

Nationwide Honors Given Mercy Girls

Top nationwide literary honors have been awarded to four students of St. Mary's High School within the past week, according to Sister Mary Florence, principal.

Susan Kennedy, a senior, was awarded second place in the poetry contest sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association of Columbia University, New York. Her poem, "Chiaroscuro," appeared in the winter edition of the Mercedes, Mercy's literary publication.

Three Mercy juniors were among the 12 nationwide winners in the Extension Magazine Teen Talent Contest, according to Mary Lou Schrot, Mercy's Extension Teen Board representative.

Joan Hughes, Sharon Lowell, and Barbara Sidoti won \$50 awards for Teen Headliner articles submitted in the contest. Each article was 500 words in length and described an outstanding teenager of their acquaintance.

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Legion Disregarded

Notre Dame — (RNS) — A nationwide survey of 8,380 Roman Catholic parochial and public high school students showed that two out of three teenagers ignore the Legion of Decency's moral ratings of motion pictures.

The study also revealed that although the "vast majority" of students are aware that drive-in theaters pose "moral dangers," more than half of the youths queried said they attended them.

MADE BY the Newark, N.J., Archdiocese's Office of Communications and Entertainment, the survey was reported by the Rev. Paul J. Hayes, archdiocesan assistant director of the Legion in Ave Maria, national Catholic weekly published here.

It was designed to discover teen-age habits and opinions about various entertainment forms including movies, TV, and magazines.

Father Hayes, chaplain for the East Orange, N.J., Catholic High School, said that about

73 per cent of the youngsters questioned said the Legion classification of films was helpful, but only 37 per cent bothered to check regularly the moral rating of movies they planned to see.

The priest added that only a few, however, did a youth say that the Legion should curtail its vigilance.

"In other words," he explained, "the vast majority of Catholic youths are not opposed to accepting such guidance and admit that it is helpful, but at

the present time the majority of teenagers are not utilizing the guidance available."

Father Hayes said this situation was the result of parents not speaking to their children about the Legion's work and of moral ratings not being available to the mass of youths.

"Perhaps," he concluded, "the schools and Confraternity (of Christian Doctrine) classes are not doing the job of education that is necessary relative to the Legion of Decency and the National Office for Decent Literature."

Survey Says Parents Neglect Counsel Role

Cincinnati — (NC) — Mothers rate a passing grade of "C" but fathers score a poor "F" in preparing their children for marriage.

That's the judgment of 100 engaged couples who were asked by the New York Family Life Bureau about the preparation for married life that they received at home.

Results of the survey were discussed by Msgr. George A. Kelly, New York archdiocesan family life director, who was the principal speaker at Xavier University's annual Family Life Conference (March 12).

MORE THAN half of the young men questioned said that their marriage preparation at home had been "entirely inadequate," Msgr. Kelly said, while 40 per cent of the women were dissatisfied.

Some of the specific complaints they made were:

— "Sex was never spoken about at home."

— "Spiritual values weren't inculcated."

— "My parents never seemed to take time out to talk to me."

Msgr. Kelly cited "three areas of weakness in parental education" of children — the teaching of religion, the teaching of morality, and the teaching of chastity.

"Our parents ought to talk with their children about religion, morality and sex," he declared. "Parents are competent in these areas. They usually know what they ought to do. Frequently, however, they complain that they are at a loss for words."



Old World Custom Observed

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE, an old religious custom in Europe, is revived by Mrs. Peter Grassadonia of 149 Pershing Drive in honor of St. Joseph's Feast, March 19. The Rev. George Weilmann, pastor of St. Philip Neri Church, looks on.

Open Heart Girl Now Normal Child

Cleveland — (RNS) — Laverne Ivec made all the newspapers five years ago because she was the first person in this area operated on in what is generally known now as "open-heart" surgery.

She makes news a gain now because she has become such a normal 11-year-old girl with such normal pursuits of girl happiness: rope skipping, swimming, roller and ice skating. She even shovels snow for

Catholic Books In Library

These books have been received by the Rochester Public Library and residents of Monroe, Livingston, and Wayne counties may borrow them from their community libraries through the inter-library loan services of the Pioneer Library System.

Reinhold, Hans A. — BRINGING THE MASS TO THE PEOPLE. Helicon, 1960.

CATECHISM OF THE RELIGIOUS PROFESSION. Brothers of the Sacred Heart, 1954.

Fenton, John H. — THE CATHOLIC VOTE. Hauser, 1960.

Bouyer, Louis, O.S.A. — CHRISTIAN INITIATION. Macmillan, 1960.

Gilson, Etienne — THE CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY OF ST. AUGUSTINE. Random, 1960.

Ong, Walter J., S.J., ed. — DARWIN'S VISION AND CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES. Macmillan, 1959-60.

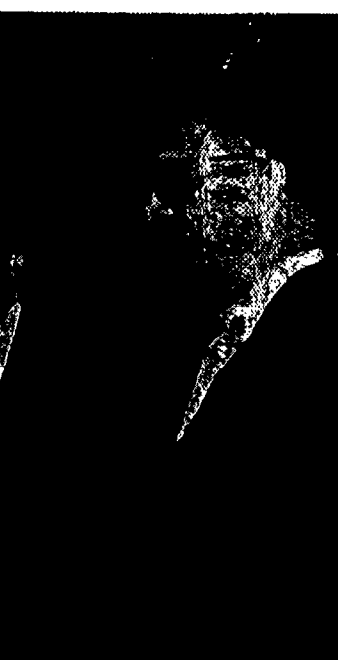
Palanque — THE DAWN OF THE MIDDLE AGES. Hawthorn, 1960.

Lovasik, Lawrence S.V.D. — THE EUCHARIST IN CATHOLIC LIFE. Macmillan, 1960.

Pontifex, Mark — FREEDOM AND PROVIDENCE. Hawthorn, 1960.

Di Donato, Pietro — IMMIGRANT SAINT: THE LIFE OF MOTHER CABBINI. McGraw-Hill, 1960.

Joannes, Climacus, S.A. — L'ADDER OF DIVINE ASCENT. Harper, 1959.



Auburn Retreat Movement

REV. WILLIAM J. JAMISON, CSSR, of Notre Dame Retreat House, Rochester, was guest speaker at a seminar at the Auburn K. of C. home on Thursday, March 16, opening a Retreat Movement in the Auburn district of the Rochester Diocese. Others in the photo (from left): Joseph W. Janosko, Catholic Action Chairman of the council; Philip J. Conboy, grand knight; and Joseph E. Vogel, Men's Retreat League district chairman.

Rocket Launching Planned

Fairfield, Conn. — (NC) — Seventeen undergraduates at Jesuit-conducted Fairfield University here have hopes of making science history in May.

If a project now nearing completion is successful, they will launch a homemade single stage titanium rocket which may set at least two records.

THE ROCKET is expected to attain a height of 30 miles, 20 miles higher than any amateur rocket has traveled. It will also contain a telemetry system for transmission of data back to the ground, a feat which no amateur rocket project has achieved.

Working under direction of Father James W. Ring, S.J., of the university faculty, the 17 members of the Mathematics-Physics Club have been preparing for the rocket launching for several months.

Pointing out that a great deal

of study and research has gone into the project, Father Ring said the 64-inch long rocket will be the largest and lightest ever designed for launching by undergraduate students in this country.

The U.S. Army will make one of its testing sites available for the launching. Army scientists went over blueprints of the rocket and gave it their approval.

Father Ring cited the rocket project as evidence of the scientific capabilities of Catholic colleges in this country.

"A few years ago," he said, "there was a tendency to criticize the science programs in our Catholic colleges. People

200 Attend Corning KC Dinner-Dance

Corning — Upwards of 200 members and guests attended the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner-dance of Corning Council, Knights of Columbus, at the KC Home last Friday night.

Frank Rainey of Elmira, accordionist-singer, led group singing of numerous Irish songs and ballads.

ATTY. VINCENT Welch acted as toastmaster for the dinner and introduced the speaker, James H. Donahue of Genesee, whose humorous anecdotes delighted the large party, general chairman Richard Schaad reported today.

Dancing to the music of the Blue Tones, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., completed the annual affair. Bernard Miller was in charge of the program and Joseph McIntyre supervised the serving of the meal.

YCW In Africa
Brussels — (NC) — The Young Christian Workers' movement is now active in more than 30 African nations. It was reported here by its founder, Msgr. Joseph Cardijn.

Mary Clement School Nurse To Be Honored

Mary Clement, R.N., who is retiring as School Nurse at Holy Family School, Rochester, had her 36 years of service characterized as "loyal and self-sacrificing" by children and parents to whom she had dedicated her career.

A dinner in her honor is planned for March 26 in the Piroe Room at Holy Family School.

Miss Clement was graduated from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in 1924 and began her career at Holy Family.

She plans to spend her retirement in rest and travel. Following a recent European trip she showed slides and gave a travelogue widely enjoyed in the parish.

Honor for Miss Clement was given by the school children at an assembly, March 16. A testimonial gift was presented.

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Nun Wins Book Contest

Milwaukee — (NC) — A Milwaukee nun's review of the novel, "Doctor Zhivago," won first place for Marquette University in the 1961 Midwest Jesuit Intercollegiate English contest.

Marquette entries placed first, third and sixth for a total of 28 points. Sister Peter Damian, of the Sisters of the Divine Savior, who was graduated from Marquette in February, was the first place winner. She is stationed at the Divine Savior Sisters' new Milwaukee prep school for aspirants.

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