

Scholastic Notebook

City League Applauded

By John Doser



Aquinas had four football games scheduled for the 1971 season while McQuaid, Bishop Kearney and Cardinal Mooney had five games on the books.

Last year each of the four Catholic schools picked up a pair of non-league football games with Monroe County Division I schools but for next season were left dangling without a commitment.

Then the county announced its long-awaited reorganization plan which resulted in three divisions giving each suburban school five league games and three crossover games — completely excluding the Catholic teams who were waiting in the wings.

Last week however the Rochester City League decided to take a giant step and announced intentions to play the Catholic schools this fall.

"It's about time we did this," one city school coach said. We agree. With the city reducing its senior high schools from nine to six, the smaller number of teams should be much stronger than the previous nine teams and produce more equitable competition.

We applaud once more the judgment, cooperation and spirit which the Double C circuit consistently displays. It's an attitude of public-parochial school fraternalism sorely missing outside the city limits.

One argument C-C schools don't need to provide their county cousins is lack of adequate supervision at C-C athletic events.

There is no excuse for fighting among fans and players or fans, players and officials at any contest. School officials must provide police or faculty supervision or play their basketball games before an empty gym early in the afternoon.

We don't blame officials' chief Tom Emmanuel who suggested that unless the C-C strengthens its crowd control policies he may have to pull referees out of C-C ballgames. It's not the players who necessarily get involved — credit must go to coach Don Lander's Madison crew for keeping the fights after its game with Aquinas "small" as they were.

City-Catholic League president Marty LaFica knows what he's talking about when he says "We can't let this get out of hand. We're asking principals to take a long, hard look and hopefully correct it with tighter control." One of the post-game fights occurred at BK after its recent one-point win over Aquinas.

Nick Zona, city schools' physical education chief, puts the blame squarely on the schools. The responsibility of crowd control rests with each individual school he said.

Although coach Bob Pederson's McQuaid leers don't have a Bobby Orr-like prospect, they do have V.J. Stanley, the Monroe County Hockey loop's top scorer. VJ hit for one and assisted on two others in the Knights' 4-1 win over Kearney. Stanley had 14 points on six goals, eight assists through six games.

Aquinas, which was tied with McQuaid for top spot, has Jack Richards, (10 points, six goals, through six games) who along

with teammate Mark Wiedemer's two goals helped the Irish thump Irondequoit, 6-3.

Wiedemer flashed the lamp for five goals in three games during one stretch for the Irish.

Tom Desimon and Tom Batchelor, with decisions in the 100 and 107 pound classes got Cardinal Mooney off to a fast start and the Cards hung on long enough to hand McQuaid its first C-C mat loss of the season.

A few days later Mooney, Madison, McQuaid and East were all locked in for first place on the basis of losses (one each). In a battle of unbeatens, McQuaid's John Dowd emerged

unscathed with a decision over Mooney's Paul Kane at 157.

Rev. A. Edward Doser, new Aquinas head swimming coach, got off with a debut victory over Monroe but lost a biggie when the Knights slipped the Irish 52-43. McQuaid coach John Tobin didn't call his team's win an upset victory but preferred to label it a meet between two fine teams — with his strategy paying off. For one thing McQuaid's Dick Sheridan, usually a 100-butterfly performer, was saved to anchor the 400-yard medley relayers who won and made the difference.

The loss dropped the Irish into a first place C-C tie with the Knights and Marshall.



George Sisler To Address Aquinas Club

George Sisler Jr., president of the International Baseball League, will be guest speaker at the Feb. 17 meeting of the Aquinas Athletic Booster Club.

Sisler recently was elected President of the Rochester Press Radio Club. He is a graduate of Colgate University and was general manager of the Rochester Red Wings from 1955 to 1965.

The meeting in the Aquinas cafeteria will begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Parents, alumni and friends are invited. Tickets may be obtained through Father Michael Biondi at Aquinas, 254-2020.

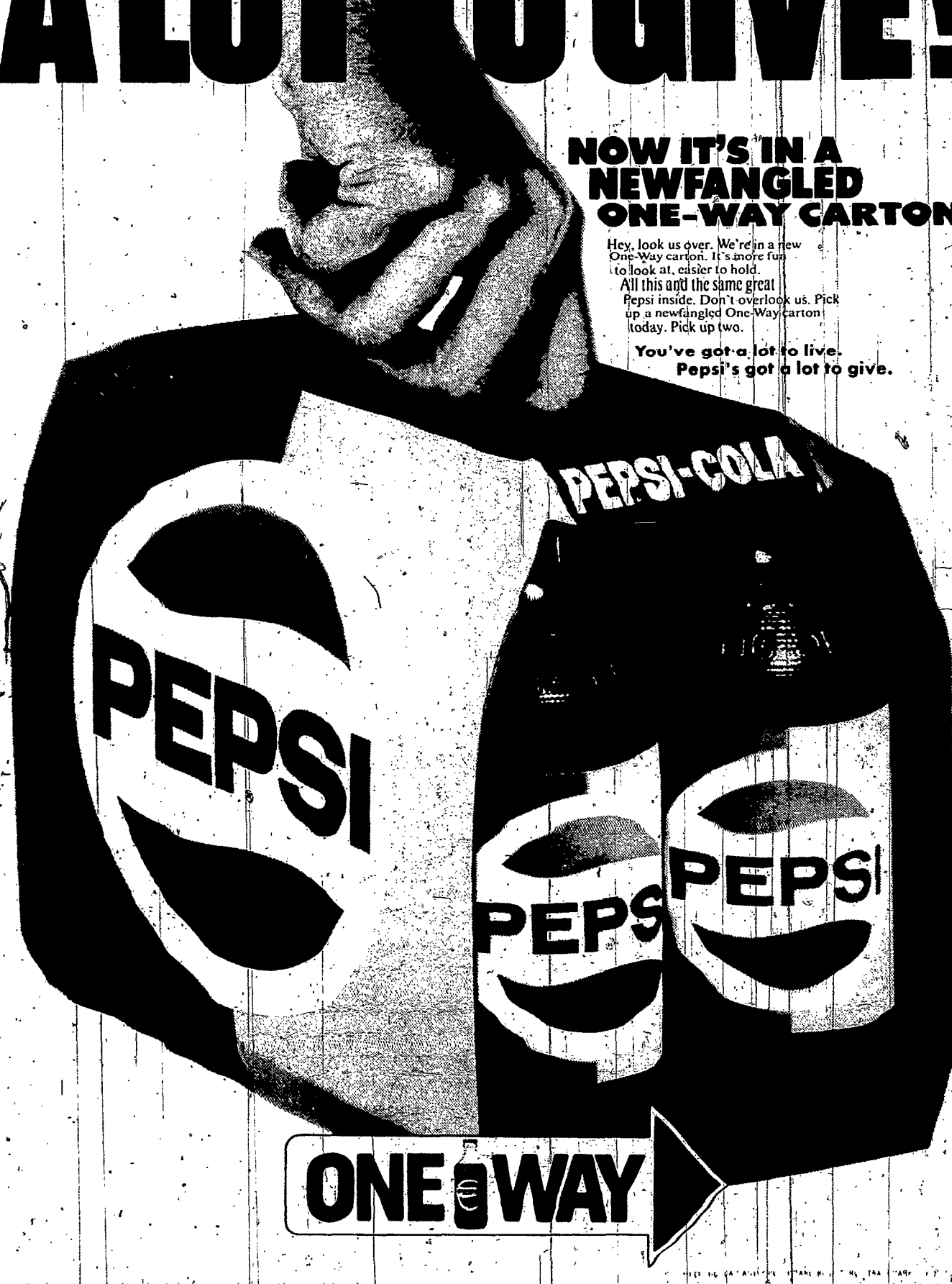
OPEN HOUSE

Elmira — St. Casimir School will hold open house Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21, for pupils and their parents. Registration for next year is scheduled for Feb. 22 and 23, from 1 until 4 p.m.

Bro. Vaughan Marks Jubilee

Brother James H. Vaughan, CFC, a former teacher at Bishop Kearney High School, has completed 50 years in the Congregation of Christian Brothers. His golden jubilee was observed recently at Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, N.J., where he is an English teacher and religious superior of the brothers' community.

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