

President Nixon Praises 'Italian Musicale' Show

Attilio Iacelli, the fatherly voice of North America's longest running Italian radio program "Italian Musicale" got a letter in the mail last week.

The letter said in part:

"I want you to know how much I share the feelings of those who appreciate the outstanding contribution you are making to preserve the musical heritage of Italy in the Rochester area."

Iacelli's program has been broadcast every Sunday over WSAY, for the past 34 years. During that time, Iacelli said, "I have been absent only 12 Sundays."

The letter writer continued:

"The respect you have earned throughout the Italian community is well deserved, and you can take great pride and satisfaction in the excellent reputation your program enjoys."

The letter was signed: Richard Nixon.

Iacelli and his wife Valda, reside on Anthony St., Rochester. The couple has a daughter Linda who is presently residing in Washington, D.C.

Christmas Musical At Corning Church

Corning — Ninety pupils of St. Patrick's School took part Sunday afternoon in the annual Christmas program sponsored by the Parish Aides.

A musical production, "The Christmas Spirit," traced the customs which lead to the Nativity celebration in various parts of the world. Mrs. Roger Steele and Mrs. Dale Noll were chairmen. The St. Patrick's Folk Group and a number of soloists performed. Mrs. Eugene Kent was in charge of the reception that followed.

Aquinas Readies Annual Contest For 8th Graders

Aquinas Institute will host its annual Eighth Grade Forensic Scholarship Competition at 1 p.m., Dec. 20.

Each grammar school in the area may enter one boy as a representative in the competition. Each will deliver a three-to-four-minute speech, in three rounds of competition. From these rounds, eight finalists will be chosen. The finalists are then given one hour in which to prepare a three-to-four minute extemporaneous speech on a newly assigned topic.

All participants receive special certificates. The top three speakers receive trophies. The second-place speaker will receive a partial scholarship to Aquinas, valued at \$900. The first-place winner will receive a full tuition scholarship to Aquinas, valued at \$1,800.

Art Gallery Opens

The Rochester area's newest art gallery has opened on the mezzanine level of the city's newest hotel, the Holiday Inn/Downtown.

The gallery — formally The Left Bank Gallery, Inc. — is the first of its kind in downtown Rochester and is dedicated to the works of area and state artists.

The Left Bank (named after its place on the Genesee River and for the Parisian art colony) carries the works of such local artists as Anne and Kristine Mariano, Gloria (Mrs. Samter) Horwitz, David and Kaye Halter, Edythe Shelden, Carl Zollo, Joquim Mueller, Jack Popham, Achille Forgione, Nancy Jurs, Martha McFall, Hamilton Driggs, Jacqueline O'Connell and Isabelle Neuberger.

Forgione and Popham, both know for their welded steel work, are also principals of the gallery. Others are Marion Repenter, manager, and Bill and Anne Vanderschmidt (she is Anne Keefe of Channel 8 television and WROC radio).

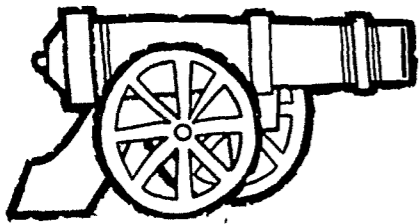
The gallery was designed to serve a "double purpose," according to Miss Repenter. First, to provide a downtown gallery where Rochester-area and state artists can take advantage of a wide audience and, second, to provide a major gallery-shop for promising young artists from RIT, Alfred, Oswego, Brockport and other schools of the state.

Band Concert

Aquinas Institute's annual Christmas Band Concert will be held at Aquinas in the newly-renovated Auditorium, at 8 p.m., Dec. 19.

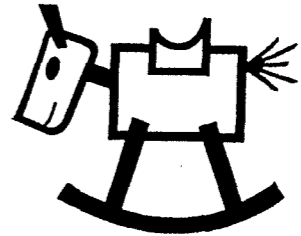
Alfred Fabrizio will conduct. Selections include: Festive Overture; Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral; Train Ride; William Byrd Suite; Oliver; Kansas Suite; The Brazilian Sleighbell; Greensleeves and Troika.

Tickets may be purchased from members of the band or at the door for \$1.



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