

# 8th Grade Orators To Compete at Aquinas

Aquinas Institute will be host to over forty of the Rochester Diocese's top elementary school orators on Sunday, Dec. 19 — all competing for more than \$2500 in scholarships to Aquinas.

The event, known as the Aquinas Forensic Scholarship Competition, is now in its third year and has attracted statewide attention as a means of fostering excellence in public speaking.

Last year's winner of a full four year scholarship, worth \$1,280, was Michael Wesley, an eighth grader from Blessed Sacrament School. Partial scholarships were won by David Leto of St. John the Evangelist school and Thomas Jenkins of St. Joseph's school, Fenfield.

The purpose of the competition, according to Father Leon G. Hart, C.S.B., Aquinas principal, is "to further the cause of developing articulate Catholic leadership among our students. It is of vital concern that our young people develop their talents and abilities to the fullest extent."

To be eligible for the scholarships a boy must be in attendance at an approved elementary school at the time of the competition and must be graduated by the end of the current school year. Grammar school principals were asked to submit the name of the school's one representative by Dec. 1. The competition will involve an original oratory speech and an extempore speech, each

three to four minutes in length. The competition is designed to discover those 8th graders who have ability to think critically and to articulate their thoughts with a special aptitude in public speaking.

In addition to the financial grants, each successful speaker will receive membership in the National Catholic Forensic League and a trophy. The home school also will receive a trophy, commemorating the honor.

Awards will be presented by Father Hart in the school auditorium following the contest. Gordon J. DeHond, director of speech and debate at the Basilian Fathers' school, and chairman of the competition, states that visitors are cordially invited to attend the events.

# Aquinas Grads Shine in U of R Debate Meet

There were a total of twenty awards at the Eleventh Annual University of Rochester-Garnett College Debate Tournament held November 19, 20 on the River Campus. Aquinas graduates won nine. Twenty-four colleges took part.

Last year's high school debate champions in the persons of James Hendrick, Thomas Farrell and Robert Craig and supplemented by Thomas Elmer, a senior from Buffalo won eight awards on the Canisius College varsity while Sean Murray, a senior at St. John Fisher College, took first place in Original Oratory with a speech on the "Goals of American Higher Education." (See separate story on this victory.)

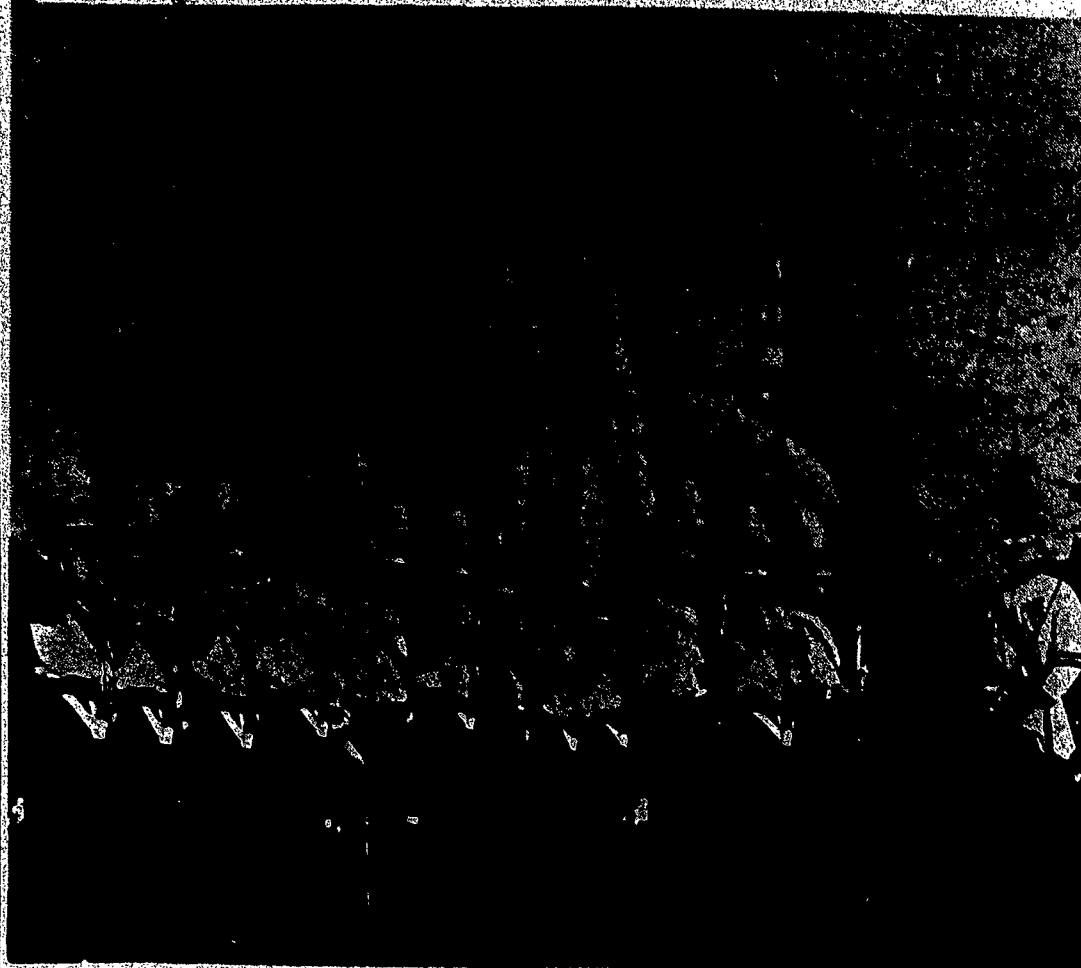
Canisius Debaters won Rotating and Permanent trophies for overall First Place compiling a 10-2 record on: "Resolved: that

# 'The Towners' Take Honors

One of Nazareth College's singing groups is beginning to make its presence felt in collegiate music circles.

"The Towners," a group of ten seniors, took second place honors in this month's Niagara University Hootenanny. The Nazareth group lost out in the competition for first place because their repertoire included two songs not considered folk music. Nine college vocal groups competed.

The singing seniors were organized in the fall of 1964 under the leadership of Mary Ann Walsh. They have appeared at college functions, international Students parties, Christmas parties, the Holy Childhood School and this year at Auburn in behalf of the Joint College Fund.



# New York State Champs

The Aquinas Color Guard, State champions, will host a Color Guard contest tonight at the Columbus Civic Center.

# Color Guard Competition Tonight

In the first big splash of color commemorating the holiday season, seven expertly drilled and nattily uniformed color guards will step out tonight from the starting line at the Columbus Civic Center, 60 Chestnut St., to inaugurate "Color Salute," a color guard contest.

Sponsored by the Aquinas Band and Color Guard, it will

be a showdown contest featuring top guards in the area, from Western New York and from Canada.

The much heralded Chessmen from St. Catherine's, Canada, York State Champions, and the Aquinas Marching Band. The contest will start at 7:45 p.m., followed by a "Sock Hop for the flashy Wavettes and the

crackerjack Shorelines. Also competing are the Alpine Girls the Blue Angels and the Bishop Kearney Color Guard.

Exhibition units will include the Aquinas Color Guard; New York State Champions, the Aquinas Marching Band. The contest will start at 7:45 p.m., followed by a "Sock Hop for the flashy Wavettes and the

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# Interracial Council Sets Goals, Membership Drive

Catholic Interracial Council has begun a drive to enlist more Catholic laymen and Religious in its membership, with the intention of involving a greater proportion of the Catholic population in its program, president William Gilman stated today.

The principal direction of CIC's thrust in 1965-66 is toward open occupancy in hous-

# Jazz Too Noisy For Novices

Newport, R.I.—(NC)—Auxiliary-Bishop Bernard M. Kelly of Providence and the Rev. Alfred R. Major, pastor of Middle-town Baptist church, joined in opposing the proposed permanent location here of a site for the nationally famous jazz festival.

The "ecclesiastical climate" produced a new twist in Rochester this week, with the announcement that St. Bridget's Catholic Church will be holding its annual Spaghetti Supper at the East 34th Memorial Presbyterian Church.

# St. Bridget's Supper In Presbyterian Hall

The minister of the church, Rev. Charles Hooker, happened to hear that St. Bridget's was cramped for space with such a function in its own hall, and offered his hall, located at Parsells Avenue and Denver, to Father Francis Vogt of St. Bridget's, for the supper.

The supper will be prepared and put on by the ladies of St. Bridget's on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 7 p.m.—but in more spacious surroundings, thanks to the Reverend Hooker. Father Vogt announces that tickets can be reserved by calling St. Bridget's Rectory (325-3706), but will also be available at the door.

# Top Mission Boosters

Kathy McKillgott, Mercy senior (right), earned the title of Mission Day queen at Mercy as the top mission booster. Elaine Bronska was the runner-up. Their "friend" was used as a gimmick to spur mission enthusiasm.

On a third front, CIC is endeavouring to set up more neighborhood interfaith groups similar to the Park-Monroe Interfaith Council for Open Housing with the aim of involving both Catholics and non-Catholics in furthering open occupancy.

The Membership committee of CIC, under the chairmanship of George Joet is supplying posters and information to the parishes of the Diocese.

# Requiem Mass for Monika Vorndran

Solemn Funeral Mass for Monika Vorndran was offered by Rev. Michael F. Conboy in Holy Trinity Church, Webster, on Friday, Nov. 19. Mrs. Vorndran who died Nov. 16, 1965 in Northside Hospital formerly resided at 1082 Ridge Rd., Webster. She was the wife of August Vorndran, a well-known contractor and former mason-contractor.

Assisting Father Conboy was Rev. Francis Erb as deacon and Rev. George Weinmann as sub-deacon. Also in the sanctuary were the Reverend Fathers George M. Kalb and Francis J. Kiehammer.

Mrs. Vorndran was born in Germany on July 15, 1892, having arrived in this country just prior to her marriage on Nov. 22, 1909.

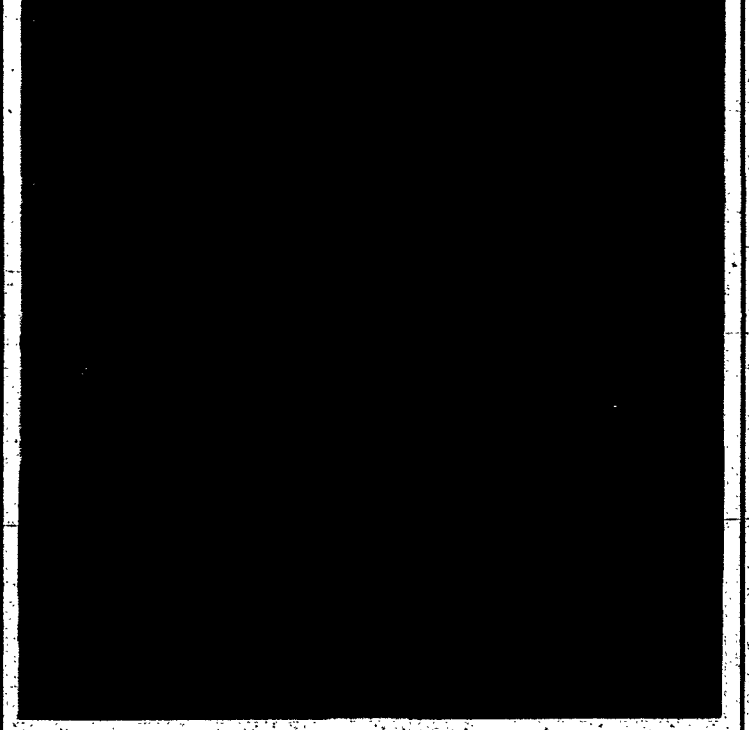
Besides her husband she is survived by four daughters: Mrs. Charles (Evelyn) Gores, Mrs. Lawrence (Louise) Rosenfeld, Mrs. John (Elsie) May, and Mrs. Joseph (Loretta) Mayer, all of Webster; two sons, August F. Jr. and Michael J., both of Webster; eighteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Arthur Heyer of Rochester; one brother, Edwin Vorndran of Germany; several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of LCBA Branch 1319 and of St. Monica's Society of Holy Trinity Church. Burial was in Holy Trinity Cemetery. Arrangements by Best Funeral Home of Webster.

# More Missioners From Boston, N.Y.

LEWIS (NC)—Senator Robert Kennedy of New York praised the newly created state parish of St. James here, which is directed by Father William Francis of Boston.

"I admire the spirit of Father Francis," Senator Kennedy said, "and it would be well for many more American priests to think of coming to work in Latin America, especially from Boston and New York, where there are so many."



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