



**SCHOLASTIC
NOTEBOOK**
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The vote by Section 5 admitting private schools to its membership on a two-year trial resulted in so little fanfare in the daily newspapers it was almost sad.

The Times-Union ran several paragraphs on its Monday front page because it either received the news too late to include on its sports pages, or did in fact consider it front page news.

The D&C the next morning rewrote what the T-U had printed.

Perhaps it's just as well to treat the vote so lightly — but somehow it seems extraordinary that a campaign which lasted 25 years should be wrapped up in just a few paragraphs.

George Beahon, the Courier-Journal's companion sports authority located elsewhere on this page, suggested that if there's any way he can do it, Father Cyril F. Carter, the late Aquinas athletic director, was probably doing an Irish jig to celebrate the new era of public-parochial schoolboy sports in the Greater Rochester Area.

Section 5 President Carl Palumbo said the vote was 56 in favor, 38 opposed to the question: Should private and parochial schools be accepted on a two year trial basis to membership in Section 5.

He said changes of attitude by many of the schools should be credited to the genuine spade work performed by Father Eugene Zimpfer of McQuaid Jesuit.

"He went out to the leagues and explained what the Catholic schools' responsibilities would be," Palumbo said. Father Zimpfer will probably become the Catholic schools' first coordinator of sports at the sectional level, Palumbo said.

Palumbo said Father Daniel Brent, Catholic Schools superintendent, never showed "sour grapes" after last year's initial vote which went 56-30 against the private schools.

"We got the message OK," Palumbo said, "but the message was wrong." He set up another vote, persuaded Father Brent it was timely, organized another Sectional committee headed by Pittsford school superintendent Herb Bettinger, and set the stage for the second vote.

ED NIETOPSKI, athletic director and baseball-basketball coach at Cardinal Mooney, spoke for his Catholic school colleagues when he said "this of course has been of interest to us for some time."

"I think it's great for everybody, not just Catholic schools. It will help competition, create more public interest, especially in sectional tournaments, and I think everybody will benefit," Nietopski said.

"We've been missing out on one of the great efficiently run athletic programs in the state and this is going to make our own school programs much more meaningful to us," he added.

Nietopski said he can only see good things happening from the inclusion of private schools into Section 5. "A great thing has happened, I know a lot of people worked hard for this including many I don't even know. But, now our kids have something really great to look forward to," Nietopski concluded.

Aquinas, the only boys' Catholic high school in Rochester for many years, was joined by McQuaid in the early 1950's, and

Bishop Kearney and Cardinal Mooney in the early 1960's. They formed the Rochester Catholic League in 1964, joined the Rochester City League (renamed City-Catholic League) in 1968, and will now become trial members of Section 5 as of Sept. 1.

THE REST of this column will have a strictly DeSales-Geneva flavor to it.

DeSales did well in sports this year — the Saints' baseball and golf teams won Wayne-Finger Lakes League titles, and the JV football and baseball teams also won championships.

"Bootie" Gringeri was named DeSales' outstanding athlete of the year which included these other honors also: most valuable halfback, football; most valuable player, basketball; leading scorer, basketball.

Nick Quartaro was named baseball's MVP and shared honors with teammate Dave Jansen as the Saints' top pitcher. Quartaro finished with an ERA of 0.23 and batted .354. Jansen's ERA was 0.54.

Quartaro also was named the most valuable bowler.

Steve Mascari won the basketball sparkplug award and another trophy for having the best foul shooting eye. He also won the football coaches' plaque for taking the most guff from coaches all season.

Mark Liberio was the most improved offensive player and he also won the baseball team's sparkplug award.



IN THIS CORNER
George Beahon

Two paragraphs reported the death of Swede Savage, about five weeks after both he and Salt Walther were all but barbecued in trials and the running of the latest Indianapolis 500. Now they are running more of these sports events at Pocono (Pa.) and Ontario (Calif.) and because they've clipped the wings a few inches and reduced the fire-lighter loads from 75 to 40 gallons, they are back down to 190 mile per hour speeds. Wonderful.

As a postscript to this summer's Indy-type carnivals, try these words from the gifted Wells Twombly, a gentle man out of San Francisco. I quote only three graphs from his most recent essay on these so-called sporting events.

"Here's the National Safety Council spending millions telling people to drive carefully on the holiday and here are these kill-happy baboons in their deathly little tubs of gasoline setting a marvelous example by burning themselves up. Admittedly, there is a saner breed at Indianapolis . . . but your basic, ordinary driver is the kind of lunk who hangs around gas stations as a kid, bending beer cans in his hands and leering at your daughter.

"If you don't mind smoke in your eyes or if the smell of roasting human flesh doesn't make you lose your fried chicken dinner, the Indy 500 is a lot more cultural than the Roman Games. What makes the mind boggle is that the speedway was built when the center of the auto industry was in Indianapolis. That's how ancient the basic plant is.

"The 500 is more than a race, more than just a simple, old-

CYO Names
John Klein

As part of the Rochester Catholic Youth Organization new Youth Development Program, John Klein has been hired as administrative assistant to executive director, Paul B. Schmidt. Klein comes from Baltimore, Md. where he worked for the youth department of the archdiocese. While there, he worked as an area youth worker and program co-ordinator. One of his developments was the publishing of a bi-weekly youth newsletter. Klein has also served as diocesan CYO director for the Diocese of Belleville, Ill.

St. Jude's Men To Build Again

Ground will be broken July 22 for a new rectory and parish center at St. Jude's, 4100 Lyell Rd.

Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will turn the first spadeful of earth, and Assemblyman Frank Carroll, a parishioner, will present the building permits to the pastor, Father John J. Steger, to set off another "do-it-yourself" project for the five-year-old Gates parish.

The men of St. Jude's made a church out of a dairy barn in 1968, and added a hall, with classrooms and kitchen, the following year, doing all of the building, wiring and plumbing themselves. This time they will be working from plans drawn by architect Jae Y. Ko of Gates.

HOLY CROSS FESTIVAL

The Holy Cross Annual Festival will be held this weekend, Thursday through Saturday nights, July 20-22 on the Church grounds, 4492 Lake Ave. General chairman of the affair is William LaCrosse, assisted by Frank Gliotti and Mario Fusco.

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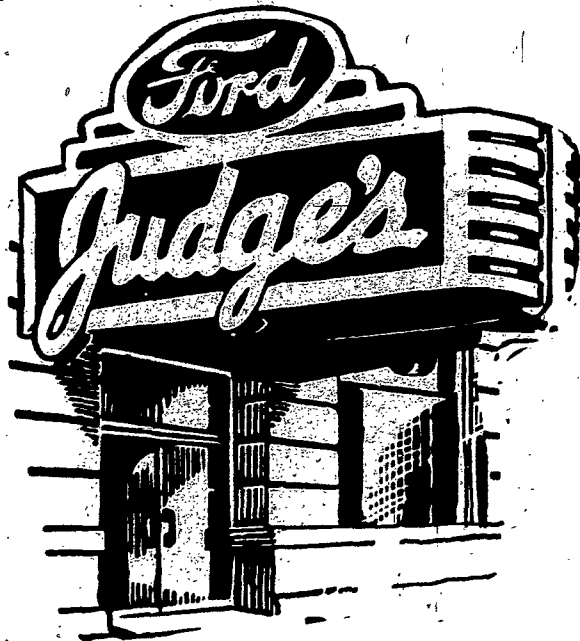
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fashioned flesh fry. It is Woodstock for squares. No one can really see the cars from the infield, where the orgy takes place. Few people in the stands really have any idea who is winning. Whole families sit on the tailgates of sagging station wagons and munch chicken out of a wash tub. College students wallow in beer and couples smooch on the grass. It is an incredible event, the Coca-Cola culture gone stark mad. It ought to be banned as a kindness to society."

Back to the tamer sports . . . At this writing the New York Mets were batting .233 as a team, were holding down last place in their division behind people like the Phillies and Expos, and were prompting press box gals like "Hey, the Mets have extended their team hitting streak to 88 games." . . . The real cut came when the New York Post began running a daily box ballot with photos of M. Donald Grant, the club's chief executive; Bob Scheffing, its general manager; and Yogi Berra, the field leader. The heading advises: THE METS SHOULD FIRE: (names and photos); Check off your ballots, or all three, or none, or write-ins, and send your ballots to the New York Post.

Happier notes are being struck in Los Angeles and St. Louis, where the outlooks appeared bleakest in the early going. Walter Alston's young Dodgers, some of whom must be accompanied to night games by their parents, got out of the gate losing six of seven. Look now! Now the real celebrating was taking place where the Cardinals live. The Red birds dropped to 5-won, 20-lost, on May 10. Now they're challenging for the lead.