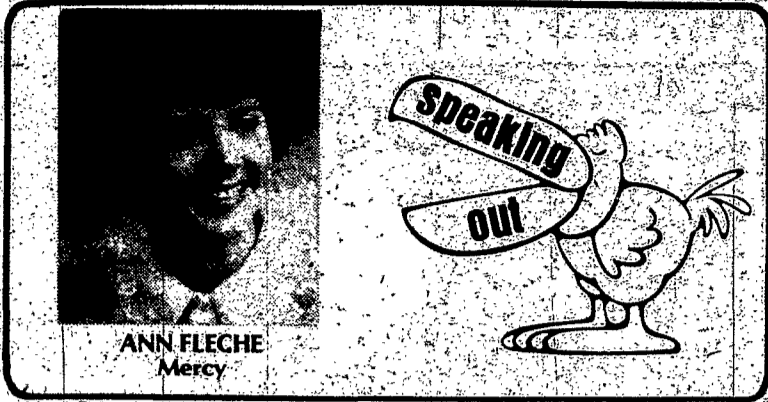


# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around



Frank Melville has probably done more toward furthering the ideals of Christian education than most religion in a classroom, or organize field trips to the planetarium, or any of the other functions one associates with grade-school teachers. He doesn't even come to school every day, but divides his time between schools all week, Mondays and Fridays here, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays there. Frank Melville teaches music to parochial school children here in Rochester.

Under his tutelage, children can learn with amazing rapidity. In a short time, they are ready to join the school band which Mr. Melville conducts. The band is where it all takes place; the children learn to work hard together toward a common goal. They also experience a pride in their personal achievement, and confidence and self-control when faced with an auditorium full of parents and peers.

Most of all, Mr. Melville's children develop camaraderie, love, pride, and concern, which stems from their unity and purpose. This is what children in parochial schools should learn and develop; this is the basis for the Christian way of life.

At St. Margaret Mary's in Irondequoit, where I went to school, we gave up most of our lunch period once a week to

rehearse with the band. Being in the band was something special, a privilege, an added distinction. It was the main extra-curricular activity, but above that, it required dedication, as well as a certain amount of talent (or so we thought). Mr. Melville was our leader. He was "The Music Man." He also became our friend. The position of authority which he held had meaning for us; he had to lead the band. Perhaps for this reason, he was respected as few authority figures are by children of that age. Yet we felt we could talk and joke with him.

When I first decided to write about Frank Melville, it was not without a twinge of sadness and regret. I have lost touch with him. I understand he still teaches but that his pupils are diminishing in number. His bands are smaller than they were five years ago. This may be sufficient reason for concern because there are not so many adolescents embarking on their high school careers with the added experience and direction Frank Melville has given to so many others. Fewer young adults are approaching their uncertain future in a changing world with this kind of solid education behind them. Fewer are entering the adult community with a true sense of what community means, since, if most values are not instilled during childhood, they may never develop at all. Besides this, however, fewer young adults will bring into their world the extra gift Frank Melville can give them — the gift of music.

## A Tournament of Cheers

On Saturday, April 3, the CYO will conduct the 18th Annual Invitational Cheerleading Tournament at the RIT campus on Jefferson Road. More than 70 teams of high school cheerleaders from throughout the state will compete for 20 team trophies and 50 individual medals and plaques.

About 1000 high school girls in four divisions are expected to participate. The tournament will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude with a rally at 5:30 p.m. in the main gym at RIT. Public is invited.



## 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 Mercy High School during an assembly. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, April 6 to receive the \$5.

## Aquinas Stages The "Emigrant"

The Desmond Penrose Irish Dancers in conjunction with The Performing Arts Club of Aquinas will present the full-length musical dance play "The Emigrant" as a tribute to the Bicentennial of the United States. The play was written by Desmond Penrose, assisted by Father Leonard Cullen, Aquinas drama head. The show will take place at Aquinas on Saturday evening, April 3 at 8 p.m.

"The Emigrant" is the story of an Irishman who emigrates to America, becomes a citizen, and suddenly finds himself in the midst of the Bicentennial celebration. In a unique series of songs, sketches, and dance, he and his friends trace America's accomplishments to the Irish.

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, and may be purchased at the door or by calling the school at 254-2020 during the day. There will only be one performance on April 3 at 8 p.m.

## In Pursuit of a Career

By JOAN M. SMITH

Nazareth Academy seniors are busy making plans for their future, and that future includes career pursuits into areas which during the last decade have greatly expanded for women.

Jean Foote is on her way to Alfred State College for the Animal Husbandry course. She'll be kept busy during the two-year course with English, science and electives that will include research lab work in soil and crop analysis and animal breeding.

Though Jean is particularly interested in the livestock breeding aspect she is also contemplating a career with the government meat and milk inspection departments.

Classmate Peg Foley is also headed for an agricultural career. She'll attend the SUNY Agricultural and Technical College at Canton, where she has been granted the privilege of living on a farm instead of in the dorms. Her courses will include Food and Farm Management, Agronomy, Botany, Introductory Welding, Farm Machinery and the Humanities.

Farm life is not new to Peg as she was born and raised on one. She and her older brother are owners of 100 acres in northern Ontario, Canada. After college and a two-year stint with the Peace Corps, Peg and her brother will fence off the property, build a log cabin and barn, and begin to develop the land.

Marlene DeConinck enjoys traveling and working with people so she looked into a career where she could combine these two factors and decided on the increasingly popular Transportation, Travel and Tourism course. She will be taking the four-year program at Niagara University. Her curriculum will include Economic Geography, Hospitality, Travel Agency Management and Public Relations. She will not only learn to write up brochures but also how to decipher those complicated flight and schedule codes.

Marlene has done quite a bit of traveling here in the States, "to mostly historic places," she explained.

Her dream is to have a travel

agency of her own, but while waiting to achieve that goal she said she'd like to become involved in the international aspect of travel arrangements.

According to Marlene, the people she has talked with have indicated the travel business is highly populated with women especially in executive positions.



MARLENE DeCONINCK

## St. Agnes Travel Notes

St. Agnes High School language students are planning a busy travel season.

During the summer, Monica Petersons will be visiting France where she will be staying with a family while Eileen Graffke will be going to Germany with the Foreign Study League and will be a guest of a German family.

While Alicia Del Cerro who is a seasoned traveler will spend Easter in Italy with the Foreign Study League, Bonnie Reed a second-year French student and German student Kathy Loomis will vacation in Munich and The Riviera.

Also, the school's French classes will be visiting Montreal on May 7-9.



## Happy Faces

Bishop Kearney seniors Regina Sciantino, Cheryl and Patty O'Brien couldn't resist posing for Courier photographer during a visit to the school by RapAround.

Photo by Ben Susso