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Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Herbert announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Gary J. Beadling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Beadling of St. Paul Blvd. A March 27 wedding is planned.

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### Little Women Listed For Mercy Stage

Louisa May Alcott's well-known and well loved *Little Women* has been selected for the mid-year dramatic presentation at Our Lady of Mercy High School.

The three-act play under the direction of Sister Mary Pius is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, February 26 and 27, in Mercy's auditorium.

Playing the roles of the "little women" in this tale set during Civil War days are senior Karen Kingsley as the proper and pretty Meg, junior Mimi Kennedy as the tomboyish Jo, junior Ellen McGehee as the clothes-conscious Amy, and sophomore Cynthia Innessa as the shy and gentle Beth.

Mrs. March, the lovable Marmee, will be played by senior Connie Lo Curto. Hannah the maid will be portrayed by freshman Kathy Butler.

Cast in the male roles are James Dalton of Pittsford Central as Laurie and John Rodman of Edison Tech as Professor Bhaer.



### Parish Plans Card Party

ANNUAL CARD PARTY of the Rosary Society of Mother of Sorrows Parish will be held Thursday, Feb. 11 at 8:15 p.m. in Chapel Hall. Shown from left are Mrs. Robert Wallenhorst, prizes; Mrs. Nell White, cochairman, and Mrs. Allan Reese, home reservations.

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**Preview Millinery Fashions**  
COCHAIRMAN of the Millinery Fashion Show sponsored by the Rosary Guild at Sacred Heart Cathedral try some hats that will be shown in the parish auditorium Monday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. by E. W. Edwards & Son. At left is Mrs. Frederick N. Begy and Mrs. Richard L. Anderson is at the right.

### 'Command Performance' Set For Aquinas Band

Featured at the Aquinas Mothers' Club monthly meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 8:15 p.m. in the school auditorium will be the famed Aquinas Institute band in a "command performance."

The concert will follow the Mothers' Club business session.

The audience, according to one band member, will consist

of Rev. Cyril R. Udall, C.S.B., band director and head of the Aquinas music program, will conduct.

The band numbers 100 members, including a 17-man color guard. All members are students of music, each enrolled in the school's music program which grants a music major through the University of the State of New York.

Music theory is stressed but the band also preforms drill to enable it to march smartly when on parade. Several members each year continue their musical education at the nation's leading music conservatories.

The band, holder of a score of honors and awards, including the coveted Governor Rockefeller championship trophy, has grown over the past 30 years to a superbly trained organization capable of dealing with the most difficult symphonic works as well as stirring marches.

Following the concert, refreshments will be served in the cafeteria by mothers from Sacred Heart, Holy Rosary, St. Bridget, and Our Lady of Mercy parishes.

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The highlight of the Elmira Contest will be the presentation of the Cornelius J. Milliken Award. The award is named for the late Cornelius J. Milliken, outstanding Catholic layman and newspaperman of the area, and a past grand knight of Elmira Council.

The contest is open to all high school seniors of the area. Those interested are urged to call Columbus Center (RE 2-9338) and register their name, address and school or contact Chairman Danaher.

### Mt. Carmel Group Sings On Television

Auburn—The Mount Carmel High School singers will appear on Channel 5 WHEN, Syracuse on Feb. 4 and 11 at 7:45 a.m. The young singers, under the direction of Rev. Kenneth McElligott, O. Carm., will be seen on the program, "These Things We Share."

The group sang four numbers on the first show, "Amen," "This Little Light of Mine," "Why Must It Be?" (a solo composed by Father Kenneth) and "Freedom Trilogy." The latter a duet sung by Kathleen Murphy and Sharon Duffy.

Selections for the second show included "Kumbaya" led by Tom Curry, Psalm 23 "The Good Shepherd," "M.T.A.," a solo by Michael Murphy and "When the Saints Go Marchin' In."

The Carmel Singers are Joan Brennan, Patricia Carbonaro, Sharon Coleman, Donna Rozynslowicz, Emily Orioli, Christine Izzo, Mary Cael, Beverly Forbes, Donna D'Urso, Elaine DeStefano, Joseph Piorowski, William Harrig, John Sroka, Michael Saunders, Robert Miller, Tom Galano, Donald Tomk, Michael Walker, Ernest Karon, James Cotter, John Reilly, Paul Picciano.

### Family Rosary Radio Program

Friday, Feb. 5 — A representative of the Kolping Society.

Saturday, Feb. 6 — (Mass to be celebrated) — Kenneth Scarciotti, St. Ambrose.

Sunday, Feb. 7 — Frances Schwartz, St. Ambrose.

Monday, Feb. 8 — Joseph Pohl, Holy Apostles.

Tuesday, Feb. 9 — Father Gerald T. Appelby, Sacred Heart Cathedral accompanied by Marian Award group of that parish.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 — A representative of Holy Ghost Men's Club.

Thursday, Feb. 11 — Bishop Kearney (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes).

Friday, Feb. 12 — A representative of the Holy Ghost Men's Club.

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Monday, Feb. 15 — A representative of the Holy Ghost Men's Club.

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Wednesday, Feb. 17 — A representative of the Holy Ghost Men's Club.

### At Our House Tabled or Racked?

By MARY TINLEY DALY

"Reading habits must be changing in my parish," said a priest of our acquaintance. "Few years ago," he ruminated, "I'd go into a home to make a sick call, put my hat on the coffee table, on top of the New Yorker, Vogue, Look, Life and the daily newspaper. When I'd come downstairs again, my hat would be on top of a flock of Catholic mission magazines, and the diocesan newspaper! The others were all chucked, for the time being."

"I was to be impressed," quite obviously," he laughed. "What's the change now, Father?" we asked. "Are the magazines more lurid where you park your hat?"

"Just the opposite," our priest friend chuckled. "They're not ashamed of the Catholic press any more. In the line-up, among the popular publications on those living room tables — and usually on top of the heap — are well-thumbed copies of *Commonweal*, *America*, *The Sign* and others. Even the diocesan paper is out in full view, right beside tonight's edition of the city newspaper."

This priest's observation is not at all unusual.

THE CATHOLIC press has made giant strides within the past few years, strides which should be noted during this month of February, "Catholic Press Month." Why February? We don't know. Perhaps, from the very name of the month, derived from February, month of expiation and purification since on the 15th, the Roman festival of expiation and purification was held.

To our way of thinking, this is appropriate since we believe that the Catholic press should take its place as a good influence in the current world of journalism. To quote the present Pontiff, Pope Paul VI, "Your Catholic Press is a mirror of today's world," telling things as they are — in truth. And how is the Catholic press doing? Better, thank you.

Reflecting the Catholic layman's view is the sophisticated *Commonweal*, edited by dedicated Catholic laymen, America, edited by the Jesuits; *The Sign*, magazine of the Passionists, and so many others, mirroring modern Catholic thinking in our agglomerations of today, enunciated first by Pope John XXIII.

The change has been long in coming, hindered by many roadblocks, but it's here.

Fortunately, times have changed. The Catholic press is abreast of world news, local news, features, book, film and play reviews, entertainment and family pages. And nowhere else, of course, can one get more authoritative information on the vital changes within the Church itself: Vatican Council, liturgical reforms, ecumenism, really alive issues.

Feb. 5, 6, 7—Newman Clubs of the Diocese.

Feb. 12, 13, 14—Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rochester; Holy Ghost, Coldwater; St. Lucy, Rochester.

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