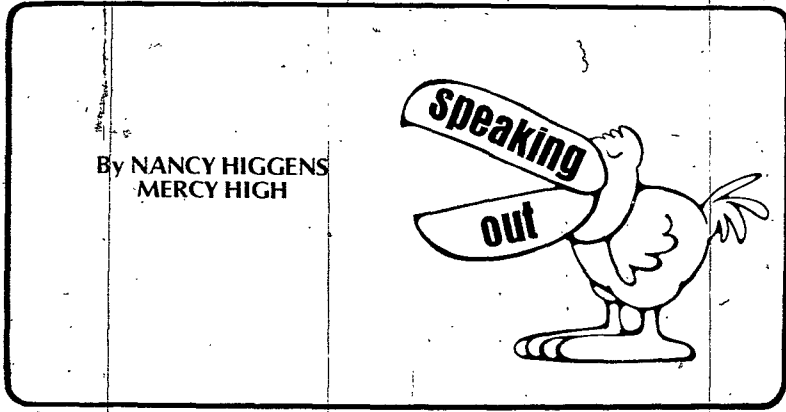


Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around



By NANCY HIGGINS
MERCY HIGH

In 1976 the United States will be celebrating its 200th anniversary. Over the years we have been strongly influenced by the legacy of different nations. These cultures have helped shape and form America as we know it today. One of the leading nations of the Old World which had an important impact on our nation was France.

The total immigration of French peoples to the United States was not as heavy as that of other European nations. However, their influence was felt in many areas: art, fashion, theater, music, and especially familiar to us, the cuisine of the French people.

Art in America has been strongly influenced by the great painters of France. Henri Matisse is considered the greatest contemporary French painter. Jean Baptiste Corot is especially famous for his landscapes. Others known to our modern art heritage are Monet, Cezanne, Degas and Renoir.

Throughout the world, Paris which is the political and economic capital of France, sets the trend of fashion for both men and women. Elegant stores, filled

with American buyers, line the streets of the Rue de la Paix.

Marcel Marceau, Maurice Chevalier and several world famous French singers represent a small part of the influence of the French theater in America.

Claude Debussy, the composer of Clair de Lune, and Maurice Ravel, the composer of Bolero, both have affected the composition of modern music in our country today.

Grasse, a town located in France, is the center of the world perfume industry. The perfume is distilled from the plentiful fields of flowers along the French Riviera.

The English language includes a number of words and expressions borrowed from the French language. Words such as: a la carte, hors d'oeuvre, fiance, and R.S.V.P. which in French is repondez s'il vous plait, (respond if you please).

The list of French contributions to our American heritage is endless, and includes other areas such as politics, exploration, science and medicine which have also contributed to the legacy of America.



Winner's Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Nazareth Academy during an assembly. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, April 15 to receive \$5.

Students Get Chance to Vote

Voter registration for students has been scheduled at high schools throughout Monroe County.

The schedule for Catholic high schools is: April 9 - Cardinal Mooney; April 10 - McQuaid; Aquinas; April 11 - Aquinas, Mercy; April 14 - Nazareth; April 15 - St. Agnes.

April 22 - Cardinal Mooney; April 23 - McQuaid; April 24 - Mercy High; April 25 - Nazareth; April 30 - St. Agnes, Bishop Kearney.

Champions Come in Pairs

Rochester area high schools have the unique privilege of having in their midst two state gymnastic champions.

State Championship title holder in the women's all-around competition as well as the section five title is Barbara Shields, a junior at St. Agnes High School.

The Boys' State Championship in all-around competition and also in section five is held by Curt Weissend who is a junior at R. L. Thomas High School, and belongs to St. Paul's parish, Webster.

Spring Musical At Notre Dame

The "greaser era" will come alive on the Notre Dame High School stage in this year's Spring musical entitled "Rock 'n Roll."

The play under the direction of Mrs. Clare Reidy, and her student director Meg Donohue will be presented on April 25, 26 and will bring back memories of the 1950s with its ponytails, bobbysocks, motorcycle gangs and its music.

Concert Band To Tour

The Aquinas Concert Band under the direction of John Lyon will tour Albany area schools April 16-18. The 65-member band will play five concerts in Syracuse, Albany, Schenectady and Saratoga Springs.

WINNER!

Lisa Carnevale, freshman at Cardinal Mooney High School, was recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of March 26.



St. Agnes High School players, first row; Joyce Cometa, Mary Vang, Hope Piper. Second Row: Mary Ann Greco, and Denise Ducci. The play is set for April 11-12.

St. Agnes Sets 'Pinocchio'

The Storytellers' Saturday Playhouse will present a musical version of "Pinocchio" on April 11 at 12:30 and April 12 at 2 p.m. in the St. Agnes High School auditorium.

The all-girl cast of 18 is from the sophomore Voice 1 class, with Joyce Cometa and Celeste Dynski alternating in the role of

Pinocchio

Besides the two performances at St. Agnes, the musical will tour area elementary schools the week of April 14.

The production has been designed and directed by William Andia with musical direction by Sister Virginia Hogan.



AQUINAS:

Sunday, April 13—Boosters Winter Sports Banquet.
Wednesday, April 16—Concert Band leaves on tour.

BISHOP KEARNEY:

Thursday, April 10—Father's club meeting.
Friday, April 11—Report cards; Student Council dance.
Sunday, April 13—Student Council Leadership Day.

NAZARETH:

Monday, April 14—Rolls exchange day.
Wednesday, April 16—Nazareth College Opera Group performance, assembly, 1:40 p.m.

ST. AGNES:

Friday, April 11—Annual Benefit Dance, Hospitality House, 7 p.m.; French Club's brunch, 9 a.m.
Saturday, April 12—Storytellers presentation of "Pinocchio," St. Agnes auditorium, 2 p.m.
Monday, April 14—German Mass, convent, 10 a.m.

OUR LADY OF MERCY

Wednesday, April 16—Parent's Association dessert-card party, Mercy gym, 11-3 p.m.



It is the aim of RapAround to touch all of the bases. If we are missing any, please let Mrs. Joan M. Smith know your ideas. Drop her a line.

We need suggestions and invite criticism. From all indications, RapAround has gotten off to a successful start. We are pleased but need your help to keep it improving.

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