

COURIER Sports



Sports Stars Help

George "Doc" Medich, star pitcher for the New York Yankees, signs autographs for youngsters at Fordham University gym during a benefit basketball game to raise money for St. Columba Elementary School in lower Manhattan, which has a deficit of \$19,000. Medich, who comes by his nickname naturally — he's an M.D. — was one of a number of current and former New York sports stars taking part in the game. Among them were Ron Swoboda, a former New York Mets and Yankees outfielder who is now a sportscaster; former Met Art Shamsky; sportscaster Sal Marchiano; and former New York Giants' half-back Tucker Frederickson. (RNS)

SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK



John Doser

Surprise — To be honest, I didn't think we'd win more than three matches, but I didn't tell the kids that," says Bishop Kearney head wrestling coach Brian Chadwick after his Kings, with only three returning seniors in the lineup, upset powerful Caledonia-Mumford, 33-30. "I can't say how good we are... we graduated a herd of boys... but if we keep up this dedication, I think we can keep winning," Chadwick adds. Scoring pins for BK were Tony Germano (112), Dave Hanlon (167) and Mark Nicolini whose pin at 3:19 in the heavyweight match over C-M's Dave Mancuso iced the BK victory. Signs of things to come? Coach Don Della Vella's JV Kings belted C-M, 45-18.

Superless — McQuaid wrestling coach John Roselli says the Knights have no super-wrestlers this season, but his superless grapplers went out and defeated a highly regarded East Rochester club, 33-12, in its opener. Gaining pins for McQuaid were Steve Miller (105), Chuck Lawless (119) and Craig Kennedy (215). McQuaid's Joe Nesser defeated Don Quinn, 4-1, at 132 pounds — the victim being ER coach Don Quinn's son.

Get Well — Cardinal Mooney basketball coach Ed Nietopski's son Tim, 11, was recently hospitalized for an appendectomy.

Undefeated — McQuaid graduate Dan Parker of Penfield led Geneseo State to a 13-1 cross country season this year while he went unbeaten throughout the entire dual meet season and took second in the statewide championships, the best ever for a Geneseo runner. Parker, who broke four course records over the season, shattered his own Geneseo course mark by six seconds in his final dual meet of the season. At the NCAA college division championships at

IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

The possibility of gasoline rationing is real enough that some suburban and farm people are thinking in terms of reviving the old horse-and-buggy rig. It is possible to state right here and now that if such drastic change is required in our life style in transportation, the horse population is ready, willing and able.

In a matter of 15 years the equine population has exploded. The last horse census taken by the United States Department of Agriculture in 1959 reported 2,947,900 horses on turf, field and farm. Two years ago the Morris Animal Foundation of Denver, Colo., reported a new equine nose count of 6,380,000, more than double the 1959 total.

As for the explosion, thoroughbred foal registration in 1959 was 11,935. This year's baby count will be something more than 27,000. Also, of the more than six million horses in the U.S. this December, approximately one million are expectant mares.

Thousands of pleasure horses kept today are race track dropouts, thoroughbreds sold without papers because of minor faults that make them useless in competition. It is not uncommon for racehorse owners to give away aging or unfit (to race) runners. Many an owner is happy to know an old racing friend will live out his old age with proper board and room as a pleasure horse.

At the conclusion of race meetings of the level like Finger Lakes in Upstate New York, it is possible to pick up truckloads of old campaigners for as little as \$50 or \$100 each, for purpose of retirement.

Wheaton, Ill., Parker finished 34th among 512 runners and missed being named All-American by nine places. Not surprising, he was picked as Geneseo's most valuable runner by his teammates. Parker was also named all-conference, and inducted in the State University Athletic Conference Cross-Country Hall of Fame for his excellent performances.

Recovered — Aquinas' Dave Hargather, a defenseman for the Rochester Monarchs of the NYP Junior Hockey League, missed a game recently because of the flu and while the Monarchs didn't lose, they were held to a tie with Amherst. Upon his return Hargather regained his usual control of the rink at his end to help the Monarchs top Syracuse, 5-3, to regain the Rochester icers a share of first place in the league. "Having Hargather back really helped out defense," Monarchs' coach Andy Laing said. "He controls the game in our end and we really missed him when he was sick."

Athletes Honored

The Aquinas Sports Boosters paid tribute to soccer, football and cross country athletes at a dinner Dec. 8. The school cafeteria was filled to capacity with players and parents for this fifth annual event.

Varsity soccer coach, Dave Missell, noted that despite a slow start, the team made it into the section Five Playoffs, the first Catholic High School to do so. Individual trophies were awarded to Bob Lang, Ron Cupello and Amadeo Battisti. Twenty-two players received varsity letters.

The cross-country team, under the direction of Father Donald McCarthy, CSB, came in second in league competition with one loss. Individual awards went to Bob Birecree and Paul Hickey. Seventeen harriers took home the varsity letter.

Coach Nick Teta, who had a 6-1-1, football season, expressed pride in each of his players. Forty-eight received football letters and trophies were awarded to Bob Cocilova, Glenn Williams, Lou Ricci, Juan Navarro, Andy Fornarola, and Steve Furia. Williams was singled out as most outstanding lineman and player, and also received the Iron Man award.

But don't expect to pick up some horse like that and send him back to the races. Lots of young people are riding thoroughbreds that are finished at the races. The Thoroughbred Racing Association receives daily requests for identification of some old race horse. Runners have lip-tattoo numbers that indicate they have been registered and in competition. But the policy of the Jockey Club does not permit identification of thoroughbreds sold without their papers.

If you're sweating out gasoline rationing, and don't dig bicycling, and have garage space for a friendly old thoroughbred, check with the racing secretary at Finger Lakes, one Mr. Bennett Parke. Copy, please, to Mr. Stewart Udall, former Secretary of Interior.

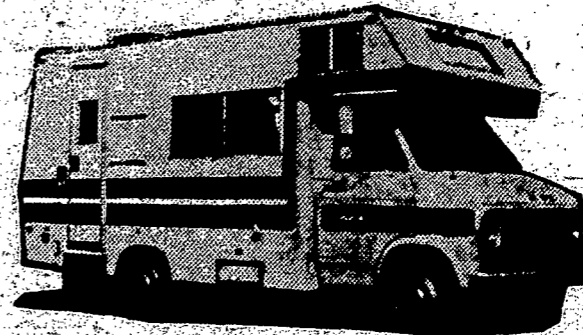
MONEY GROWS

New York — By adding host government contributions in 36 countries and U.S. grants, CARE provided almost \$6 worth of aid in 1974 for every dollar donated by the public.

AGENCY SEEKS USED SEWING MACHINES

The Catholic Family Center's innercity office, at 64 Gorham needs three sewing machines to carry on a self-help project in its Mothers' Club. The 20 members of this three-year-old group would like to learn how to make clothes for their children, according to Jack Rice, a staff member. Anyone who has a workable sewing machine to donate may call Rice at 546-7220.

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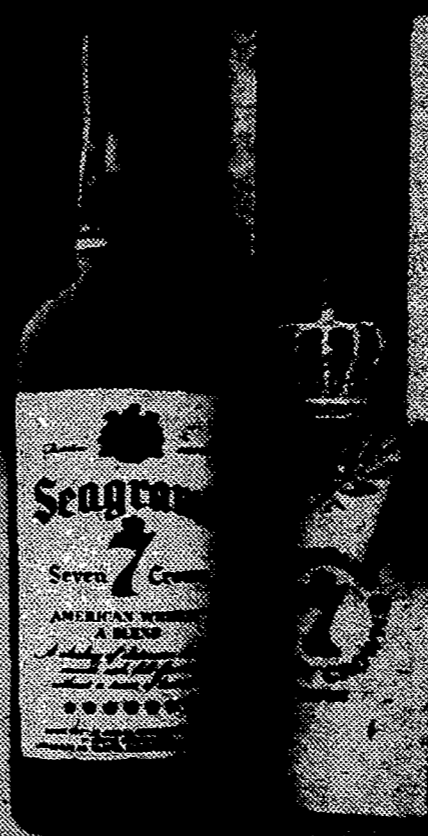
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