

Boxing, Barbaric or Safe Sport?



MISSION BOUT BOXER wears protective headgear, rubber piece and 16 oz. gloves to prevent injuries. Note foam-rubber coated ropes. Aquinas Mission Bouts have not had a serious injury in their 26-year history. Bouts are set for April 6 at War Memorial.

Prof. John denounced the "barbaric" of professional boxing as a daily more feared death Sunday morning. The Vatican media later criticized the sport for the patients and public health reasons raised by professional fighters. The opposing Aquinas Mission Bouts fall under these criticisms? This article explains their difference.

By **WHIT JOHNSON**

Professional boxing promoters could learn a great deal about safety in the ring from the students of Aquinas Institute. On April 6 in the War Memorial the school will present the 26th edition of the annual Mission Bouts and the three years there has never been a serious injury.

An outstanding record like this does not just happen. Mission Bouts are strict and the safety factors stressed. Bouts are never allowed to fight without headgear. The moment the gloves go on the headgear goes on too.

THE HELMETS are professional model made of leather and containing a spongy thick coating of sponge rubber on the inside. The headgear completely covers the ears and vulnerable areas of the head and there's a four inch thick protective covering at the base of the skull.

The gloves are 16 ounces — the type used by professionals only for sparring reasons.

Ring ropes which have been cited as causes of serious injury and even death among professional fighters, are covered with foam rubber.

Every participant is taken to see that each participant is in top physical condition. A doctor's certificate is required before a boy may begin training. At ringside a doctor is in attendance and fights are immediately stopped if they become one-sided.

Aquinas students look upon boxing as a sport requiring considerable skill. Boxers are artists — boys who are adroit at feinting, parrying, weaving, jab-

bing and dancing. Their intent is not to "kill" the opponent but rather to accumulate a larger number of points through technical skill.

No Mission Bout boxers ever went on to become a professional fighter.

Joe Nacca, seeking the heavyweight crown, admits that he takes far more punishment as a lineman in vastly football than he does in the ring.

Boxing, according to Nacca, requires top physical conditioning. With present day emphasis on physical fitness, boxing serves a useful purpose for teenage enthusiasm.

Friday Club Schedules Noted Jesuit Educator

First Friday Luncheon Club speaker, April 5 at Hotel Sheraton will be the Rev. Robert F. Grewen, S.J., president and rector of McQuaid Jesuit High School according to former County Judge Emmett J. Schnepf, chairman of the Knights of



FATHER GREWEN

Columbus sponsoring committee.

Father Grewen, noted educator will be presented by the Rev. William B. Holberton, club moderator and chaplain of Rochester. Council, K. of C. Luncheon begins at 12:10 p.m.

THE DISTINGUISHED Jesuit came here from Loyola College and Seminary, Royal Oak, N.Y., where he was spiritual director of the Jesuit seminarians. Previous to that from 1954 to 1961 he was president of Le Moyne College, Syracuse.

Father Grewen also served for three years as assistant director of the Loyola House of Retreats, Morristown, N. J. In 1964 he was appointed director of the Retreat House at Syracuse where for seven years he

K. St. J. Rites Planned At War Memorial

Annual Inspection, Review and Dress Parade of Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John will be held at Rochester Community War Memorial, Sunday afternoon, April 7.

THE VARIOUS commanderies and auxiliaries will be inspected separately starting at 1 p.m. and continuing until the time of the dress parade and review.

At 3 p.m., Exhibition Drills will be presented by the following: St. Boniface Auxiliary No. 47 under command of Captain John Reinhardt; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Commandery No. 286 under command of Captain Joseph Cooper, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Auxiliary No. 48 under command of Captain Ruth Mayer.

The Regiment will be in command of Colonel John G. Bitter aided by Lieutenant Colonel John T. Schneider and Regimental Adjutant Edward A. Goltzsch. First Battalion: Major Joseph Volpe, Second Battalion and Major Leona Scheg, Third Battalion.

Fisher Student Accepted By Peace Corps

A St. John Fisher College senior has been accepted for service with the Peace Corps in the Philippines.

ROGER J. FISH of Shortsville, will join 533 American men and women serving as Elementary School Teacher's Aides in over 300 locations in the Philippines.

After graduation in June he will begin an eleven-week training program at a yet undesignated American University, probably located in Hawaii or California.

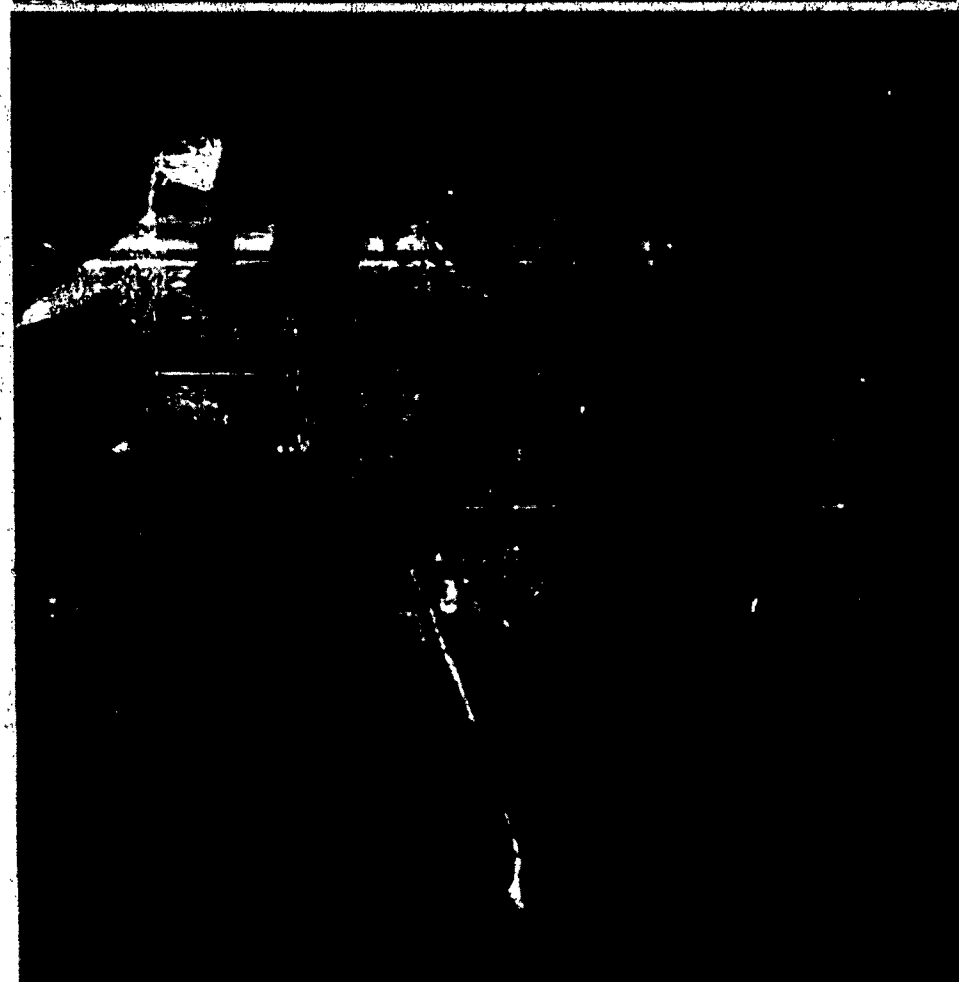
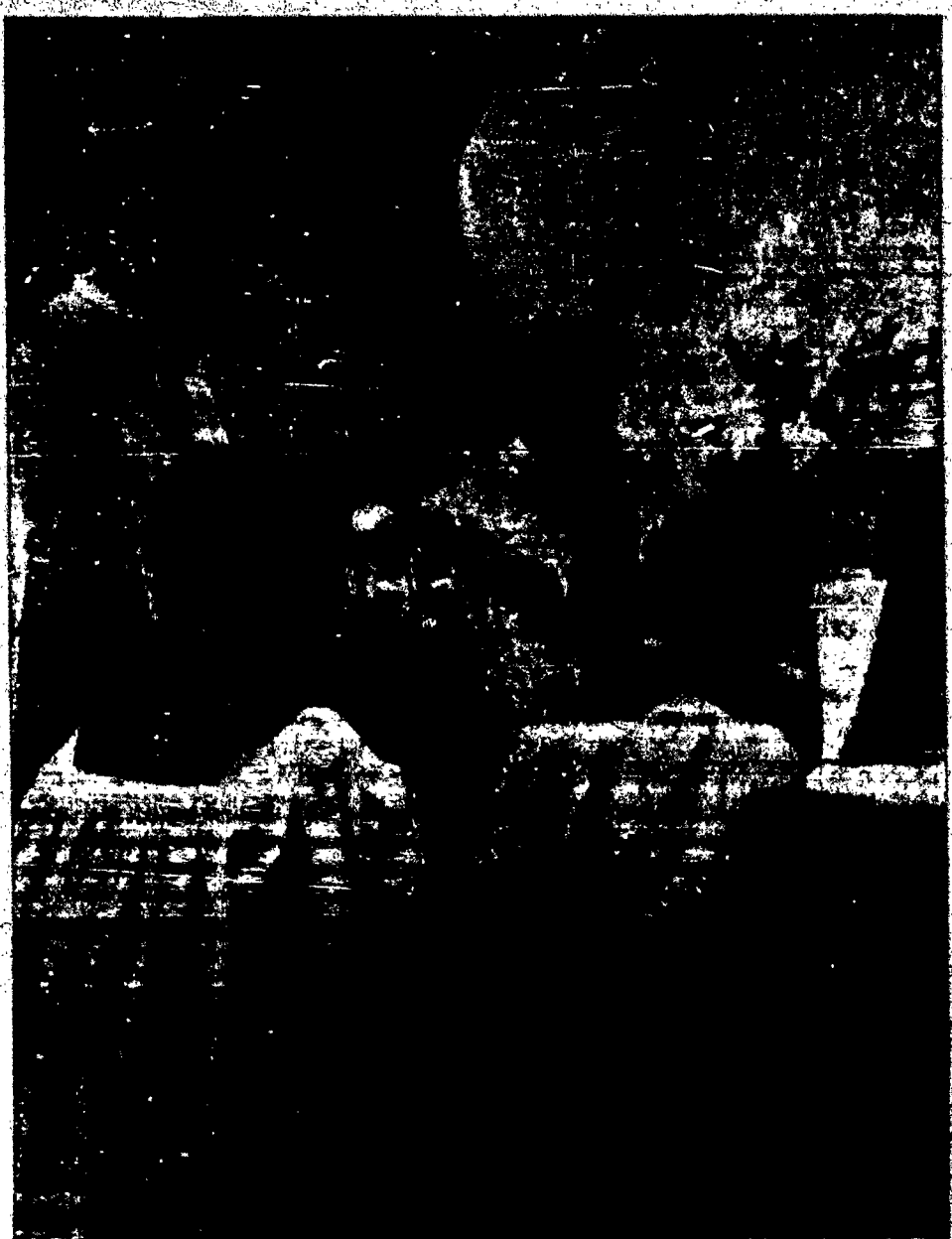
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Expansion Project Underway

St. Joseph's parish, Penfield began a \$350,000 building expansion project Tuesday, March 29, feast of St. Joseph. Monsignor James C. McAniff, Vicar General of the Rochester Diocese, offered pontifical Mass and then Father John D. Malley, pastor, turned spadeful of earth to signal start of project. Five classrooms and an auditorium are to be erected for the rapidly growing parish.

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Groundbreaking For New Church

MONSIGNOR RICHARD K. BURNS gets an assist from first grader Colleen Monahan as ground is broken for the new \$700,000 St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Tonawanda. Ceremonies took place Monday following solemn Mass on the feast of the Annunciation. Other youngsters also aided in the "excavation" work.

IFCA Lists Bishop's Mass

Bishop Kearney will celebrate First Saturday Mass for Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumni at Our Lady of Mercy Convent Chapel, Blossom Road, April 6 at 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast reservations are being made with Mrs. William John Kelly, CR 4-1833 not later than Wednesday, April 3.

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