Joseph J. Connorton Dies at 44

A former Rochesterian, Joseph J. Connorton, 44, was stricken with a heart attack while playing basketball- and died Thursday, Jan. 6 in Erie, Pa.

Mr. Connorton was vice president of Gannon College in charge of public relations, alumni and development. He went to Gannon College in 1969, Previously he had been a vice president of Folcy Associates and worked here with the Joint College Fund.

A concelebrated Mass of the Resurrection was said Monday morning at Sacred Heart Cathedral with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Msgr. John S. Randali was principal celebrant of the Mass.



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Keeping Tabs

Det. Lt. Andrew Sparacino, head of the property crimes unit of the Rochester Police Department, will speak at 8 this evening, Jan. 12, at the St. James Home-School Association meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nordquist will preside. John Areno Jr., new vice-president will be introduced. The social hour is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Donald Kwarto, assisted by Mrs. John Lukasiewicz and Mrs. Robert Wilkinson.

Holy Apostles Mothers Club invites parents and teenagers to the school hall Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. to hear Det. Gene La-Chimia explain the drug prob-Jem.

Dr. Alice L. Foley, vice-president of Nazareth College and former Brighton Central Schools administrator, will be the speaker at the motherdaughter communion breakfast at **Our Lady of Lourdes**, Brighton, on Sunday, Jan. 16; following the 9 o'clock Mass.

Scenes from opera will be presented by members of the **Opera Theater** of Rochester at 8:15 tonight Jan. 12, at the Barley School of Music, 2 Mountain Rise, Fairport. Ruth Rosenberg, producer, will be narrator.

Members of the **19th Seton Branch** will lunch Tuesday noon, Jan. 18, with Mrs. Harry K. Blaeser, 1247 Genesee Park Blvd.

Bishop Kearney High School parents are readying their sixth "Showtime." for presentation Feb. 3-6. Cole Porter songs and "Guys and Dolls" will be the highlights.



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Miss Moffatt

Kathryn Moffatt, sister of the late Msgr. Patrick Moffatt, died Christmas night in St. Mary's Hospital, after a long illness. She was 74 years old.

A funeral Mass was held last

Survivors include his wife,

Theresa Foley Connorton; four sons, Joseph Jr., 11, Peter, 8,

Patrick, 4, Mark, 1; his mother,

Mrs. Helen Connorton of Roch-

ester; a brother, Lawrence Con-

norton of Rochester; three sis-

ters, Ruth Mary Connorton of

Rochester, Mrs. James R. (Louise) O'Brien, Baltimore, Mary-

land, and Sister Janet Connor-

ton, SSJ, of St. Agnes High

School faculty; one uncle, Ar-

thur F. Connorton; three aunts, Sister Agnes Leona, SSJ of The

Sisters of St. Joseph's Mother

House, Miss Cecilia Connorton

and Mrs. Evelyn Hohman, all of

Rochester; several nieces and

Saturday at St. Peter's Cathe-

dral in Erie, Pa.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Dec. 28, 1971, in St. Francis Xavier Church. Her brother was pastor there for the 25 years preceding his death in 1964, and Miss Moffatt was his housekeeper. Lately, she lived at 57 Ferris St. She was born in Brockport.

Sr. Designata

Sister Mary Designata Michael, 83, a member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame for 55 years, died Dec. 30, 1971, in Wilton, Conn., after a brief illness.

She had taught in Bridgeport, Conn., before her retirement a few years ago to the Motherhouse in Wilton.

Survivors are a sister, Mrs. Gerard Maier, and two nephews, Edward and Raymond Maier. all of Rochester.

Father Robito

Father Roch Robito, a Capuchin friar who once served in this diocese, was drowned Dec. 15, 1971, in central Africa, while on an errand of mercy.

He was trying to take a sick woman and her family to a hospital, by boat across the rainswollen Zambesi River, according to a report from his order's provincial office in Newton. N.J. The boat capsized during a storm and six lives were lost.

Father Roch, 44, was superior of the Capuchin Friars' Zambian mission, where he had worked since 1964. After his ordination to the priesthood in 1956 and graduate studies in Rome, he taught at the Friars' House of Theology, then located in Geneva. He was a native of Boston.

St. Martin Boxing Matches Set

An all-star card of 15 bouts will be sponsored by the St. Martin Boxing Club at the CYO Auditorium, Friday, Jan. 21 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Rochester will be represented by boxers from St. Martins, Sacred Heart School, The Elks, and probably 21 Playground and Brown Square. Opponents will come from Syracuse, Ithaca, Geneva, Elmira, and Camp MacCormick Youth Camp.

Rev. Louis Cunningham, a former boxer and Ithaca minister, will be the guest referee.

The St. Martin Boxing Club has been in existence for two years and has sponsored monthly matches at their Clinton Avenue center and elsewhere in the city. The boxing club is one activity of the St. Martin de Porres Center and is entirely staffed by community volunteers. The club is self supporting from gate proceeds.

Tickets can be purchased at the St. Martin Center, Ruby's Sporting Goods, and McQuaid High School or by writing St. Martin de Porres Center. 575 Clinton Ave. N., Rochester, 14605.

Latin Mass Set

A Latin high Mass will highlight the Second Sunday after the Epiphany at Corpus Christi Church, Sunday, Jan. 16. at 4 p.m.

The Gregorian Chant Choir of the Eastman School of Music, under the direction of Dr. Erich Schwandt will sing traditional plainchant and polyphonic music by Josquin.

The Mass is sponsored by the Eastman School Newman Club; Father Paul McCabe, chaplain of the club, will celebrate.



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Reader Robert J. Sullivan of Dryden sent us a clipping from the Ithaca Journal of Dec. 8 entitled "Hither . . . and Yonder," by Fred Yahn.

In it Yahn interviewed David F Kane, chairman of the New ta York State Public High Schools n Athletic Association basketball to committee, as well as athletic S director at South Jefferson Central School in Section 3.

level meets didn't need a windfall in Albany to happen; they resulted from a demand, he said.

Yahn also talked with Joe Farrell, one of the 11 representatives on the basketball committee. Farrell, athletic director for Binghamton City Schools, is in favor of a state

Kane, who Yahn said was lukewarm regarding the possibility of initiating a state basketball tournament, cited the tisual reasons against it; different classifications, conflicts among NYSPHSAA sections, travel, days off required, parochial schools. Albany (Board of Regents) is against it, plus the fact the NYSPHSAA hasn't passed a law authorizing it.

The clincher, according to Yahn, was Kane's final reason: "There are just too many school principals against it."

Yahn said New York is the only state in the Union without a state tournament. He cited a questionnaire sent to some members of Kane's committee where only 3 of 11 responded. One was a flat "no," one favored regional tournaments and the other favored intersectionals.

Yahn pointed out there are state tournaments in wrestling, cross country, gymnastics, swimming and track; and that tennis has gone regional. regional. These state

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cage tournament.

Farrell said three on the committee are strongly in favor of a state tourney; five are lukewarm; three are strictly against it.

"And Section 5 (Rochester) is strongly opposed to it because of that gold mine that they operate every March in Rochester (the Section 5 tournament)," Farrell said.

"It's about time the state got out of the Dark Ages on this thing," Farrell said, to which Ithaca High basketball coachathletic director Don Culligan added, "New York State simply has to get up with the times." Culligan, a 16-year coaching veteran, felt 8 of 10 coaches in the state would be in favor of a state tournament.

There is an underlying theme to the question of state tournaments in basketball and permitting Catholic high schools to join those elite public school tournaments.

It's this: many coaches and athletic directors are not opposed to either idea; most school administrations are.

Friar To Tell Of 'Holy House'

The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima will sponsor the appearance here Jan. 20 of a Capuchin friar connected with the "Holy House" of Loreto, Italy.

Father Modestus, secretary general of the Loreto institution, will show pictures and describe, in English, the house that the Virgin Mary is believed to have lived in during her childhood and youth in Nazareth. The stone house, mysteriously transported to Loreto, is *s* enshrined in a basilica begun in the 15th century and still being elaborated. An American chapel is under construction.

The Blue Army event, open to the public without charge, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, in Holy Rosary Church.

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