

Coaches' Countdown Teams Gird For Tourney

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The big treat of the basketball season is being offered to Catholic High School followers this weekend.

Saturday night, Rochesterians will have an opportunity to witness the second meeting between Aquinas and McQuaid Jesuit on the spacious War Memorial floor, with the week program to a close with the crowning of the champion. Aquinas was the tourney victor last year.

It will be either DeSales or Mt. Carmel in the finals from the out-of-town area against the winner of the Aquinas-McQuaid encounter. The championship game will be played Sunday afternoon on the Rochester Institute of Technology court, and will be preceded by the consolation contest starting at 2 o'clock.

In quarter final encounters played last Sunday afternoon, DeSales took Notre Dame from Elmira in an overtime match 51-47, and Mt. Carmel upset the pre-favorite St. Anthony Padua of Watkins Glen 72-58.

Consolation round opponents will be the loser of the Aquinas-McQuaid game and the winner of the Notre Dame contest, the two Joes last Sunday.

RONNIE MACK, 24 year old Aquinas coach, is in his first season as coach, taking over from Lou Baxle, his former mentor of 1951-1953 seasons. Mack played at LeMayne in 1937-47, where he majored in business administration, and was captain in his senior year. While at LeMayne he played baseball and had several offers to pitch professionally. On graduation he worked as a salesman for Lowell and Campbell of Syracuse for two years.

He desires to work with youth prompted him to accept an offer from Aquinas, where he teaches business law and business math in addition to coaching.

Mack's outstanding court achievement while at Aquinas was accomplished in Syracuse in season of 1953 when he scored 44 points against Christian Brothers Academy. In his first year at Aquinas as coach, he finished the season with a 15-3 mark.

GEORGE MONAGAN, director of athletics, varsity basketball coach at McQuaid Jesuit High School, earned B.S. and M.S. degrees at Ithaca College. He attended West High School, where he played baseball, basketball and football. His first position in coaching was at Penfield Central School where he spent four years, during which time he won three league championships and two Section V titles.

The last six years have been spent at McQuaid, since coming there he has organized and administered the physical education program and developed his varied interscholastic sports program. Monagan's 10 year



JOE LEMAK

Notre Dame's only basketball coach since the school was founded five years ago, is Ed Rothwell, a native Elmira and a Hartwick College performer in football and baseball and graduate of Ithaca College.

JOE LEMAK, the veteran coach of the group, having taught in the Watkins Glen schools since 1947 and coached for the past 10 years. A graduate of Peekskill High School, he later matriculated at Scarborough School for two years and graduated with B.S. in physical education from Manhattan College, and received his M.S. degree from St. Bonaventure University.

In 1937 he was heavyweight boxing champion of Westchester County, and has four years service with the U.S. Navy and participated in the invasion of Africa in 1942. He resides with his wife and two children in Watkins Glen. At the present time he is president of the Holy Name Society of St. Mary of the Lake Church. This marks his third season with Padua.

THE DeSALES coach, Robert Maher is an alumnus of the school, he is coaching, and a graduate from Brockport State Teachers College. Prior to coming to DeSales he coached basketball coaching record shows 147 wins against 34 losses.

He is married and the father of three children and resides in Our Lady of Good Counsel parish.

SISTER MARGARET MARY NOLAN, a Medical Missionary of Mary from Winchester, Mass. will be guest speaker at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira and at Nazareth College, on March 8, 9 and 10. A Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Sister has spent 10 years in India and 15 years in Nigeria, West Africa, as a medical missionary. As well as a wide experience in surgery, Sister Margaret Mary has a deep knowledge of sociological and political conditions in West Africa. Because of her service to the people of Nigeria, she has been awarded the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth.

Mission Set At St. Patrick's
A two week Mission will open in St. Patrick Church, Elmira, on Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. The first week is for the women and high school girls of the parish.

Guild House Reservations
Young women 18 to 30 may make reservations to live at St. Elizabeth Guild House, East Ave., Rochester, Mrs. John Refertan, director, has announced.

MISSION MASSES will be celebrated each morning at 8:30 and 9 a.m. Other daily Masses will be in the morning at 7:30 and 8.

A Mission for the children of St. Patrick's school will be given their first week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The second week of the Mission will be for the men and high school boys of the parish.

For information, phone BR 4-6725.

Hospital Unit To Host Meet

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, will be host to the Spring Regional Meeting of the Rochester Regional Hospital Auxiliaries on Wednesday, April 6.

The sessions will be held in the Dunn Memorial Auditorium. Registration will be at 10:30 a.m.

The speakers at the regional morning sessions will be representatives of Hospital Auxiliaries on the state and national level. A buffet luncheon will be served around noon.

PANELS ARE being planned for the afternoon with participants from the regional hospitals.

The Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Auxiliary make up the committee on arrangements with Miss Rose De Socio, president, acting as chairman.

Seminary Test To Be Given
Applicants from the Rochester area for St. Andrew's preparatory seminary will take the school's entrance examination Saturday, March 12 at 9 a.m.

Knights To Hear Chaplain
Cornius — The Rev. Theophane Murphy, council chaplain, will be speaker at the annual St. Patrick's Day banquet of Cornius Council Knights of Columbus in the KC Home.

Day's Devotion Slated For Men
A Day of Reflection for all men of St. Anthony's parish, Elmira will be held on Sunday under the sponsorship of the Holy Name Society.

Elmira Knights Launch Membership Campaign
Knights of Columbus Elmira Council 229 has set into motion the largest membership campaign in its history. Aim is to reach every eligible Catholic man in this area. The drive officially opened Monday evening Feb. 29 and will continue until April 1.

Men's Retreat In Mid-Week
A mid-week closed retreat for any men in the diocese unable to make the customary weekend exercises will be conducted at Notre Dame Retreat House, 246 Alexander St., according to the Very Rev. Thomas J. Fallon, O.S.S.A., rector.

Forty Hours
Forty Hours devotions will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Sunday, March 6 — Holy Family, Auburn.



3 From Rochester See To Be Franciscan Priests

Three men of the Rochester Diocese are among twenty Franciscans to be ordained by Rev. Egidio Vagnoni, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, at Mount Saint Sepulchre Monastery in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, March 12.

Rev. Cyril F. (Thomas) Knapp, O.F.M. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Knapp, 64 Pershing Dr. in St. Ambrose Parish, Rochester.

He attended St. Ambrose Grammar School and Aquinas Institute, graduating in 1950. After one year at Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y., he entered the Franciscan Seminary at Callicoon, N.Y.

Rev. Kevin J. (Carroll) Kennedy, O.F.M. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Kennedy of 31 West Gray Street in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Elmira.

He attended St. Patrick's Grammar School, and Elmira Catholic High. In 1950 he entered the Franciscan Seminary at Callicoon, N.Y.

Robert Griffin Places Second In Oratoricals
L. Robert Griffin of Elmira Heights placed a very close second in the New York State Oratorical Contest Saturday night, Feb. 27 at LeMayne College, Syracuse.

Griffin, a member of the Msgr. William J. Brien Circle, 1173, Columbian Squires represented the Central New York Conference. He won the right to represent the conference in a contest last week at Auburn.

Scouts To Hear Fr. Singerhoff
In observance of National Girl Scout Week, members of St. Patrick's Girl Scout Troop, Brownies and their leaders will receive Holy Communion at the 8:45 Mass on Sunday followed by a breakfast to be held in the parish auditorium.

Rev. David Singerhoff, Spiritual Director will be the speaker at the breakfast.

IN CHARGE OF arrangements are, Mrs. David Davis, Mrs. Betty DeBlasio and Mrs. Jerry Caporiccio.

Columbus Ladies To Raise Funds

Cornius — Members of Cornius Ladies of Columbus at a recent meeting in the KC Home, voted to raise funds for the purchase of robes for the Knights to be used during degree ceremonies in May.

MONIES WILL be raised by cake sales, among other events.

Chairman Mrs. Joe McFall and co-chairman Mrs. Martin Kilme served refreshments at the meeting, assisted by Mesdames Norbert Bredeck, Kathryn Miller, Thomas Gill, Harold Butler, George Schaller, W. V. Babcock, Alfred Connaughton, Joseph E. Faust and William Roberts.

Newmanites Hear Talk On DCCW

The Newman Club of Elmira College held its annual Communion at 10 a.m. Mass with breakfast after in St. Patrick's Hall, Elmira. Ann Sponcy was hostess. Twenty-two girls attended.

MISS MARY McCANNA outlined DCCW Deanery progress and how it is related to affiliate societies. She pointed out the opportunities of individual spiritual effort and concluded by inviting them to the next deanery meeting.

Deanery Fetes Mrs. Hommel

The Deanery Council of Cheung - Schuyler County held a dinner at Squire's Restaurant, Elmira, on Sunday, Feb. 28, honoring Mrs. S. P. Hommel, outgoing President. Rev. Benedict Egan, Deanery Moderator, presented a gift to Mrs. Hommel in behalf of the group. He spoke on the spiritual character of the lay apostolate.

Mrs. Carmen Esposito is the new president.

Rev. Leonard Kulawik, moderator of St. Casimir's Rosary and Sacred Heart Society concluded with a brief talk, calling for support of lay activities of civic groups and community projects.

Elmira Hibernians Plan St. Patrick's Day Mass

The Msgr. John J. Lee Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elmira will hold its eighth Corporate Communion, Sunday, March 13.

Division members will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter and Paul's Church and a Holy Communion in a nearby place.

They will meet at Columbus Center at 8 and march to the church behind the American Republic of Ireland and Pippin flag.

Following Mass, the group will march to the Mack Tavern Hotel for breakfast and tea.

Cheung County Hibernians and guests will be honoring St. Patrick, and also celebrating the founding of the Msgr. John J. Lee Division.

THE DIVISION was founded Feb. 15, 1953 and corporate communion services were first held March 15 of the same year.

Attendance at the Mass and reception of Holy Communion is a requirement for membership.

Division President Raymond E. Hourihan has named Donald F. Seaman and Jerome F. Hogan, immediate past-president, as co-chairmen of the Corporate Communion services.

Final plans will be discussed at the monthly division meeting, Friday night, March 11 at 8:30 in the Green Room of Columbus Center.

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