



**BASH**

Claire Robinson, Sis Martin and Anne Erbland, chairman of the invitations committee, look over one of the invitations they have recently sent out for the fifth annual BASH (Building a Scholastic Heritage) Dinner and Auction at McQuaid Jesuit High School on Saturday, April 8. The gala event begins at 5 p.m. The theme of this year's BASH is New Orleans Bourbon Street. More than 300 volunteers are involved in this year's fund-raiser, under the general chairmanship of Mark Tuohey Jr., and the executive directorship of Father John Boland, SJ.

# Former Area Man Honored in Dublin

This is a story for everyone who enjoyed being Irish last Friday in the name of St. Patrick. It's from Dublin, and it's about a scholar who used to live in this diocese — Dr. Eoin (John) McKiernan, now of St. Paul.

A group of Dubliners put on a grand dinner for him and the newspapers showered him with praise for what one writer called his "remarkable contribution... to Irish history, arts and culture on the international scene."

"What Dr. McKiernan has done for Ireland is little short of phenomenal," Desmond Rushe wrote in his Feb. 1 column in the Irish Independent.

The Feb. 11 banquet celebrated the 15th at the Gresham Hotel anniversary of the Irish-American Cultural Institute, which Dr. McKiernan founded and which he heads. The institute publishes a quarterly journal of Irish studies, Eire-Ireland, edited by Dr. McKiernan. It has provided Irish artists and writers with about 100,000 pounds in grants and regularly brings theater companies and distinguished speakers to the United States.

The republic's president, parliamentary leaders and cabinet ministers were among the 275 diners who braved what Dubliners were calling the worst storm of the century, according to the newspapers. Princess Grace of Monaco, honorary chairman of the institute, sent a congratulatory telegram.

No wonder Deirdre Hetzler is proud of her father!

Deirdre (Mrs. Joseph Hetzler) is the oldest of nine McKiernan children. She says her father expects her to promote his work here, she doesn't find much time to do so, but still, there are many institute members in the area. Mrs. Hetzler, an active member of St. Mary's parish in Scottsville, has five children to look after and she is chairman of the Diocesan Commission of Conciliation.

She says that the cultural institute is "the only Irish organization in the United States that can claim the presidents of Ireland as patrons."

Dr. McKiernan taught at SUNY Geneseo for 10 years, winding up as chairman of the Department of English and Foreign Languages. About 15 years ago, he went to St. Paul to head the English department at St. Thomas College. He still lives in the Minnesota city, but the proliferation of institute affairs led him to quit teaching three years ago. He has had 52 programs on Irish culture on public television. His organization sponsors guided tours of Ireland for Americans; it runs a summer school there for young Americans interested in the country.

One of the things the Irish

appreciate in Dr. McKiernan is his fluency in the ancient language they are trying to preserve. Born and reared in the New York City area, he didn't learn it at home.

Mrs. Hetzler couldn't be quite sure where he began his college studies, but she said he had a master's degree from the University of New Hampshire and Ph. D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

"And an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from the National University of Ireland. The only other Americans who ever received that degree were — listen! — John F. Kennedy and Robert Frost!"

The ad hoc committee that arranged the banquet included Prof. Ruaidhri de Valera, a son of the late Eamon de Valera; actress Siobhan McKenna and the head of the Abbey Theatre, Tomas MacAnna, among many others.

The Irish Sentinel's columnist used the word "unique" three times in his lead paragraph, in reference to the celebration, to the guest-of-honor and to the organization he runs. If there is any question whether the McKiernans went from St. Paul to Dublin to dine with friends, well, they did.

# State Urged to Share Rebates

Albany (RNS)—The New York State Catholic Conference has urged the public to raise its voice to ensure that the poor and needy will share in the distribution of the state's "tax surplus funds."

Numerous public statements by the administration clearly indicate a substantial budget surplus expected in fiscal year 1979, according to Charles J. Tobin, Jr., secretary of the Catholic Conference.

The problem is that "none of this surplus is being thought of as opportunity to aid the poor and disadvantaged in our state," he said.

"If there are to be tax rebates, and redistribution of the state's resources, then most certainly the poor and needy who have seen their resources dwindle over the past seven years without any help from the state should be given a share of this bounty."

Tobin said the Catholic

Conference "will be participating in all efforts to help the needy and the poor." A special demonstration will be held in Albany March 23 under the leadership of the Task Force on the New York City Crisis, he said. The directors of charities for the New York archdiocese and Brooklyn

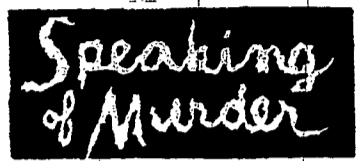
diocese are members of the task force.

Tobin urged those involved in reworking the budget to "remember the hungry, the needy, the aged and the ill who are spending 1971 dollars to get 1978 goods."

**ROCHESTER COMMUNITY PLAYERS, INC.**



**ROCHESTER COMMUNITY PLAYERS PRESENTS**



March 24 - April 2

a fascinating [thrilling suspense thriller]

WED., THURS., FRI and SUNDAY 8 p.m.

SAT. 7 & 9:50 p.m.

MATINEE SUN. APRIL 2

WILSON ARTS CENTER (Harley School)

1981 CLOVER ST.

Call 473-4320 12-5 p.m. for reservations

BankAmericard & Mastercharge Accepted

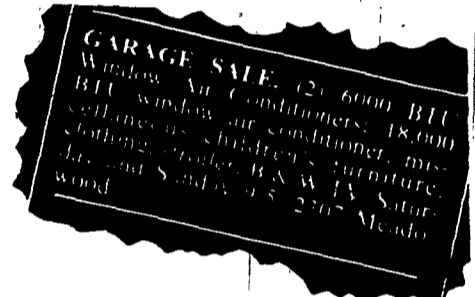
**SPECIAL PRICE FOR COURIER JOURNAL READERS**

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 — \$3.50

• ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY •

## Have a garage sale on us!

Let us install Williamson Central Cooling in your home and we'll pay for a classified ad to help you sell your outmoded window units.



## Enjoy the comfort of central air conditioning

If your home has adequate wiring and duct work, we can add a Williamson 24,000 BTU Central Cooling unit to your forced air furnace for as little as...

**\$1250.00**

Phone: 671-3850

**JAMISON-SCHINDLER Heating & Cooling**

943 COPPER KETTLE ROAD WEBSTER, NY 14580



JOHN DOYLE  
PRESIDENT



**78 Demo's now on sale!  
Save up to \$1500.  
Lease Cars Available,  
all makes and models**

*Doyle's*

75 Buick Gran Sport loaded excellent cond. Was \$3895 <b>NOW \$3595</b>	74 Monte Carlo, loaner, like new. Was \$3195 <b>IS \$2795</b>	75 Olds Cutlass Was \$3795 <b>IS \$3395</b>
77 Caprice, 2 Dr., air, stereo, full power. Was \$6195 <b>SAVE</b>	73 Chev. Monte Carlo, air cond., loaner, like new. Was \$3095 <b>IS \$2795</b>	76 Chev. Camaro, air, full power, like new. <b>SAVE</b>
74 Malibu Classic, 2 dr., HT, low miles, air, extra clean. Was \$3195 <b>NOW \$2795</b>	74 Camaro LT, air, full power, loaner, like new. <b>SAVE</b>	75 Plymouth Duster, 6 cyl., auto, P.S. Was \$3095 <b>IS \$2795</b>
76 Monza Towne Coupe, black, sport package, low miles. Was \$3195 <b>NOW \$2795</b>	76 Caprice Estate Wagn, air, full power. Was \$4195 <b>IS \$3595</b>	73 Chev. Malibu, under 20,000, loaner, like new. Reduced to only <b>\$2295</b>

COMPLETE SELECTION OF USED TRUCKS AVAILABLE.

**DOYLE CHEVROLET**

740 RIDGE RD., WEBSTER/671-5390

1 MILE EAST OF EMPIRE DRIVE IN

**Hicks Home Heating Inc.**  
424-4848 271-4650

**FREE!**  
AUTHENTIC WOOD PICTURE FRAMES  
choose from hundreds of styles (5"x7")  
many with gold or silver leaf finish  
NO PURCHASE REQUIRED - FREE ASSEMBLY

we welcome custom and commercial accounts

HOURS  
MON. & SAT. 10-5  
TUES. - FRI. 10-9

**FRAME INN, inc.**  
DO-IT-YOURSELF PICTURE FRAMING  
2815 MONROE AVENUE 461-3606