

School Election

Training Ground for Future

By BETH McMILLAN

Thousands of Greece teens will awaken to their new civic responsibility next fall when the 18-year-old vote goes into effect. The Action For People Association (AFPA) of Cardinal Mooney High School educated future voters to exercise their responsibility during the election, last week, of Mooney's largest extracurricular organization.

The officers of AFPA were elected by voting procedures closely paralleling civic elections.

Campaigning began Feb. 10, and culminated on the 18th with the actual voting in which Patrick Tydings and Sandy Hertzler were elected president and vice president.

As in the real election, those wishing to vote had to register and three dates were set aside for that.

Did the inconvenience of registration discourage many students from voting? Said Louis D'Amato, former AFPA treasurer, "If they can't find time to register, they shouldn't vote."

Paulette Namisnak agreed. "We wanted the kids who vote to care. They had to see it as more than a popularity contest."

As it happened, the registration turnout was a little less

than the national average of 43 per cent. Thirty-eight per cent of the student body and faculty turned out to register with this breakdown: seniors: 34 per cent; juniors: 63 per cent; sophomores: 30 per cent; freshmen: 30 per cent; and faculty 63.

Tom McDonald, former president of the AFPA, said that the vote-for-your-buddy attitude is obsolete. "Kids today are sensitive to politics. They want to show their responsibility."

The campaign and election were intended to be a learning experience. In the words of the

AFPA moderator, Sister Virginia Wilson, "We're not teaching with textbook, we're teaching through experience."

The student voters aren't the only ones to benefit from this type of education. The candidates learn too, even those who lose.

Barb DeCarlo, a former vice presidential candidate, found initiative to become a "teen leader" on McCurdy's Teen Board. "I've always liked helping people," Barb said, "but if I hadn't lost that election, I would never have gone out and joined Teen Board."

Mooney Student Takes Hallmark

For the second year in a row, a student from Cardinal Mooney High School captured a Hallmark Nomination at Sibley's annual Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition. A nomination for the state and national Hallmark competition went this year to Jean Foos, who also took a blue ribbon for her mixed media work.

Other blue ribbon winners from Catholic schools in the area were: Kathleen Keck, Textile Design, St. Agnes High School; Alison Brown, Mixed Media, Cardinal Mooney; Renee Cassano, Mixed Media, Bishop Kearney High School; Marilyn Geyer, Mixed Media, Bishop Kearney; Susan Woodard, Mixed Media, Our Lady of Mercy High School; Eileen Crowley, Photography, Bishop Kearney; Carol Rozwell, Photography, Bishop Kearney.

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Mother of Sorrows parish is sponsoring a family night at the hockey game Friday, Feb. 26. Tickets are available in the rectory office. The parish bowling party will be the following night, beginning at 7 at Maiden Lanes and ending with a buffet supper in the church hall. Also on the calendar are an open meeting of the school board at 7:30 tomorrow, Feb. 25, and a night of recollection for Rosarians at 7:30 p.m. March 2, with Father Paul Wohlrab.

Father Louis Hohmann, rector of Becket Hall, will address the Rosary Society of Our Lady of Mercy parish at a tureen supper at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 1.

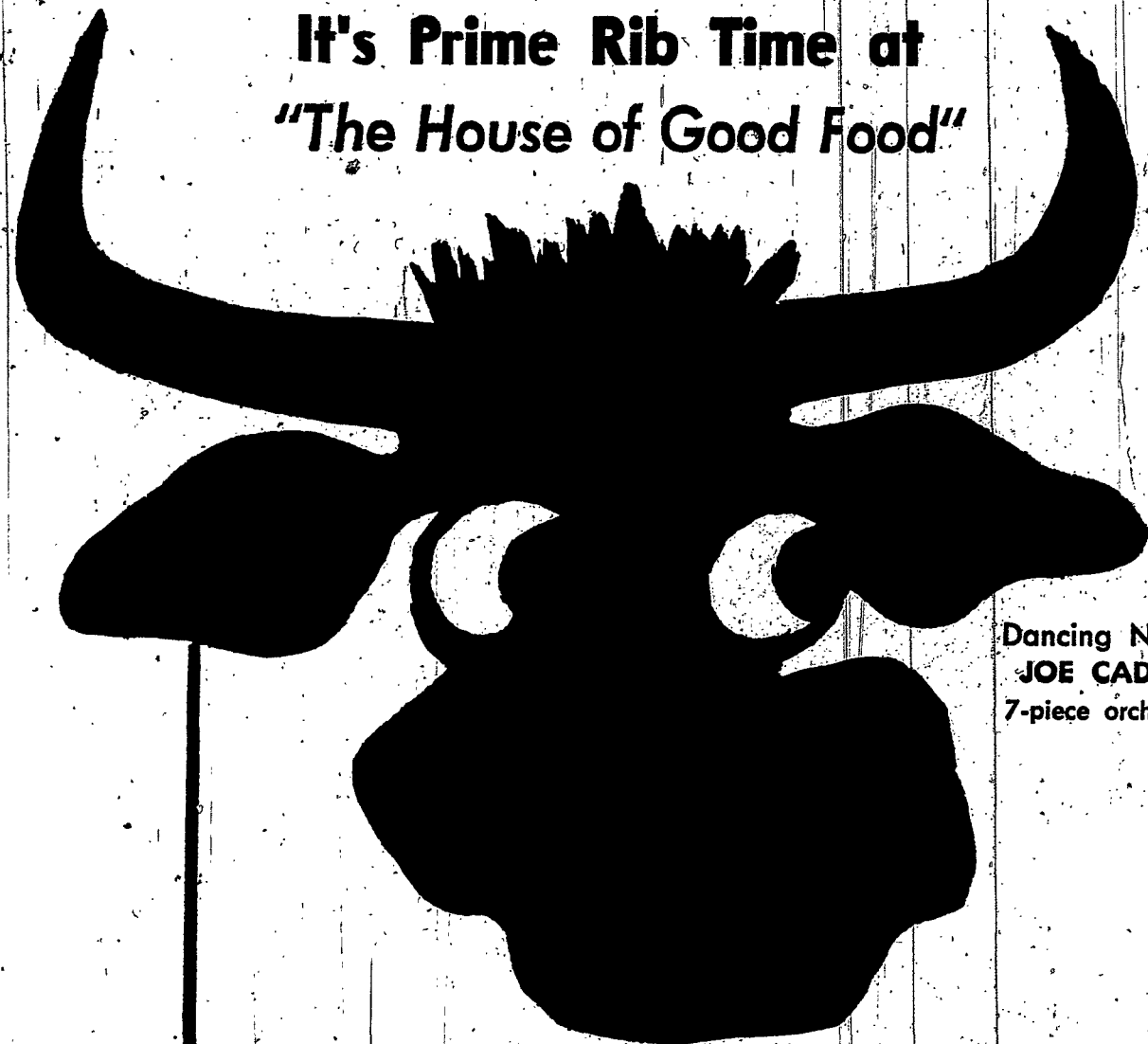
The Men's Club of St. Cecilia's will be guests of the Ladies Guild Tuesday night, March 2.

The Holy Rosary Guild meeting Tuesday night, March 2, will feature birthdays and a talk on food shopping by Mrs. Christine Ambrecht, a home economist.

The Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church, Scottsville, will sponsor a father-son communion breakfast in the parish center after the 8 o'clock Mass Sunday, March 7. Donald Cummings, swim coach at Wheatland-Civil, will be guest speaker. March 3 is the ticket deadline. For further information: Mrs. Gerald Meade, 889-4743.

Rosarians of St. Plus X invite all women of the parish to their annual tureen supper, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2. Mrs. Harry Freitas is chairman.

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