto Tarchiani, Italian Ambassador to the United States, presents to Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity. It was awarded by his government in recognition of the Archbishop's aid "to alleviate suffering among the people of Italy during World War II" when he was executive director of War Relief Services National Catholic Welfare Conference, 1943-1946. Photo by Reni. (NC Photos)

Aquinas Grad Set In Niagara Fete

Niagara University—Annual sophomore dance of Niagara University, the "Spring Soiree," scheduled for May 12 will be highlighted by the return appearance of Paul Contestable in the entertainment slot.

Contestable, who comes to Niagara from Rochester where he attended Aquinas Institute, is well known to the university audiences after his appearances at last year's spring dance and also in the musical variety show "This Corn is Really Green."

By popular demand he will once more present his comic rendition of "Figaro."

Contestable, who is active in several organizations at Niagara and is secretary of the National Students Association, first attracted attention last year with his hilarious presentations of grand opera.

While at Aquinas he held several offices including those of features editor and business manager of the school paper, president of the French Club, secretary of the Library Club, and editor of the French newspaper, "Le Bouclier de Notre Dame." At present he is enrolled in the college of arts and science at Niagara.

Refugees Pray In Theaters

Cologne, Germany—(NC)—There are now 8,234 emergency places of worship for Catholic refugees and expellees in the diaspora districts of Germany, according to a survey of the St. Boniface Society at Paderborn, Westphalia. Services are being held for them in Protestant churches, schools, movie buildings and private homes.

Because of the shortage of priests there are an additional 232 locations where Catholics have no services whatever.

Big Cub-O-Rama Slated May 13

Edgerton Park Sports Arena will be the scene of the year's biggest Cub Scout event, the Cub-O-Rama, Saturday, May 13. More than 3000 Cub Scouts of Monroe County are expected to participate in this giant display of Cub Scouting Purpose of the show is to bring Cub Scouting to the attention of the public and to endeavor to stimulate parent interest in the program.

There will be two distinct parts to the "Cub-O-Rama." Throughout the entire afternoon, starting at 1:00 p.m. Edgerton Park will be the scene of a giant Cub Scouting Craft Exhibit. Each Pack in the Council will have a booth assigned where the favorite Craft projects of that Pack may be set up and displayed. Twice during the afternoon, 2:30 and 8:30 p.m. an Arena Show will take place involving some 2500 Cub Scouts.

Electronic Organ Status Defined By Commission

The Sacred Congregation of Rites "favors or prefers" pipe organs for liturgical requirements, but in some individual cases a substitute instrument may be permitted by the proper authorities, the Diocesan Music Commission has announced.

Aiming to clear up confusion caused by contradictory state-ments as to the Vatican attitude on pipe organs and electronic instruments, the Commission has issued a statement based on a communication from the Sacred Congregation of Rites in Vatican City.

This statement makes it clear that although pipe organs are preferred when a pipe organ cannot be obtained at the discretion of the bishop or those in charge of liturgical matters, other types of instrument may be substituted.

The Sacred Congregation notes specifically that the pipe organ is more suitable to the needs of the liturgy, and points out that there is much to be improved and perfected in the electronic organ before it can serve as a worthy substitute for the pipe organ.

Organ artists generally prefer pipe organs, the Diocesan Music Commission states, because no method of copying pipe organ tones Diapason, Flute, String Reed can approach the sheer natural beauty of tones such as produced by the pipe organ. It is obvious that no instrument using electronic amplification can duplicate a pipe organ's natural and beautiful range of dynamics and color, the Commission declares.

Memory of the Passion Helps Man Bear Insults

Cleveland, (NC)—"No person can make the Stations of the Cross sincerely and ever again complain of any calamity or insult or reviling of any kind. That's the value of the Stations of the Cross," Chief Municipal Counsel Joseph H. Crowley made this statement here after receiving the annual award of the Cleveland Citizens League as the city's outstanding public servant.

Mr. Crowley explained how he has been able to fend off frequent criticism from newspapers and public foes during his 21 years with the city's legal department.

"Religion is an inseparable part of a man's life. When you realize you are doing what is absolutely right and you're going to be judged somewhere on the basis of all the facts, that makes you able to bear the quips and scorn leveled at you by newspapers which don't always have all the facts," he said.

Vatican Anti-Red Decree In Film

Rome—(RNS)—A 20-minute documentary film on the ex-communication decree against Communist supporters issued by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office last year has been completed, it was announced here.

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Pope To Get Irish Chalice

Dublin—(RNS)—When President Sean T. O'Kelly of Ireland left here April 26 to make a Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome he carried with him a gold chalice for presentation to Pope Pius XII. The chalice is similar in design to the famous de Burgo Chalice, one of the treasures of Ireland's National Museum.

The gift chalice, fashioned of nine-carat gold, contains a base panel bearing a delicate chasing of the Pope's coat of arms—a dove with olive branch. Eight rubies surround the knob.

The original de Burgo Chalice was made in 1494 to the order of a Galway noblewoman and her husband, Thomas de Burgo, for presentation to an Irish abbey. It is a silver-gilt chalice and has a straight-sided cup with octagonal stand. It was acquired by the National Museum in 1924.

Father Kinsel Named Holy Land Aide

Jerusalem—(NC)—The Very Rev. Paschal Kinsel, O.F.M. of Washington, D.C., editor of the Franciscan magazine The Crusader's Almanac, has been appointed Commissary of the Commissariat of the Holy Land in Washington, D.C., according to an announcement received here from the mother house of the Order in Rome.

Father Kinsel, who is here with a pilgrimage group, visiting the Holy Places on its way to Rome to gain the Holy Year indulgence, was warmly congratulated by his Superiors and other Franciscan Fathers in the Holy Land. Other U.S. Commissariats are located in St. Louis and Oakland. A Commissary of the Holy Land is under custody of the Vatican and is in charge of raising funds for the support and maintenance of the Holy Places. A large portion of this amount is raised through the Franciscan magazine.

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