ELECTIONS WERE the topic of conversation at St. Rita's School this week as eighth grade students cast their ballots for their favorite candidate. Shown from left are Robert O'Connell, Jo Ann Jeggle, Patricia Rees, Mark Haefele, Joseph Gaglio and Robert McRate.

St. Rita's Students Campaign For Elections

The halls of St. Rita's School, West Webster, ring with the campaign slogans of the eighth graders as they battle through their Civics Club presidential campaign of 1963. The campaign is set up as closely as possible to our national elections. On Friday, Sept. 21, a nomination took place and parties were formulated. Joseph Gaglio was nominated for the Politician Party while the Aristocratic Party backed Robert McRae.

Each nominee immediately selected his party manager, campaign speakers, press agent and artists. The Aristocrats' campaign manager, Mark Haefele, agreed on Dianne [illegible], Mary Ann Yerger, and Linda [illegible], for poster work, for press agent, Jo Ann Jeggle and speakers, Martin [illegible], Kathleen [illegible], and Lynn Jones. The Politicians' manager Robert O'Connell announced the selection of Cynthia Lynn, Daniel Groth, poster campaigners, Patricia Rees, James Sachau, Linda [illegible], while electioneering was started by Gerald Van Bell, [illegible] and Betty Palmer.

The Politicians promise to lead the class to better citizenship by showing the freedom to organize by having interviews and tours of the town's main organizations and civic affairs; to show freedom of press by organizing a school paper to keep the student body aware of the work of the Civics Club.

The Aristocrats' promise to stress freedom of education by interviews with prominent educators, the right to choose one's own work by visiting large industrial plants; the right to open opinion by starting a student-managed paper to set forth current opinions and civic affairs.

The final speeches will be given by the two party candidates, followed by a "press conference" open to the seventh and eighth grades and the faculty. The eighth grade teachers, Sister Mary Gonzaga and Sister [illegible], are directing the activities.

Detroit Selects Three Laymen

Detroit —(RNS)— Archbishop John F. Dearden of Detroit has named three prominent laymen to the Board of the Michigan Catholic Conference, a social action agency hitherto headed exclusively by the state's Catholic bishops.

The unprecedented move puts laymen at the top level in administration of Catholic social action matters in Michigan.

Archbishop Dearden, the board's chairman, announced the lay additions just before leaving for Rome to attend the Second Vatican Council.

Named to the board were Paul W. Weber, director of the Mott Foundation, Flint; and John Donnelly, president of the Donnelly Mirror Co., Holland, and vice-president of the National Council of Catholic Men.

The move came shortly after Pope Paul VI said the Vatican Council would permit some Catholic lay observers in its sessions. The pontiff, on several occasions, has called for greater lay involvement in the work of the Church.

Don't Wait for Us, Prelate Says

Maryknoll, N.Y. — A leading prelate on the Vatican Council's Commission for the Lay Apostolate said lay Catholics should take more initiative in the apostolic work of the Church and not wait for "detailed prescriptions" from the hierarchy.

In an article in the October issue of "World Campus," a monthly journal of opinion for college students, Bishop Joseph Blomjous said lay Catholics "need not expect detailed prescriptions from the hierarchy even for the apostolate. The hierarchy will give general directions, he said, but the lay person himself must adapt and apply them."

THE DUTCH Bishop of Mwanza, Tanganyika, said there exists an uneasiness and uncertainty among the well educated laity and clergy as to what is the Church's role in the world and what is the role of the lay person in that apostolate.

He went on to describe what he called the "freedom and responsibility" of the laity in the church. "There is real independence of the laity from the hierarchy," he said. "But this autonomy is relative with the relativity of the temporal order itself." He said that the lay person receives from the teaching of the church principles which help him understand the temporal order and which bring a supernatural perspective to this order."

He said that the uncertainty about the lay person's role in the church temporal mission has contributed to a crisis of obedience in which Christians are asking whether "the role of the hierarchy in the church is just that of a brake to restrain people from precipitate action."

He added, however, that "such crises and such problems" are a sign of life and vitality in the church."

Bishop Blomjous, who was a leader among the liberal-thinking bishops of Africa at the first session of the Council, also emphasized that the laity "are beginning to assert themselves," and this has helped the Church to come out of a period of ghetto-like existence he feels it has been for the last century and a half.

Padre's Camera Settles Rumbles

Hong Kong — The Chinese tradition of saving face becomes a matter of hiding face here.

When Father John E. Geitner, M.M., of New York, turned the Maryknoll school playground here into a roller skating rink in the evenings, he was a little afraid that his teenagers, who have been exposed to American movies featuring teenage rumbles, might react the same.

But the padre's fears were dispelled with a simple idea. He would take the picture of any boys caught fighting. As soon as a fight erupts, Father Geitner rushes out with his flash camera and the youths, anxious to avoid being depicted in an embarrassing situation would restore order immediately.

Lutherans Said Lagging In Ecumenical Role

Minneapolis —(RNS)— Lutherans are not yet ready for the ecumenical encounter expected to develop as a result of reforms in the Roman Catholic Church, a prominent Lutheran theologian said here.

"The Romans have been thinking in terms of the contemporary," said Dr. Warren A. Quanbeck. "Meantime we (Lutherans) have been living in clichés under the assumption that Rome does not change."

The theologian, a professor at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. and now a visiting lecturer at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa., addressed the 50th annual convention of the National Lutheran Editors' and Managers' Association.

"Humanly speaking," Dr. Quanbeck said, "reunion between Lutheranism and Roman Catholicism is impossible. The barriers are old enough, high enough and thick enough so that no one can bring them down."

Only the "work of the Holy Spirit" can bring about Christian reunion, he said, declaring that changes seen in the Catholic Church "can be ascribed to nothing less than the Holy Spirit."

He said the "great fact of the 20th century is the ecumenical movement" and "the greatest fact in the 60's is that the Roman Catholic Church has decided to enter into the ecumenical movement on its own, on a scale that even four years ago no one thought possible."

Catholic participation in the movement, is marked by "apostolic simplicity, evangelical genuineness, and spiritual humility," Dr. Quanbeck said.

Obey Laws Bishops Say

Bogota—(NC)—The bishop of Colombia declared following a new wave of killings in the provinces that all those who "either inspire, abet or tolerate" such violence are "guilty of very grave sin."

In a statement issued on the occasion of the meeting of the Columbian Episcopal Conference, the bishops declared that "only through the principles of Catholic social doctrine will our country return to peace, order and prosperity that all of us hope for."

The statement, issued in the name of the whole hierarchy by the Bishops' Committee of Social Matters, followed the publication of statistics indicating that 21,377 have met violent deaths in Colombia since 1957.

"All Catholics have the duty," said the bishops, "to respect and obey the legitimately formed government and the laws, provided they do not violate the laws of God."

Hungarian Shrine

Budapest — (NC) — Bishop Sandor Kovacs of Szombathely is celebrating Mass and preaching to several thousand pilgrims at the Marian shrine of Celldomolk near the western border of Hungary on Sunday, September 15, the feast of the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

Visit to Vatican

Atheist Editor Explains

Moscow — (RNS) — Alexei I. Adzhubei, Russian editor and son-in-law of Premier Khrushchev, said here that the Roman Catholic Church, despite its "reactionary teachings," has advocated peace programs through the influence of the late Pope John XXIII and because of the growth of "socialism" throughout the world.

The editor of Izvestia, who visited Pope John in May, spoke on a program carried by all Soviet radio stations.

Some Western observers saw Adzhubei's comments as a method of downgrading the Church and religion in the eyes of the Russian people at the same time that the government seeks to maintain good relations with the Vatican. The U.S.S.R. is militantly atheistic and considerable publicity has been given here to the peace programs of both Popes John and Paul VI within the Soviet Union. Such publicity could have stirred sympathy for religion.

ADZHUBEI GAVE the following version of his meeting with Pope John:

"I had to be in Italy at the beginning of this year and there I encountered the Pope, the head of the Vatican, John XXIII.

"This meeting was very unusual because it was then that the Balzan (Peace) Prize had been awarded to the Pope, a prize for peace. I must tell you that the very history of this prize, and the fact that the Pope had agreed to accept this award, had caused many false rumors in the Italian religious press and in Italian reactionary circles."

(This apparently was a reference to the conservative elements of the Italian press, not the religious press. L'Espresso, an independent weekly magazine, said Pope John had gone too far "to the left." It added that the late pontiff seemed "soft on communism." Along with other right-wing publications, it expressed "shock" later that Pope John would give a private audience to Premier Krushchev's son-in-law.)

"However," Adzhubei told his radio audience, "John XXIII was a very distinctive person who, as is known, supported many important measures in the struggle for peace. He accepted the prize. When this news was published, and Nikita Khrushchev's congratulations were received in Rome, he (the Pope) (let it be known) he was willing to meet a Soviet journalist.

"It was precisely about peace that we talked with Pope John XXIII — in spite of the fact that Catholicism is a reactionary ideological teaching. Naturally, I have no intention of justifying this teaching and I shall not even speak just now in greater detail about it."

Adzhubei also said he would not go into detail about "the changes which are taking place in the Vatican itself." However, he said, they were "a result of the world situation, including the effect of socialism upon the world outlook of millions of people."

"I must tell you," he added, "that as is known, Pope John XXIII handed over a message (to me) for the head of the Soviet government. Subsequently published, this message again spoke of peace.

"This was later set out in detail, and I must say most interestingly, in the famous and much-talked-about encyclical of John XXIII."

(This was a reference to Pacem in Terris — Peace on Earth—issued by the late Pope shortly before his death.)

Moreover, stressed the Russian journalist, "the present Pope, whose main theoretical principles of action have not yet been revealed, nevertheless repeats continuously that he will follow the teaching of John XXIII."

Observers said here that it was noteworthy that Soviet radio stations carried Adzhubei's talk in "prime time" — early evening — broadcasts.

Talk It Over

Junior Prom

By ANNE CULKIN

Dear Miss Culkin:

I wrote you last March asking you several questions which I was in doubt about. Your advice was very helpful. Again, I have several questions I would appreciate your answering. My first is how far ahead should you ask a boy to a junior prom? My second is: Is it wrong to tell a boy what kind of flowers you want if he asks. Third at a junior prom (short formal) should you leave your gloves (short length) on or take them off. My final question, when a boy you have dated for two months goes on a vacation for five days, is it permissible for the girl to tell him to write or should you leave that up to him?

Thank you so much for your time. The answers to these questions are rather urgent, so a rapid reply would be very helpful.

Dear Caroline:

1) Invite the boy to your prom approximately two weeks before the planned event. 2) Definitely it is poor taste to tell the boy the kind of flowers you want. If he should ask, it is quite permissible to tell him your preference as to a shoulder or wrist corsage. Also the color of your gown. He and the florist should take it from there.

3) There is no rule to govern your choice as to whether or not to remove or keep your gloves on when dressed in semi-formal attire. 4) When a friend is leaving on a short holiday, we don't burden him by asking him to write us a letter. A remark such as "do send me a card" would be perfectly all right.

Dear Miss Culkin:

How can you tell a girl that it is impolite to comb her hair in public. This friends of mine combs her hair whenever the mood prompts her regardless of where she is—on a bus, in a car even at a dance. She seems to be polite in other ways, but this combing hair business really gets me down.

Annoyed

Dear Annoyed:

Subtly acquaint her with the rules. Choose a time when your own hair needs attention to say, "Let's go to a Ladies Lounge. I do want to comb my hair, and certainly I can't do it here in public." If she questions you as to the reason, enlarge the point. Tell her that well-bred persons just don't do it.

Dear Miss Culkin:

I heard it said that when you are a guest in a home, you should not make your own bed on the day that you are leaving. Is this correct?

Dear L.A.:

Yes. On the final day of your stay, strip the bed of its linens. Then place them neatly folded at the foot of the bed. The spread is then arranged on the bed in the same fashion in which you found it the day of your arrival.

Dear Miss Culkin:

I don't think there is another girl who loves sports as much as I love them. Never do I miss attending a basketball or football game when our school plays. But I have one big complaint about all games — it is the spectators.

Cheering your team on to victory is expected and is fun, but screaming, calling the but screaming, calling the umpire names and booing the other team to me is not sportsmanship. I'm writing to you now because the football season is getting underway and thought maybe you would write something that would help people to act like good sports when they attend games.

Romayne

Dear Romayne:

Not only would I like to write something that would encourage people to act like "good sports," but also to write something that would discourage them from acting like idiots! True enough emotions seek expression when "our team" is performing. One can find satisfactory relief from them, however, and at the time keep them under control as all human beings with sound minds have the capacity to do, by engaging in either individual or group cheering.

But emotions are definitely not under control when hysterical screaming takes place, when harsh and profane words are directed to players umpire or other spectators — in brief, when crude behavior not becoming to lady or gentleman is displayed. It is my understanding that a number of schools enforce proper conduct at all sports activity by simply escorting those who do not conform to the code of good sportsmanship to the nearest exit! Would that all schools do the same!

Radioactive Bones Studied

Washington —(NC)— Loyola University, New Orleans, is the newest participant in a Public Health Service program making use of the baby teeth of thousands of U.S. children as an indirect means of monitoring radioactivity in human bones.

The Jesuit University's chemistry department has been awarded a grant of $36,168 from the PHS Division of Radiological Health for the first year of a five-year study of the strontium 90 content of children's deciduous teeth.

With the beginning of the school term this fall, the department began collecting 6,000 teeth annually from youngsters in the Gulf Coast area of the United States and Puerto Rico, Surgeon General Luther L. Terry said here.

Georgetown Anniversary

Washington — (NC) — Vice President Lyndon Johnson and Chief Justice Earl Warren will be among distinguished guests at Georgetown University's anniversary observances in the next 18 months.

The Jesuit university, founded in 1789 by Archbishop John Carroll, is marking its 175th anniversary. It is the oldest Catholic institution of higher learning in the United States.

Vice President Johnson will address university alumni at a banquet in New York on Oct. 12. Chief Justice Warren will speak at an Oct. 28 convocation.

Skindivers Find Stolen Chalice

South Bend, Ind. — (NC) — Two area skindivers exploring the depths of the St. Joseph river came up with a chalice, ciborium and tabernacle stolen 21 years ago from St. Casimir's church here.

THE ITEMS were recovered by Gordon Lane of South Bend and Jim Smith of nearby Mishawaka. They were stolen from the church when it was under the pastorale of the late Father Casimir Witucki.

The chalice has the inscription "the Witucki family" on the underside of its base.

New Officers Named

NEW OFFICERS of the Aquinas Mothers Club
from left, seated, Mrs. J. Edward Husted, vice pre
dent; Mrs. Thomas J. Craig, president; and standi
Mrs. James Mangano, treasurer, and Mrs. Julius
Nutt, secretary.

Buffalo Prelate Given Honor

Buffalo—(NC)—A citation commending him for his leadership in interracial justice and in liturgical renewal was read at Canisius College here as the school conferred an honorary doctorate of laws upon Bishop James McNulty of Buffalo.

The conferral was part of a dedication ceremony for two new buildings, a student center and a residence hall. Bishop McNulty left almost immediately afterward for the second session of the Vatican Council in Rome.

Hospital Given Sick Call Set

Seneca Falls — The Catholic Daughters of America No. 824 have presented a sick call set to the Seneca Falls Hospital. The presentation was made to Mrs. Porter, hospital administrator, by Mrs. George Peters, grand regent.

Two other sets have been presented to the hospital, one by Miss Helen Reagan, in memory of Irene White and one by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Haas Sr., in memory of their parents.

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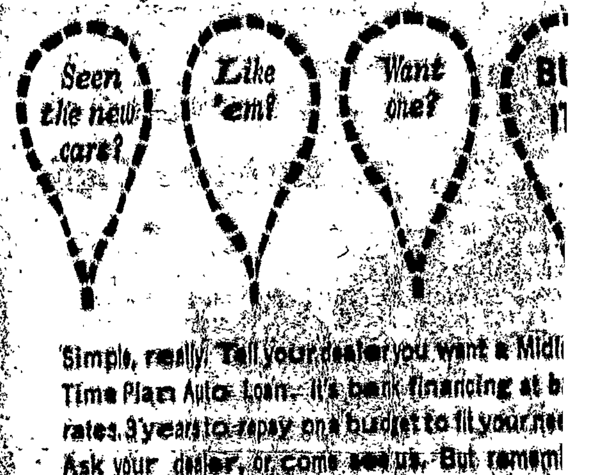

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