

# Nazareth Academy Looks To Centennial Celebration

Nazareth Academy, oldest Catholic girls' private school in Rochester, has announced plans for its Centennial Celebration.

Sister M. Annunciata, principal, said the centennial observance will begin in mid-September and continue through the year, concluding at the end of August 1972. It will be the largest and most ambitious undertaking of its kind in the history of the 100-year-old school at 1001 Lake Ave.

Theme will be "12 Days of Celebration . . . 100 Years of Dedication." In keeping with this theme, a variety of programs will be featured by Nazareth alumnae and students during the entire 12-month run. Secondary theme, "The Lord Is My Light," Nazareth's motto, will be honored in posters, prose and pageantry to be presented throughout the year.

Chairman is Sister Marie Catherine, teacher of English and Journalism, and publicity coordinator for the school. She will be assisted by Gerard McCabe, budget coordinator, and a staff of 12 committee chairmen.

Nazareth Academy was founded in September 1871, by the Sisters of St. Joseph, a teaching order originating in France in 1650. The first school was at Jay and Frank streets on the old Colonel Williams' property. The school opened with a faculty of three and an enrollment of 60 pupils, ranging from second grade to second year of high school. The Rochester Diocese was then under the leadership of Bishop McQuaid who appointed the Rev. James Kieran as first principal of Nazareth.

Second principal was Father Thomas Hickey who held the post for nine years before becoming Bishop of Rochester.

It was with Bishop Hickey's direction that the present Lake Avenue school was formally opened in 1916 under the leadership of its most renowned principal, the late Sister M. Marcella Reagan. Sister Mar-



Aerial view of Nazareth Academy

cella's outstanding career in Catholic education spanned 65 years until her death in September, 1940.

Today, Nazareth's enrollment is close to 900, and 135 separate

courses of study comprise the current curriculum. With the Class of '71 commencement in June, the academy will have graduated approximately 12,650 students since the first recorded graduating class in 1877.

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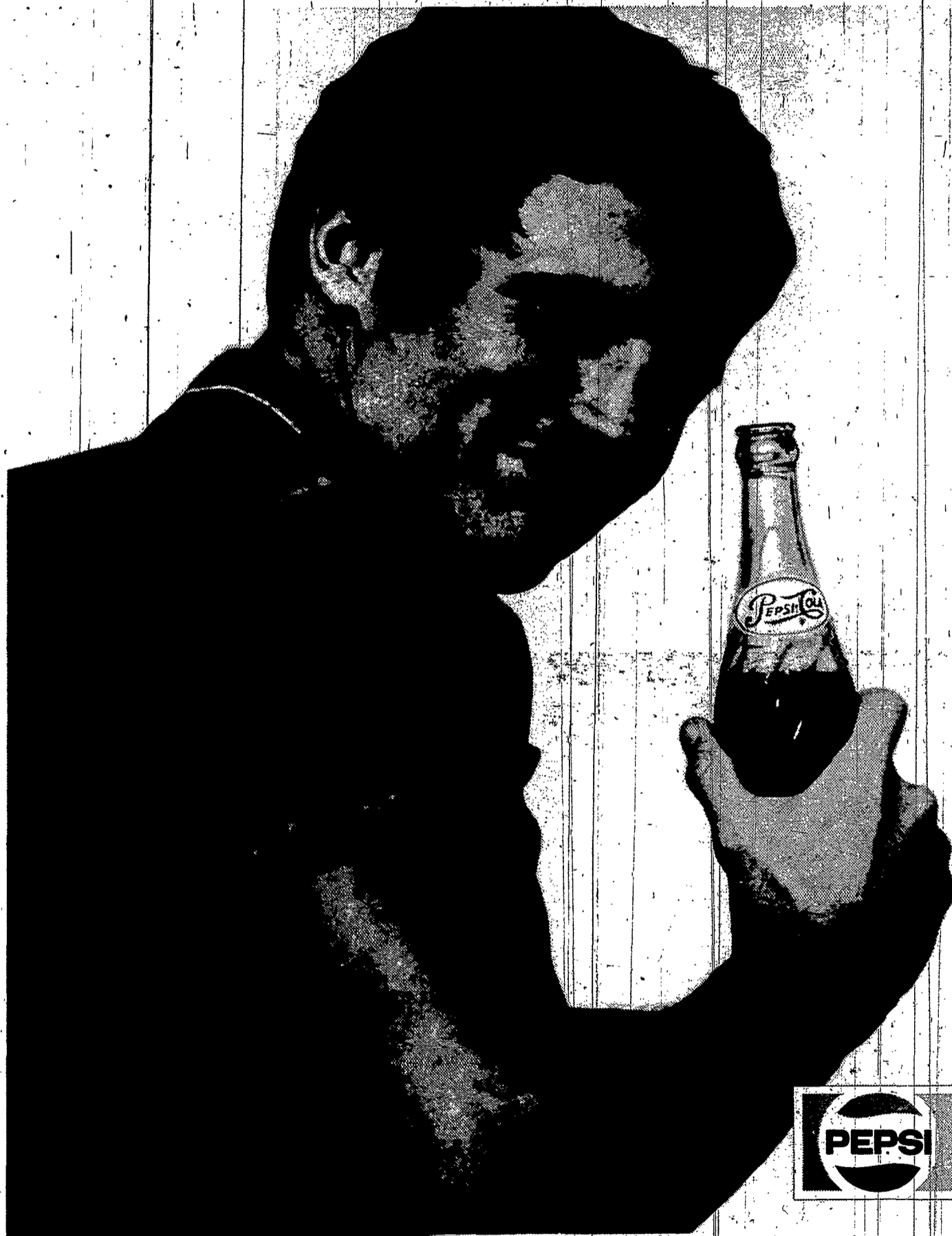
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Winners will be announced June 6, at Open House at the camp on Conesus Lake.

### SCRANTON ALUMNI

The Rochester Chapter of the Alumni Society of the University of Scranton will hold a reception Sunday, April 25, 3-6 p.m., for Father Dexter L. Hanley, S.J., newly appointed president of the University of Scranton. The reception will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Sullivan of Berkshire Drive, Greece.

Anyone who has news of the Auburn area for the Courier-Journal should contact Mrs. Ginnerty at 315-253-2176.

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