



Oratorical Winner

Valerie Tandoi, third from left, an eighth grader at St. Lawrence School in Greece, reacts as her name is announced by Father Richard Kinsky, right, superintendent of diocesan schools, as the winner of the Bishop Clark Oratoricals last Sunday at St. Agnes High School. Forty-nine contestants representing diocesan grammar schools took part in the competition sponsored by the diocesan Education Department. The field was narrowed to six finalists that included, along with Miss Tandoi, Michael Ouwelen of St. Ambrose, Julie Whitehouse of St. John's in Greece, Mary Wamser of Holy Apostles, Terrence Neilon of Nazareth Hall, and Zaida Bliss of St. Augustine's. Moments later, Miss Tandoi was presented the first place trophy by the bishop, himself.

Father Wood

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Mass of Christ the High Priest will be offered at 8 tonight at Our Mother of Sorrows with Bishop Dennis W. Hickey the principal concelebrant. Father John E. Roach will be the homilist.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be the principal concelebrant at the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow (Thursday, Nov. 6), also at Our Mother of Sorrows. Father Eugene Weis will be the homilist.

Msgr. Schmitt

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Hickey was principal concelebrant at the Monday evening Mass of Christ the High Priest.

Father Schmitt was born Oct. 21, 1888, the son of John and Anna Eiber Schmitt, and his life spanned the rule of all the bishops of the Rochester diocese.

He was 21 years old when the diocese's first bishop, Bernard J. McQuaid, died. The second bishop of Rochester, Thomas F. Hickey, ordained him in 1914 in the old St. Patrick's Cathedral. And when Father Schmitt, in 1930, founded St. Anne's parish in Rochester, Rochester's third bishop, John F. O'Hern, dedicated the original frame church.

Father Wesley

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Basil's Infirmary in Toronto Canada.

Father Wesley, a member of the Basilian Fathers, had been ill for several years.

Father Wesley attended Aquinas Institute from 1953-1957, graduated from Villanova University in 1961, where he was valedictorian of his class. He then entered the Basilian novitiate in that year. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1968. Prior to ordination, he taught at Andrean High School in Gary, Ind., and at Aquinas. He also

Father Wood was the eldest son of Sydney K. Wood and Otilia Schmidt Wood. He attended St. Augustine's School and Aquinas Institute and received his seminary education at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's.

Ordained in 1940, his first assignment was at Rochester's Immaculate Conception where he served until 1966. At Immaculate he was noted for his dedication to youth and organized the Friday Night Youth Dances, one of which was attended by 680 teenagers.

Msgr. Schmitt attended St. Peter and Paul in Rochester and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Boniface Church.

In addition to founding St. Anne's, he was the parish's first pastor. The church, school, convent and rectory were built during his pastorate from 1930 to 1950 and a new school was erected in 1948.

The original frame church was dismantled and in 1959 was reassembled for St. Lawrence Church in Greece.

Under Father Schmitt's direction, a rectory was constructed in 1931, a parish hall in 1934 and a \$300,000 school in 1949.

He left St. Anne's in 1950

spent a year in theological studies in Paris.

His 11 years following ordination were all spent at Aquinas where he taught Latin, French, Math and Typing. He also served there as Varsity and Junior-Varsity coach of Cross Country and Winter Track and Field.

His confrere in the Basilians, Father Thomas Miller, said of him, "This great priest, in the far too few years we were privileged to have him, left a big imprint on

In 1956, Father Wood was named director of the diocesan Propagation of the Faith where he served until 1961 when he became pastor of Mother of Sorrows.

At the Paddy Hill parish, he inherited an ancient rectory, a church which he described as "very historic" and a war-surplus quonset hut which served as a chapel.

He renovated the rectory and in 1968, Bishop James E. Kearney offered the first Mass at the new church building.

to become pastor of Holy Family parish. During his pastorate there, the church and parish properties were renovated. He personally donated the main altar as a memorial to his parents.

He retired from Holy Family parish in 1966 when he was 78 years old.

Msgr. Schmitt was reticent about his own accomplishments. Upon his retirement in 1966, he told the Times-Union's Rose Sold, who was interviewing him, "Make it a short article." Mrs. Sold wrote that "if any of the long list of generosity that were recounted by his staff were printed, he'd wear a permanent blush."

He also preferred the title "Father" to that of "Mon-signor."

his students and on the sports world. His zeal, his love of the boys, his hard work and his excellent example as a priest and teacher at Aquinas had us all wondering where he acquired all this energy."

Father Wesley is survived by his parents, John and Martha Wesley of Rochester; a brother, William of Florida; three aunts, Mrs. Donald Woods of Arizona, Mrs. Dorothy Onslow of New York City, and Miss Josephine Wesley of Buffalo; an uncle, Jack Tucker of Arizona, and many cousins.

Students Unearth Families' Histories

Penfield — John F. Kennedy, John Adams, John Wilkes Booth, Buffalo Bill, Andrew Jackson, Johnny Carson and...

As an introduction to their study of American History, seventh and eighth grade pupils at St. Joseph's School were assigned by teacher Mrs. Helen Flynn to research their own families from an historical perspective.

The results: While most students were born in New York State, other students were born in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Ohio, South Carolina, Washington, D.C., Connecticut, Oklahoma, Michigan, Missouri, Massachusetts and the former Saigon, of Vietnam.

Ancestors of the students, from parents to far removed generations, came from around the globe. Included are: Canada, Holland, Germany, England, Ukraine, Austria, Poland, France, Russia, Italy, Brazil, Argentina, Spain, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Scotland, Ireland and the Philippines. Several students have American Indian ancestors.

Students also reported on relatives who danced for the Ziegfeld Follies, worked for Johnny Carson, played with

the Dorsey Brothers, were descended from President Adams, were majors in the Cossack army, raised the flag at Iwo Jima, and attended a presidential inaugural ball. One student is related to the aristocracy of Italy.

While going through their ancestral backgrounds, the junior high school students not only learned facts in their own lives but the processes of historical research as well. As an observer said, "Of course,

history is even more fascinating when you have an ancestor who was a friend of Buffalo Bill, or a relative who played the Good Witch of the North in the original production of "The Wizard of Oz."

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