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**Scholastic
Notebook**



The last barrier to public-parochial high school athletic competition may be coming down.

Father Daniel Brent, superintendent of the Catholic schools of the Rochester Diocese, formally made a pitch to the local Section 5 group of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association to permit Rochester Catholic high schools to participate in future Section 5 athletic tournaments on an experimental basis.

Section 5 President Oliver Cook said a sub-committee was formed to discuss mutual problems of both the public and parochial school groups and that if they came up with a solution it would be presented to Section 5's executive committee for forwarding to the central committee of the NYSFHSAA in Albany for a decision.

If the experiment worked out, it may well permit Catholic high schools to participate in public school tournaments throughout the state Cook said.

Last year the Diocesan Basketball Tournament produced a first time champion in DeSales of Geneva but other than that drummed up little excitement what with the four Rochester Catholic high schools competing against each other all season anyway.

Including Catholic teams in these tournaments would also eliminate the need for guesswork on the part of enthusiastic sportswriters trying to determine who is No. 1. (In football there are no tournaments in New York State. However the state has given permission for high schools to play in nine games this fall. To our knowledge no Rochester area high school football team has announced a ninth game. Rush-Henrietta and Aquinas — you out there?)

Father Brent said he was very pleased with the openness and willingness of the public school people to discuss the problems.

He said he was impressed with the Section's friendliness, honesty and their willingness to look closer at the problem.

"I see nothing but good coming out of our talks," Father Brent said.

This marked the first time that a Catholic school administrator had appeared before the public school group. In the past Catholic school coaches or athletic directors made similar appeals which always fell upon deaf ears.

"When the highest ranking Catholic school's administrator asks," Cook said, "there'll be some action." Apparently so.

"Everything was amicable at our meeting," Cook added. "Just getting it discussed is a step in the right direction. Now it's just a question of time."

The sub-committee's findings could reach the NYSFHSAA in time for their August meeting, Cook said. The central committee must rule on any matter or matters not already on the NYSFHSAA books.

The biggest obstacle probably will be the question of school boundaries—the public schools have them (although it's somewhat loose in the City School District of Rochester) and the Catholic schools don't. The public schools have complained bitterly over the years that lack of boundaries gives the Catholic schools a much greater area to "select," "draw," or "recruit" athletes from.

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**Norton Elected
To School Board**

Gerard F. Norton Jr. of Pittsford was elected last Wednesday to the Pittsford School Board.

Norton, 34, becomes the first Catholic ever elected to the board. He is a partner in the Rochester law firm of Culley, Marks, Corbett, Tenenbaum, Reifsteck and Potter.

Norton and his wife, the former Margot Dessauer, have four small children: John, David, Katherine, and Maureen.

Norton is a parishioner of St. Louis Church and a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teacher in the parish's religious education program.

**Aquinas Takes Honors
At Band and Guard Meet**

Aquinas Institute took double honors in the statewide high school band pageant held last week in Sherburne, N.Y. The school's field band and its championship color guard both took titles.

The band, under the direction of Alfred M. Fabrizio and currently the New York State American Legion champions, earned 90 points out of a possible 100 to capture the field show event. Over 20,000 spectators witnessed the competition.

The state champion color guard had little trouble winning the top prize in color guard competition with its crack 17-man precision drill team. Tom Albright, Aquinas' color guard captain, won the outstanding commander award for his performance. The Aquinas guard has consistently won state and national honors for the past decade. Father John R. Whitley, CSS is the instructor, assisted by Dennis Kauffman.

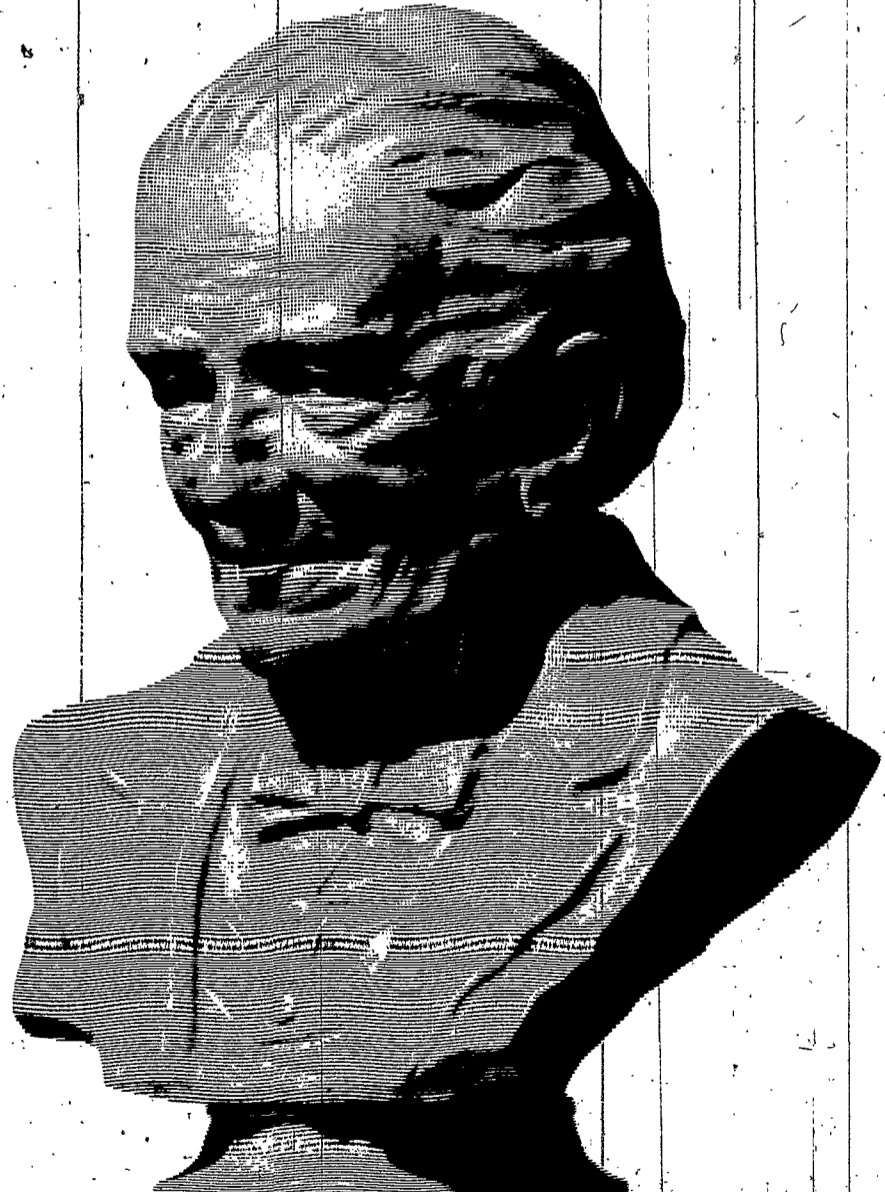
Aquinas will defend its state championship title in July in conjunction with the American Legion's convention competitions in Rochester.

**Public Invited
To Nursing Homes**

Twenty nursing homes in the Rochester area will hold open house Sunday afternoon, June 20, from 2 until 5 p.m. Proclamations of Nursing Home Sunday have been issued by Mayor Stephen May and County Manager Gordon A. Howe.

Al Christiano of Fairport, president of the nine-county Genesee district of the State Nursing Home Association, pointed out the coincidence of the occasion with Father's Day and noted that many fathers and others living in the homes no longer had relatives to visit them.

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