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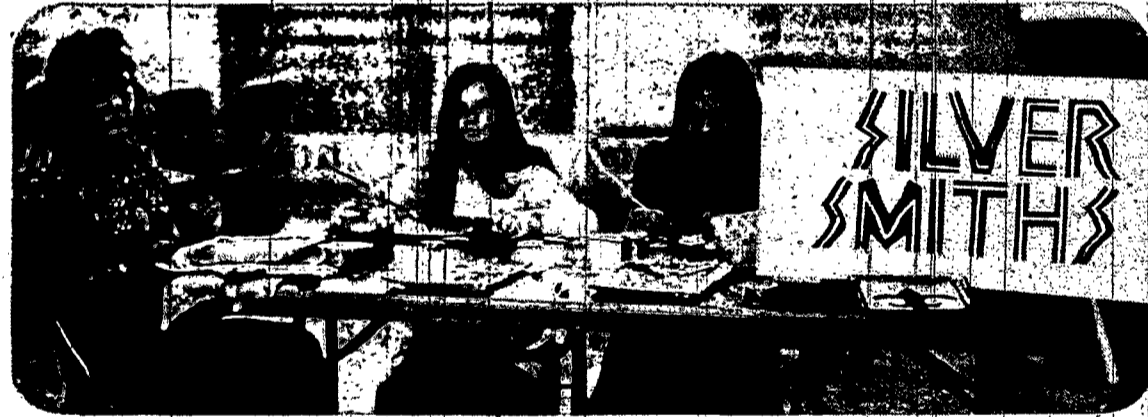
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Medieval Fair

"Good Conquers Evil," a marionette play, was staged at Guardian Angel's School last Thursday as part of a sixth-grade medieval fair. Puppeteers, from top left, are Mary Kay Young, Lori Yokes and Clement Leonardo. At right Matthew Mackey, Joe Dorety and John Mooney practice the medieval craft of armoring. Silversmiths, from bottom left, Patti Spath, Donna Hart, and Susan Niven work on heraldic shields.

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Regional Division To Be Explained To Monroe Laity

Laymen of parishes in Monroe County will hear the diocesan plans for regional division of the county and will get a chance to question implications of regionalism at a series of open meetings set for June 7 through 16.

Dates and places for meetings of laymen outside the county will be announced soon.

Under the regionalism plan mandated for the diocese by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan last March all parishes have been grouped in 13 geographical units to work together on needs and projects "too local for the diocese, and too large for the individual parish."

Monroe County has been sliced into five regions and the rest of the 11 counties of the diocese will comprise eight more. The first draft of sug-

gested groupings has been discussed by the clergy of the diocese in the proposed regions with remarkable harmony and enthusiasm.

Father Albert J. Shamon, vicar for education, will explain the concept of regionalism to the laity at five locations in the Rochester area:

June 7 — St. Margaret Mary school, for parishes in the North region (see groupings below)

June 8 — Sacred Heart Cathedral school — for Northwest Region parishes;

June 10 — Blessed Sacrament school — for Southwest Region;

June 14 — St. Ambrose school — Northeast Region;

June 16 — St. Augustine school — Southwest Region.

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Diocesan Schools Set Pace for State

Catholic elementary schools in the Rochester diocese do a better job of educating their pupils than the state norm, according to a report received this week by the diocesan Education Office.

Results of tests conducted last fall by the state's Pupil Evaluation Program, administered to all students in grades 3 and 6, show significant differences between the reading abilities of Rochester pupils in Catholic elementary schools and the abilities of pupils statewide.

The average reading score for Rochester Catholic pupils in the third grade was 36.25, while the state Catholic score was 34.58 and the state average came out at 31.78. Catholic schools in the diocese showed a higher standing by 4.47 points.

By sixth grade, Catholic stu-

dents in the diocese scored 5.46 points higher than the state average, with the norm being 46.32 points against 44.13 for the state's Catholic schools and 40.86 for the combined public and non-public schools.

The only area in which the combined public and non-public scores pulled even with those of the Rochester Catholic scores was in third grade arithmetic. This could be explained, according to the Education Office, by the fact that the Pupil Evaluation Program is not geared to test the math program used in Catholic first and second grades.

Math scores once again surpass state norms by the sixth grade, indicating that the program in Catholic schools more than equals the effectiveness of programs elsewhere.

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St. Ambrose Church in Rochester has an interesting project other churches may wish to adopt. The story is on Page 2B.

At St. Hyacinth's School in Auburn, the students conducted a religious service for their "Ribbon Day" exercises. The story is on Page 4B.

Helping others seems to be the order of the day in many communities around the diocese, such as in Elmira, where the Ladies of Charity take special care of the elderly and the shut-ins. The story is on Page 13B.

The Bishop's editorial this week issues a challenge to those who practice the Law, on Page 3A.

If you like controversy, Father Greeley has a very provocative column on Page 7A.

This week marks 160 years of service to God and man for four diocesan priests. The story is on Page 1B.

The newly ordained Mission Singers review one of

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan recently said Mass at the Aberdeen Nursing Home in Rochester. For a picture on his visit there, turn to Page 2A.



the most controversial songs in the rock opera Jesus Christ, Superstar, on Page 6B.

There's a film festival with a difference about to start in Ithaca. The story appears on Page 1B.