

National Scholarship Test Candidates Named

Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition who are listed among the 7,500 high scorers on the Scholarship Qualifying Test, a nationwide college aptitude examination given in 14,000 high schools on Oct. 22 are announced today by their respective high school principals.

Named at McQuaid Jesuit High School are: Terrance Brennan and Philip Malley according to the Rev. John W. Kelly, S.J., principal.

Named at Nazareth Academy are: Monica E. McAlpine and Kathleen J. Scanlon by Sister Agnes Cecilia, principal.

The Semifinalists named today out scored 300,000 fellow members, and thus moved a step closer to the million Merit Scholarships to be awarded in the 1958 program.

Merit Scholarships are sponsored by over sixty business and industrial firms, as well as by professional societies, foundations, and even individuals. The Sears-Roebuck Foundation is the largest sponsor, with 100 awards worth \$500,000 being granted annually.

The sponsor's list includes such nationally known names as International Business Machines Corporation, F. W. Woolworth Co., Pittsburgh Plate Glass, McGraw-Hill, B. F. Goodrich, Time Incorporated, Gulf Oil, and many others.

THE SEMIFINALISTS now face a rigorous, three-hour College Board examination, to be given in testing centers throughout the country on Jan. 11. Students whose high scores substantiate their earlier test performance will become Finalists in the competition.

At least 7,000 of the Semifinalists are expected to survive this second hurdle, according to John M. Stalnaker, President of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the annual competition.

The Finalists group will be made up of some of the most able youngsters that America has ever produced. We expect to have over 800 scholarships available for them—about one for every nine of these superb young people. Our need to identify, and help, as necessary, the scientists,

engineers, teachers and other leaders of the future, is more apparent right now than it has ever been. The far-sighted business and industrial companies that are making these awards possible are to be congratulated," Stalnaker said.

IN THE FINAL phase of the competition, the high school grades, extra-curricular attainments, and the leadership and character of the competitors will be evaluated. About May 1, a fortunate 800 will become the Merit Scholars of 1958.

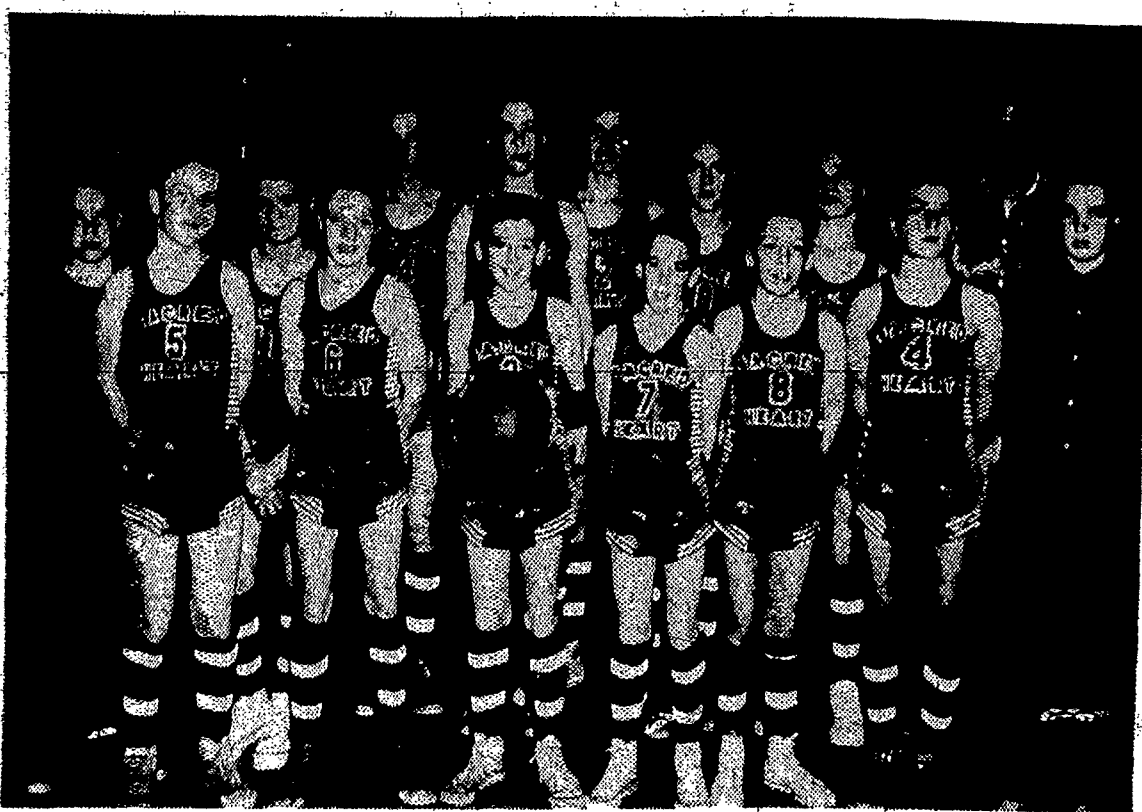
Other Finalists will receive Certificates of Merit, attesting to their high ability; and all colleges and universities will be notified, enabling these students to be considered for thousands of other awards and prizes.

Merit scholars make their own choice of college and course of study. The value of each of the four-year Merit Scholarships varies with the financial need of each student, ranging upward from \$100 per year to \$2,200 per year or more.

The college chosen by the Merit Scholar will receive grants-in-aid averaging \$2,000 per Merit Scholar to help defray the actual cost of educating the students.

The Merit Scholarship Program is now in its third year. It was established in 1955 through grants of \$20.5 million from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

THE MERIT PROGRAM is designed to search the nation for those students most able to benefit from a college education, regardless of means. Once discovered in the national talent hunt, the students are supported in college by funds provided by sponsoring companies. About 1,400 Merit Scholarships were awarded in the two years of the program, and the winners are now enrolled in over 265 different colleges.



War Memorial Prelim Scheduled

WINNERS OF 25 OF 28 basketball games in two years, this Sacred Heart Cathedral squad will meet St. Charles at the War Memorial Saturday, Dec. 11, at 6:15 p.m. Game is preliminary to Cincinnati Royals-Syracuse Nats meeting. Auxiliary Bishop Casey will attend. School band and cheerleaders will appear. Rev. Michael C. Hogan, (left) is director of Athletics. Coach Harry "Packey" McFarlin is at right. Team is in the C.Y.O. League.



LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Games	Wins	Losses
St. Charles BN	200	128	72
St. Charles Ladies	High three games and single		
St. Theodore's	200	120	80
St. Joseph's	200	110	90
St. Ann's	200	100	100
St. Mary's	200	90	110
St. Michael's	200	80	120
St. Vincent's	200	70	130
St. Elizabeth's	200	60	140
St. Agnes	200	50	150
St. Clare	200	40	160
St. Ann	200	30	170
St. Joseph	200	20	180
St. Michael	200	10	190
St. Vincent	200	0	200

Basketball Highlights

Catholic Youth Organization
Catholic Youth Organization announces the second annual basketball league for boys between the ages of ten and 14. The program is sponsored by Council 178, Knights of Columbus.

Aquinas Institute
After last Sunday's overtime victory over Bishop Timon High School of Buffalo, the "Little Irish" of Aquinas Institute will be seeking their fifth and sixth victories this weekend.

Harps Elect New Officers
Sean Curran, who for two years served as treasurer of the Rochester Harps Gaelic Football and Hurling Club, was elected to the presidency Dec. 1 at Our Lady of Victory Church hall. He succeeded William Garvey who has been president for the past two years and who is now treasurer of the Midwestern States League.

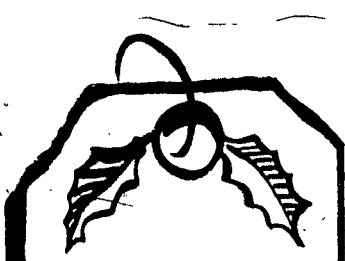
Named Treasurer
Niagara University, N.Y., William J. Powers, Pearl Creek was nominated for the office of treasurer of the freshman class at Niagara University. Son of Mr. George S. Powers, he is a graduate of Pavilion Central High School.

Michael has a 91 record thus far this season. Game time is 2 p.m. Aquinas has averaged 68.3 points per game to 47.5 for the opposition. Leading scorer is Rog Wagner with 63 points in four games. Leading rebounder is Bill Slicks with 46.

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Crowning At Sodality Ball
OUR QUEEN'S BALL sponsored by Rochester Parish Sodality Union at Sheraton Hotel, Dec. 6 is climaxed by crowning of the Blessed Mother's statue. Officially are: Carol Rose Ebert, of St. Thomas Parish, chosen "Queen" and John Doble of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the "King" of the ball by the Sodality attending. (Hi-Tone Photo).

Student Council Stresses Authority
The Student Council of Our Lady of Mercy High School is conducting a respect for student authorities month-long campaign. The students, Hon. Robert J. ...

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