



The Aquinas Marching Band, recent winners in the American Legion's state championships, rehearse in Aquinas Memorial Stadium.

## McQuaid Student Gives . . . Report from Bolivia

Fathers Peter Deckman and Edward Golden have asked the newest visitor to the Rochester diocesan mission of St. Joseph the Worker in LaPaz, Bolivia, to write their periodic "report" for the people of the diocese.

Malcolm MacKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. MacKenzie of St. Thomas More Church, Brighton, completed his junior year at McQuaid Jesuit High School in June and is in LaPaz to help for the summer. He is one of 13 children of the MacKenzie clan.

By MALCOLM MACKENZIE

La Paz—Bolivia is different from Yankee-land in many ways. Her people are shy but friendly. In our zone we have people who are traditional and others who consider themselves modern, dressing more modernly. All are poor and live in the same bad conditions—no sewage, no water, none of the conveniences we have at home.

Almost all cannot read or write but most of the children are going to school. There are few jobs, as there is very little industry.

The people are in different classes, and there is much prejudice among them. When I'm out on the street, with those who consider themselves modern (which is sort of funny), they don't want me to go to see my friends who are more traditional. They tell me they are bad and dirty.

I can't talk Spanish yet, but we understand each other well and have a good time together.

One of the first things the people do when they first meet you is to use all the English they know, whether it is hello, good-bye or I love you. They want you to teach them English, as it is a big thing to know here.

They have just gotten television here but hardly anyone has TV. It is on only four hours at night and is run by the government.

There is little to do here for recreation; you have to do most things yourself for entertainment. All the boys play soccer, which is the big sport. They play it anywhere and everywhere and are real agile with their feet.

Bolivia has her own songs and dances, which are a lot of fun. The fiestas are the big recreation.

The people appreciate most

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## Aquinas Wins State Title In Marching

By WHIT JOHNSON

Aquinas Institute added one more trophy to its already bulging show case by capturing the American Legion state band championship.

The competition was held in conjunction with the American Legion's state convention held in Buffalo.

In color guard competition, the Aquinas color guard tied for first place with West Genesee High School of Camillus, N.Y. but was awarded second place on total points.

During the summer months the Aquinas band has appeared in several area parades and has performed a half-time show for Canadian exhibition football in Toronto. On Aug. 8, the band will present a field show in Hamilton, Ontario.

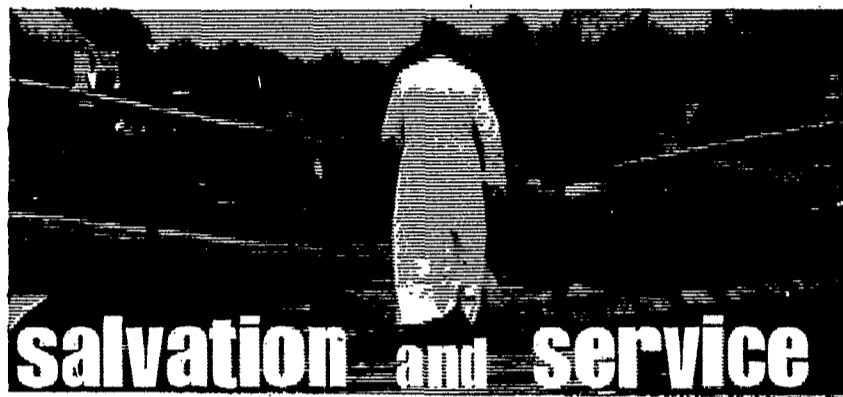
On Sept. 1, the Aquinas band will compete in the New York State Exposition pageant of bands at Syracuse in conjunction with the State Fair.

things—but some of the help they receive they don't like. Everything is used fully until it is completely worn out. Everything is done by hand, and seems to come from the land—whether it's mud for the house or rocks for the street.

You buy all your food and other things on the streets—bread, meal, clothes, anything. You just go from person to person, each has his own thing to sell. Things that are manufactured are expensive.

The people don't have too much materially, but emotionally they are much happier and more appreciative than those in the States. They take great pride in uniforms, as they give them distinction.

We are digging a soccer field out of the hillside at the Parroquia for the kids. The cooperative is putting a waterline in. We meet on Sundays and are digging the waterline now.



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## 'What's It All About?'

In this ever-changing, ever-moving world of ours, sometimes it is good to stop for a while and take stock of ourselves. Who are we? What are we doing? Where are we going? How are we getting there?

Perhaps this is a good time to answer these same questions about The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. What is our purpose? How are we accomplishing our goals? In short, what's the Society all about?

To start at the beginning, the Society was founded a hundred and fifty years ago by a young French girl named Pauline Jaricot. Dedicated and enthusiastic, Pauline saw the needs of the Church everywhere, and decided that the whole people of God ought to be responsible for both the spiritual and material needs of their brothers in Christ.

She figured that if each person gave just a little, then no one would have to remain in need. So Pauline gathered her friends together and urged them to set aside a small part of their weekly salary for the missions. The idea caught on and spread throughout the world. Today there are generous friends of the missions on every continent.

And that's how The Society for the Propagation of the Faith was born. It is simply a society for others. Our purpose is to awaken within each Christian a "sense of mission"—a sense of responsibility to all mankind. Once people realize this and act upon it, the Society provides the means for contributing to the areas most in need.

The Society supports over 135,000 missionaries who give witness to the goodness of a loving and merciful God. Included in its apostolic mission is the formation of native clergy and religious—those who know their local customs and culture. Presently, the Society supports 13,000 priests, sisters and laity from the local churches in mission lands, as well as 56,000 native seminarians.

The Society is also involved in auxiliary works of a social nature, supporting: 100,000 schools; 1,000 hospitals; 2,374 orphanages; 127 leprosaria; and 867 homes for the aged. The Society is also responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of many parishes and dioceses in 819 mission territories—places which literally could not exist without this help.

For all of this missionary activity, the Society relies solely on the free offerings of the people of God all over the world. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith gives its all to the missions every year. Nothing is saved. Nothing is invested. The continued and unflinching generosity of its members is its only support.

In a single thought—we rely on YOU. If you do not help us, we cannot help the missions. Please spend some time now to take stock of yourself. If you find that you're as concerned as we are about the poor of the world, make your concern visible by sending your check to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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