

### Open Houses Scheduled at Nursing Homes

More than 20 nursing homes in Monroe County will hold Open House Sunday, Mother's Day, from 1 to 5 p.m. observing the start of Nursing Home Week in the county, state and nation.

Orchid corsages will be presented to all women patients, guided tours will be conducted and coffee will be served guests, according to Al Christiano Jr., president of the Genesee District, State Nursing Home Association. The association is a non-profit organization serving the interests of nursing homes in a nine-county area.

The City of Rochester and County of Monroe have a large and growing population of senior citizens. According to the Monroe County Health Department, 26.2 per cent of the nursing home patients are 85 years of age or older. Some 63.9 per cent are between 65 and 84 years old, and the rest are not yet 65.



### Machinery Makes Work Easier

All Grades at St. Thomas the Apostle School participated in a "Science Fair" on April 23. Fifth graders "discovered" Law of Work and Law of Machines by experimenting with inclined planes, pulleys and levers. In foreground (from left) are Mary Jane Yeager, Walter Harvey, Danny Bowman, Diane Wright; in rear, Allison Miller, Lisa Spiegel, Jean Roney, Marilyn Meagher. Mrs. Josephine DeGrandis, junior high science teacher, coordinated program.

## The Religious Brother in Today's World

The following article was contributed by one of the Brothers at the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) Seminary and Novitiate on Conesus Lake.

By **BROTHER JOE ACOSTA, SVD.**

On May 1, eleven second-year novices at our seminary took their first vows.

They were Brothers David Bosak, Michael Callan, Edwin Collier, Wilmer Hypolite, Joseph Lennon, Robert Mauss,

### 17 Units to Seek Color Guard Title

Seventeen color guard units from the United States and Canada will compete in the International Color Guard Circuit Championships at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Bishop Kearney High School.

Hosting the competition is the Bishop Kearney Color Guard. Tickets are \$1 when purchased in advance, and \$1.50 at the door.

Raymond Frem, Daniel Reban, Thomas Touney, Dennis Williams and John Winchrenner. In congratulating them, we would like to offer a word about the Brother novices at our novitiate.

Today's novice has the same goals as those in the past; his response to God's call is the same. However, as times change, so do the ideas and outlooks of young men. Today's Brother novice wants to be part of the world in which he is to function as a missionary.

What type of person is it who leaves home to become an SVD Brother?

He's from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Iowa, Wisconsin. His age range is from 18 to 25. While here he teaches in Livonia, Geneseo, Leicester, Retsof, Dansville, Industry or Sonyea.

He plays in "rock bands," goes to dances, parties, movies, concerts. His 23-month novitiate is a period of formation and preparation during which he takes a close look at himself, examines his choice in life, and tries to mold his character into

what is required of a future missionary Brother.

He must be physically fit, in order to carry out the work of the missions. He must be able to communicate with others easily. He must take orders even if he does not want to carry them out. He knows that he must do this, for the time will come when he will be giving orders and expecting them to be followed.

He must be an out-going individual — ready, willing and able to counsel, tutor and instruct others. In other words, he is a man for all seasons. He fits into all parts of society.

There is a trend in today's society to reach out. This takes the path toward people. It is people that are most important. People think, love, communicate; people need other people.

A Brother is a person; he is people; he needs other people. And he is reaching out—reaching toward God, through God's greatest creation: people. Brothers today, more than ever before, are in direct contact with people. It is important for today's Brother to appreciate people, their problems, their needs, their joys; but most important, to appreciate them as people.

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