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MOMENT OF TRUTH when the Head of the House reviews his children's report cards. Robert Erb, center, is studying the results while his youngsters, Rosemary, 12; Tom, 13, and Raymond, 9, look on with great inter-

est. The Erb children are all enrolled at St. Margaret Mary's school. (Another boy, James, absent when the picture was taken, is an eighth grader there.) The Erbs live at 189 Green Meadow Dr., Irondequoit.

Report Cards: What Do They Really Tell?

By FATHER DANIEL BRENT, Associate Superintendent of Schools

(This is the tenth article in a series arranged by the Catholic Educational Congress. The series offers a forum for presentation of topics vital to Catholic education. The last article in the series, on Educational TV, will appear in next week's Courier-Journal.)

When do three test marks of 96 average to a B on the report card? Maybe when a third of the class has scored 99 or 100 on the same tests!

Basically, test scores are an effort to measure the achievement of a student. One of a teacher's responsibilities is to interpret them for parents so

that report card marks become a vehicle of communication between school and parents. A consistent difficulty is that in this communication, different schools—even different teachers—speak different languages. A high school may consider C an average mark while an elementary school teacher may tend to give more B's. Most often B or C+ marks indicate average work. B+ or A indicate better than average work, while (predictably) C, D, and E mean below average work.

Teachers, especially after some years of experience, are able to gauge students' ability and performance levels quite accurately. But tests do offer them a variety of measuring instruments.

Some tests are "mastery tests" given to indicate to the teacher how successfully a small block of work or a skill has been learned. Perfect scores are almost expected on these. You probably see the 2 for 2 on tying your shoes each morning! Pupils will do nearly as well on the Friday test of the week's spelling list or on the lesson review test for two column addition with carrying (or "regrouping" if you're in new math).

These tests yield high scores but do not create a class of A students! In the Catholic elementary schools of the Diocese, 96% is supposed to be equivalent to an A. But this holds true only if the test has meas-

ured a notable block of study. In fact, to be really useful in measuring the achievement of a student, the test must be more difficult than he can completely handle. Otherwise you may know he is at least as good as the test, but you don't know how much better he is. It would be like measuring people's heights with a yardstick that you couldn't reuse for the second yard up! You could tell which people were over 3 feet tall, but you couldn't tell by how much. (This is why many tests are deliberately made too long and difficult to finish in the time allowed.)

In general, tests may measure against two kinds of standards. One is an objective standard. This means to tell what the student should know and how close he comes to this.

It sounds ideal, but there is no machine for constructing these tests. Since a test normally consists of a number of individual items that represent a progression of skills or information, selection of the items creates a problem. They need to be typical without being too basic, and they need to use the information. They need to be numerous enough to be representative but not so numerous as to be fatiguing.

Obviously it is not easy to write a good test. Scores are approximate at best. So no one knows better than the testmaker that he cannot say exactly how closely a student comes to having mastered a field.

Another standard is to judge the student on the basis of his achievement relative to others in his class or to others in a similar position. Suppose that Julie is an elementary school student. Last June in the sixth grade tests, she scored 85 in Geography and 85 in Mathematics. When scores from all sixth grade students in the diocese were computed, the typical ("median") score for

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Tests scored in this way are called standardized tests.

Report card marks are seldom based on such sophisticated testing. Julie's teacher would not know immediately what the rest of the children in the diocese had scored on the Geography and Mathematics tests. However, the wise teacher uses some of these techniques and their implications in translating her own file of class work, homework papers, class tests, diocesan tests, etc., into a letter mark for the report card.

It tells you more than the "85%" does about how Julie's getting on.

Local Drum and Bugle Corps Has A Problem

The 75-member Emerald Statesmen Drum and Bugle Corps has a problem. They need a sponsor.

Their co-director, William McGrath, 5294 St. Paul Blvd., explains their plight.

"We are 75 per cent self-supporting, but need help with that last quarter of our expenses. We march in parades for any organization that will hire us; and we travel widely in both the United States and Canada to enter contests for prize money. We have an inventory of equipment that is worth \$20,000, but also a deficit of \$10,000 to overcome."

McGrath would like to get a Catholic sponsor if possible, as the group would like to enter several CVO contests. He sees the Emerald Statesmen as a group that any parish or school organization would be proud to have representing it.

An alumnus of the U.S. Air Force Drum and Bugle Corps, McGrath is sold on the value of this work in the lives of the young people who take part in it.

A good drum and bugle corps is a picture of American democracy in action, he feels. Individuals are not rated on race, creed, or color, but on their ability to subordinate self for the common good of the unified effort.

He even quotes FBI director, J. Edgar Hoover in saying: "I've never known a former member of an organized band

or drum corps to be convicted of a federal crime."

The Emerald Statesmen has a talented and seasoned group of leaders. Their instruction staff includes music instructor Sal Sparazza and Raymond Shahin, drum instructor Douglas Kinehands, McGrath and Vincent Bruni, Aquinas drill instructor, handle the drill arrangements and instruction.

Actually, McGrath feels, a sponsor could make money on his investment in such an organization. He would be happy to discuss the prospects with any interested sponsor. His phone number is FI 2-0776.

WINS POSTER AWARDS

Students from two Rochester parochial schools were among the top winners in a recent poster contest on the theme "Police Image." The contest was sponsored by the Police Locust Club in conjunction with National Police Week.

The three top award winners were Samuel Adolino of Mt. Carmel School, Patricia Perrari of SS. Peter and Paul School, and Susan Quigley of School No. 36.

Genesian Award

St. Mary's College — (NC) — Actress Ann Blyth received the Genesian Award of St. Mary's College June 4. The award is made annually to a performing artist whose "personal and professional life gives outstanding service to humanity."

TEENAGE BIOLOGI

Trybalski demonstrates at Nazareth A summer scholars' Fisher College; both Bausch and Lomb's

College Preview

A preview of college store for 15 Rochester school students who participate in a biology w at St. John Fisher College summer.

Participants were from more than fifty age on the basis of letters wrote outlining their project interests. Among winning scholars are:

James Patterson, M Jesuit High; Thomas C McQuaid Jesuit High; Woytash, St. Andrew's ary; Thomas Guider, High; Mary Duffy, N Assenew; Cynthia G. Mercy High; Jean Trisal Agnes High; and Judith zyski, Kearney High.

Eight boys and seven girls represented a private secondary schools undertake the six-week project.

The tuition-free works special feature of the 1968 Summer Session, will ducted by Dr. Edward V ner, Chairman of the Biology Department.

The new program is ed to encourage gifted students to develop their talents as as possible in their careers.

To Head Class:

Class officers for the year 1968-69 at Notre have been announced: lows:

Senior class: President, McGill; vice president, Delaney; secretary, G. Valois; treasurer, Th o

Junior class: President, art Limoncelli; vice pre Ellen L. Lagogoro; sec Juliana Burns; tre Henry Cesari.

Sophomore class: Pre Thomas Russell; secretary, Mary Frailey; secretary, He; treasurer, James F

Priest-Actor H

Padre Humberto Almaz recently ordained a priest in the order of the Missionaries Holy Apostles, was the Sunday, June 12, of the Drama Group of Mercy School at their annual end Communion Breakfast.

Padre Humberto, a M Academy Award winner brated Mass for the gr 140 in the Mercy Mother Chapel.

Padre Humberto was guest speaker at Mercy's tion Days in the fall. Tw for Mercy Jesters — pr Ellen McGee and Mimi Ke — attended his ordination Washington, D.C., in Feb

New Officers:

Recently elected officers Our Lady of Mercy High include the following:

Class officers: Ellen Meade and Senio Bolors Elaine Adam and Haran; sophomores Marg ligan and Terri Gerhardt

Christian Leadership Barbara Zelter, Barbara Eileen Flanagan, and Teal.

Mission Unit: Camille han, Mary Holland and Kramer.

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