

## Cabrini

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boys and girls to Catholic high schools. Last year they spent \$3600 to send 19 students. This year there are more applicants than the group will be able to take care of.

Even though, as the program works now, the Circle pays only half the tuition, and the school absorbs the other half, they will not be economically able to grant all applicants scholarships and are encouraging other interested organizations to help.

The lives of the various

scholarship recipients have been varied. A few have not finished their high school education but many have gone on to college, or nursing or Vista.

Andre Clemena and Alfred Seals are just two who credit the Circle for encouraging them and enabling them to take their education seriously. Both men were awarded scholarships to Aquinas Institute. Andre Clemena is now a brain surgeon in Massachusetts and Alfred Seals is a Doctor of Physics in Rochester.

BOB CONSIDINE

## On the Line



There is nothing much sadder than the death of one's old favorite teacher. My sixth grade teacher of half a century and more ago, Sister Bernard of the Order of Notre Dame da Namur, died not long ago at age 84.

What a joy she was! Sister Bernard had that ineffable gift of blarney and utter wisdom that lighted a spark in generations of children of all types of families, all degrees of middle-class propriety and poverty, all shades of cooperation and dour resentment. The teeming tide that swept through her classrooms at St. Aloysius grammar school in Washington, D.C. was never faceless. We were absolute individuals, and, sometimes to our discomfiture, taught to believe we were made in the image and likeness of God.

There was a long stretch of years when through my fault, through my most grievous fault, we were no longer in touch. For some reason, I assumed Sister Bernard had long since gone to her reward. Then one day I ran across an old classmate who still lived in Washington, and he mentioned that he had seen Sister Bernard lately. It seemed incredible. As a 12-year-old, I had pictured her as at least 80. (There is a cliché: "As hard to pin down as a nun's age.")

Shortly after that, on a trip to Washington, I went back to our old neighborhood, which is called Swampoodle or Swampoodle, depending on how far you got in school. I tapped the knocker on the old convent across North Capitol Street from St. Aloysius and asked if I could see dear old Sister Bernard. I assumed she'd be confined to her bed.

"Sister Bernard's never here at this time of day," the young nun said, as if I were some kind of a nut. "School's not out until three o'clock."

She was still teaching, 40 years later! Found her, after hours, in the same classroom behind what must have been the same desk I knew as a boy. She was busy correcting papers. A freckled kid of about 12 was shaking the chalk out of a blackboard eraser by pounding it on the worn cement window ledge. That had been my job, a lifetime ago. Sister Bernard looked exactly as she had looked the last time I had seen her — 80.

She turned and looked at me, smiled with quick surprise, and said, "Hello, Robert."

Robert! With the exception of my sister Emily, nobody had called me that since, well, since I was in the sixth grade.

"You don't look too bad," she said, as if I had just returned from recess. "But I've got a

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## Blaine

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book case was "a departure from the unreasonably restrictive interpretation" formerly made about using public funds for nonpublic school pupils, Father Brent said.

"Consequently repeal of the Blaine Amendment as the Court now interprets it is unnecessary and would be unproductive. Since a referendum on this issue would risk becoming a divisive and bitter contest to no purpose, I would urge you to vote against repeal of Blaine if it be brought to a vote in this session of the Legislature."

## May Celebration At Holy Cross

Star of the Sea Praesidium, Legion of Mary, at Holy Cross Church sponsored a living rosary and coronation ceremony last Sunday at the shrine on the convent lawn. Benediction followed.

Donna Collins, an eighth grader, crowned the statue of the Blessed Mother. Taking part with the Legion of Mary, were members of the Rosary Guild and Holy Name Men's Club; the youth group and school children.

## Annual Party Set By Sacred Heart College Alumnae

The Sacred Heart College Alumnae will hold their annual cocktail party this Saturday, May 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Howe on Grosvenor Road.

The party brings together area alumnae of Barat College, in Chicago, Newton College, Boston, and Manhattanville, at Purchase, N.Y. Mrs. Robert T. Howe, chairman, has the assistance of Mrs. Michael Conley, Mrs. Francis Davie and Miss Marion Murray.

## Music Festival At Kearney

The award-winning Bishop Kearney High School band will team with the school glee club in a music festival at 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, in the auditorium. Refreshments will be provided during intermission.

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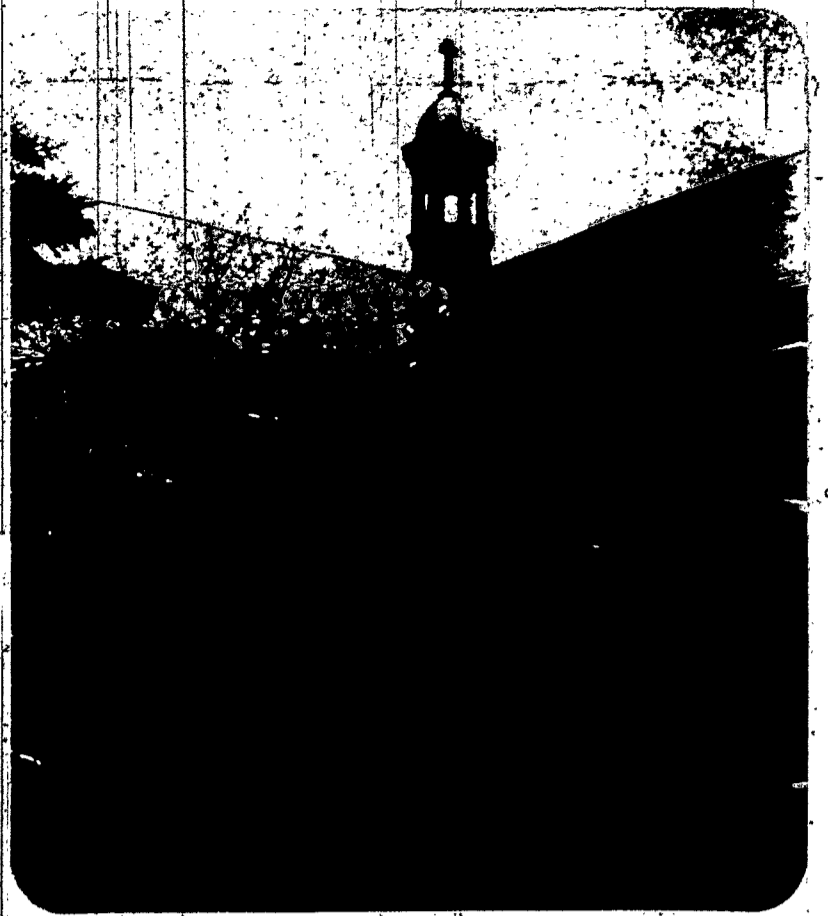
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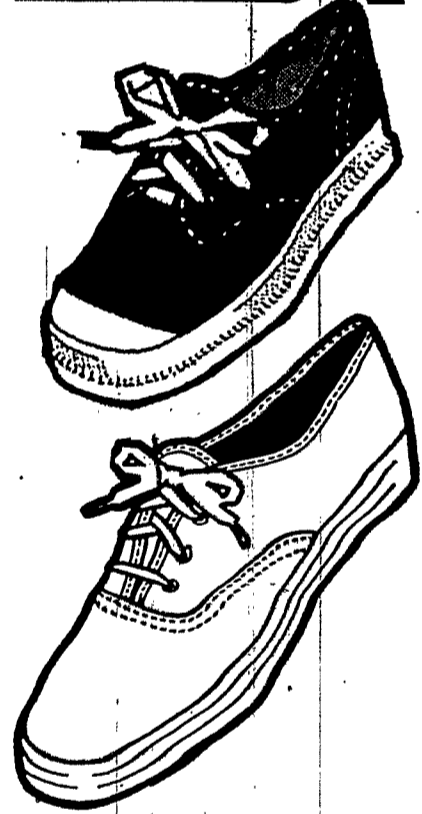


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## Beauty Award

St. Stanislaus Church on Hudson Avenue in Rochester will receive the Mayor's Beautification Award June 14 for "the beauty of its grounds and the tranquil effect on all who pass." Pastor is Father A. J. Stec.



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