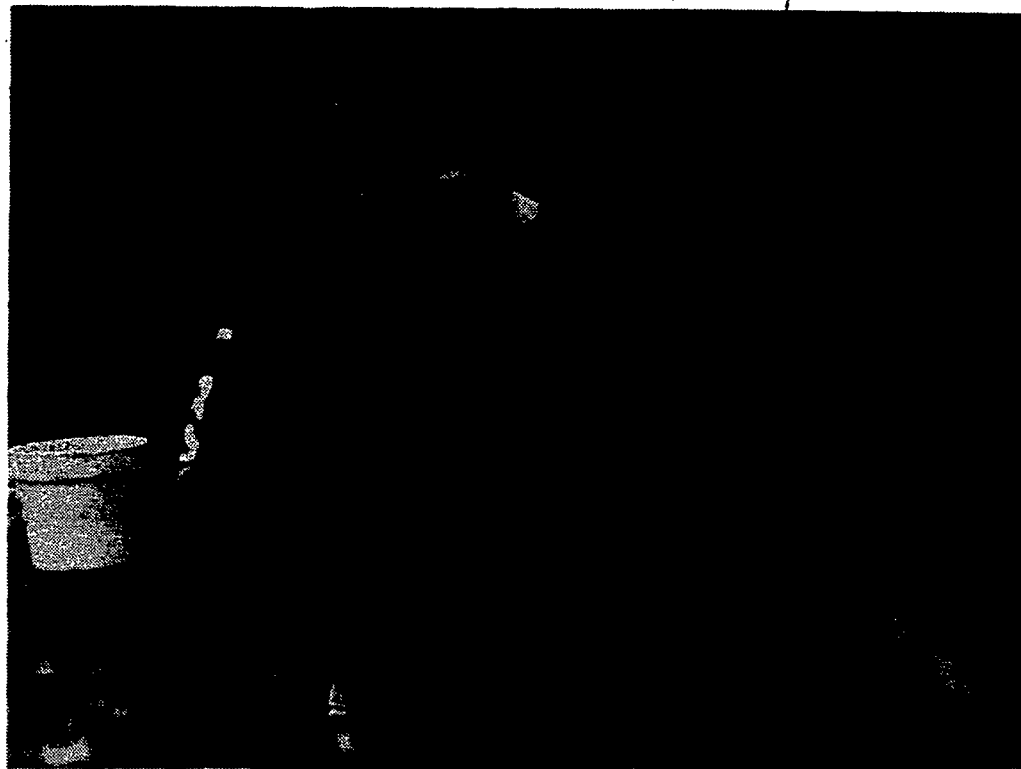




Above, after falling two or three times, seventh-grader Julie Gagne heads toward the finish line in the firemen's relay. At right, members from the gold team help out a fellow teammate in getting into the various equipment of a fireman.



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First-grader Scott Miner does his part for the blue team by not spilling a drop in the bucket race.

At St. Rita's School, Webster

Blue Triumphs Over Gold

Under cloudy skies and a few drops of rain, the fifth annual Blue and Gold day got underway Friday, June 14, at St. Rita's School, Webster. In this all-day event, the whole school is divided up into two teams — one blue and one gold. The color designation is established at the time of each student's enrollment and is maintained throughout the student's years at the school. When a younger member of the family enters the school system, he or she is placed on the team his sibling is on. "This is a real community school builder" said physical education teacher Joanne Driscoll.

The two mixed-grade teams participated in

such varied events as egg tosses (with real eggs), firemen's relays, "bucket races," and a faculty vs. eighth grade volleyball game. (In previous years, the faculty had chosen softball but ended up losing, so they switched to volleyball.) The day's activities were capped off with a picnic lunch and a Tug of War.

Coming into the event, the gold team had won for three consecutive years compared to only a single first-year victory for the blue. But things may be on the rebound, for the blue won this year. Only one more victory next year and the record will be even.



The last team member, Mark Boreniwicz, fourth grade, comes into the finish line as another member of the blue team cheers him on.

More School Notes

Academy Career Day

Business students at Nazareth Academy were able to benefit from the expertise and backgrounds of 18 local business professionals who visited the school recently for the academy's annual Career Day. With the aim of choosing courses and work experience that will help them to pursue business careers, the students received practical advice on a wide variety of issues.

"It's hard work breaking into the business world at first," cautioned Marcia Lambert of Traveler's Insurance Co. "You won't always succeed at first, but you have to stick with it," she added.

Forecasting consumer preferences and customers' needs were other areas stressed by guests Sherry Thomas of the Dress Barn and Scott Thomas of Ormond's. "It would be a

disaster to buy clothes to sell in your store and then find out that they're not going to be a hot-selling item ... you have to be careful, but you take a lot of chances too," Thomas said.

Essay Contest Winners

During the month of May students at Most Precious Blood School were recognized in a variety of ways for their hard work during the school year.

Eighth-grader Michele Serio was both a local and state winner in an essay contest titled "How Can Patriotism Be Instilled in the Youth of Today?" sponsored by the Italian American War Veterans. For the local award, Serio received a savings bond and a plaque. The state organization's Department Award was presented to her at a banquet on Saturday, June 15, along with the \$200 prize.

Serio's essay has been sent on to compete on the national level.

Stacy Riccuito was second place winner in the local essay competition, receiving a plaque. Twelve other eighth-grade students received Bennington flags for participation in the contest.

A special awards ceremony honored first- and second-place winners in the "Save The Lady" essay contest on May 14. All grades at the school were involved, with the primary-aged children drawing pictures rather than writing. Eighth-grader Cindy Borrelli was named the overall winner by Jack Harting, governor of the New York District Kiwanis Club. Her essay will appear in the state Kiwanis magazine. Other first place winners were: Lori Gartley, Melissa Fargnoli, Angelika Scissler, Anthony Altieri, Deanna Palmeri, Marc Piccone and Jacob

McMullen. Liberty pins were award for second place to: Stacy Riccuito, Peter Ruggiero, Eric Decker, Jolynn Mathis, Anthony Zanni, Vinny Valarie, Jamie Mancuso.

St. James Graduates 12

Graduating sixth graders at St. James School in Waverly celebrated Mass with Father Edward J. Foy on Tuesday, June 18. An award dinner for students, staff, parents and friends followed at the Sayre V.F.W.

Diplomas were presented to: Denise Kathryn DePumpo, Timothy DePumpo, Jodie Emery, Lucia Fraboni, Christopher Onofre, Shawn Rosenberger, Cynthia Schliecker, Shawn Sutton, C. Joseph Swift, Matthew Talada, Christopher Urban and Bridget Wallace. Tim DePumpo, Schliecker, Swift and Wallace were also honored.