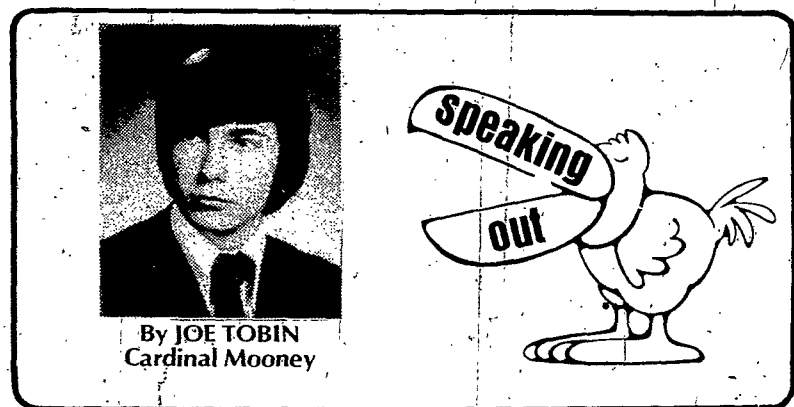


Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around



By JOE TOBIN
Cardinal Mooney

In today's world, we find many problems. Many people all over the globe are suffering from the effect of mass hunger. This affects India, Pakistan, and South America. These effects also are present in our own country. Right here in our diocese there are those who cannot earn enough to support themselves and their families.

In Rochester and in every state in the Union one can find people living in poverty. At other focal points in the world there is mass starvation, illness and poverty beyond what we perceive to be a crucial problem in today's society.

People die, and those who care are few in number and limited in their resources of aid. We find the money we send is used up in administrative and governmental bureaucracy with only a minimum standard of relief on the way to those who truly need it. What can we do to avoid this waste?

The financial help we offer must be sent to the organizations which use it efficiently. The other work we contribute must be organized and worthwhile if it is to accomplish our intended

purpose. Our governments must use the resources available to them to help these poor people at home and to some extent, abroad.

The bureaucracy of all governments must give way to the needs of our fellow human beings. Priorities in government also must be examined and re-evaluated. Is it really important that the U.S. alone has the arms to destroy the world 30 times over? After the first time, who is going to be around to care? India has spent millions of dollars to develop into a nuclear power while her people fall dead in the streets from hunger and disease.

Finally, whether it is domestic or abroad, the problem of hunger faces all of us as Christians. We must do our share to help. The possibilities are almost unlimited. It could be in donations of time, money, or effort, or it could be in the ink it takes to write a letter to a congressman to express our views. With the help of God and the help of all of us: young and old; rich and poor; busy and bored; we will lick this problem. What could possibly give a person greater satisfaction in his or her soul than to be able to say, "I helped."



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 McQuaid High School during an assembly. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, April 29 to receive \$5.

A Look at Music

The Rochester Chapter of the National Guild of Piano Teachers will hold a music student seminar on April 27 at Webster R. L. Thomas High School.

The two programs, scheduled for 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., will be conducted by Professor Gerald L. Thomas of the State University of New York at Oswego. He will discuss and play the music of Bach, Mozart, Hayden, Kabalvesky, Brahms and Debussy.



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.

Weather Winning in City-Catholic Baseball

By JOHN DOSER

As a rule, is the coach a fool? When it's hot, he wants it cool; When it's cool, he wants it hot; Always wanting, what is not.

—Stolen and re-adapted from Anonymous.

Aquinas baseball coach Dick Pillitter doesn't look forward to playing 11 games in the next 12 days; Jefferson coach Jim DeBell

hasn't sent his team up to bat yet in either a scrimmage or practice game; and Monroe coach Bo Bertino took his team to Florida for spring vacation.

Why? Because if anything deserves a trophy for causing an unprecedented number of postponements and cancellations so far this season, the weather does.

"We intend to open our season

with our first league game," said DeBell, veteran Jeff coach who is also Jeff athletic director.

"We've practiced outside three days only, but we hope to be outside all this week," he said.

The Statesmen have seen eight scheduled games and a pair of scrimmages dropped from their schedule because of slow, cold weather, rain and wind.

Both Aquinas and Monroe managed to squeeze two games in last week.

The Irish opened with a 5-0 win over Greece. Arcadia on Wednesday, and lost a 9-3 contest, to Gates-Chili on Thursday.

Monroe nipped East, 8-7, and lost to Penfield, 11-5.

Bertino, whose Monroe team raised funds for the eight-day Florida trip by selling candy and throwing bowling parties, will play a four-game slate in the Orlando, Fla., area.

The Redjackets will receive free room and board from an ex-ballplayer associate of Bertino's who is now teaching and coaching at West Oakridge Junior High in Orlando.

Bertino played pro ball before joining the City School District in 1971. He's a Marshall High graduate.

One reason Bertino made the trip is because of the obviously warmer weather (in the 70s and 80s), plus his belief that there are more pro scouts hopping about the South than there are in the North.

"I have some guys on my team who could sign right now and play pro ball," he says, "but in order for them to be considered they have to be seen." He's

convinced they'll be seen this week.

Meanwhile Aquinas takes it easy until Friday when the Irish meet Harley-Allendale/Columbia at the Dewey Avenue diamond — and Pillitter will settle for weather hopefully dry and 40+.

Junior Righthander Vic Colombini dropped Arcadia with a two-hitter for the Irish, getting 10 Titans on strikes and giving up only two walks in a fine route-going opening season performance.

Rightfielder Jim Hildebrand doubled, singled and knocked in one run for Aquinas and Tim Weston, a converted first baseman playing second, rapped two singles for two more runs.

Aquinas captain-centerfielder Kevin Knuth doubled in the fourth run and first baseman Bill Magee singled in the other tally for Aquinas.

Leftfielder John Ivanuska tripled, and shortstop John Scrowcroft, catcher Steve Morgan and Colombini each singled.

Only bright spots in Aquinas' loss to Gates-Chili were a pair of doubles by Knuth and Magee, the latter's hit knocking in two runs.

Pillitter says he's optimistic about Aquinas' chances this season and he's pleased so far with his infield.

"We pulled a double play in the third inning against Arcadia which went from third baseman Mark O'Neal to second baseman Weston to Magee. The same guys did it again against Gates-Chili in the sixth," Pillitter says.

Unfortunately the host Spartans crossed the plate six times in the second to put the game away on ice early — an appropriate description considering the weather conditions.



McQuaid Victory

Photo by Bruce Genut

Dan Hassett of McQuaid Jesuit High School jumps 18' 1" on his last jump of the day. He won the long jump with a distance of 18' 11" in the track and field competition against Brockport High School, April 16 at Monroe Community College.

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