

'A Republic--Can We Keep It?'

EDITOR'S NOTE— Leigh Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Young, 835 Yarmouth Road, Birmingham, received honorable mention for her essay printed below, "A Republic--Can We Keep It?" Leigh, a senior at Wylie E. Groves, also earned a Good Citizenship medal from Piety Hill Chapter, DAR.

"Many times in the history of the United States our republic has faced serious crises. In the dark days of the American Revolution our country almost failed to stand up against England's tyranny. Several generations later, the Civil War nearly caused the collapse of

our nation when internal strife weakened us politically and economically. Today, the United States Republic is again endangered by a terrible threat--Communism.

"It is not only a threat to our way of life with a philosophy almost counter to ours, but even more important it has as its goal world domination. It is a threat just as serious as those crises of years ago.

"The republic withstood those battles and it will withstand this one.

"WHY WILL we overcome this Communistic threat? The answer lies in the very structure of our government. The citizens of the United States are the body politic. The people vote for representatives who in turn make laws and appoint administrators. The people are the republic, thus we have a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Herein lies the great difference between Communism and our Democratic Republic. We believe that the state should serve the individual, whereas the Communists believe the individual should serve the state.

THE STRENGTH of our people lies in the dignity of the individual, equality of all humans and the inalienable rights of all citizens--these are rules of our democracy guaranteed by our Constitution.

"A further strength of our country lies in our economic system. Under the system of free enterprise, such as ours, the individual plays the key role. He has the opportunity to employ his labor, his intelligence and his capital in making his living. His success is limited only by his ability and initiative. In other words, within the framework of law and order, a man in our country is free to make a life as he sees fit. This system, by emphasizing the individual, has created the greatest standard of living and the largest productive capacity in the history of the world.

WE BELIEVE in freedom as we must believe in it. We are the republic, and to keep it strong and

whole, we must have complete fidelity to our ideals and we must be responsible citizens participating in government and keeping fully informed of its activities and its problems.

America has the best, and its citizens will make every effort to keep the great gift of freedom under which it has prospered--economically, politically and spiritually.

Academy of the Sacred Heart

By JOSEPHINE DeLORENZO
Special Writer

The National Science Foundation has awarded Mother Kane, head of the Mathematics department, a grant for summer study in the Summer Fellowship program for Secondary School Teachers of Mathematics and Science.

Barbara Brown, an Academy member, has been awarded a partial scholarship to San Francisco College for Women.

Last week the faculty and students were happy to welcome Mothers Yamamoto and Akiyama. Since leaving Japan both have traveled in Europe and the eastern part of the United States, visiting various Sacred Heart schools. They joined Mother Hirodo at Bloomfield Hills and left on Saturday for St. Louis. After a brief stay there, they flew to San Francisco. They hope to be in Tokyo for the opening of the new school term.

A University of Michigan astronomer accomplished the difficult measurement of the temperature of Mercury, the tiny planet closest to the sun, using the University's radio telescope.

lor. Peggy Hizar has designed the cover. On the users committee are Jane Whitney, chairman and Sue Atkinson, Pat Kent, Elizabeth Loe, Sharon Noyce, Jean Goyette, Linda Rettray, Joyce Root and Sandi Root.

Co-chairman for make-up are Barb Fish and Ellen Webster. Other committee members are Mary Bunyan, Kathy Derrick, Kathy Etter, Diane Inman, Judy Janis, Pat Keough, Jean Van Loon, Sue Thygeson and Barb Wilbur.

The script committee is headed by Joyce Root. Other girls working on the script are Judy Janis, Sue Thygeson and Jean Van Loon. Kathy Pilling will be in charge of organizing the check room on the show nights. Assisting her will be Margaret Remp, Shirley Sampson, Nancy Shafer and Pat Zimmerman.

Barnum Trojans

by ANNE FALKE and JIM BOUSE
Special Writer

The ninth grade girls basketball team lost to Marian High School March 25. The score was 13 to 7. Another match will be played in two or three weeks.

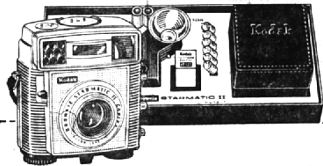
The main theme was the role of the student today in tomorrow's atomic age. Emphasis was placed on the benefits of a Scientific career in the Nuclear Age.

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Special Writer

Laura Abbott, who is in Miss Kenna's third hour ninth grade English class, has received an honorable mention for her character sketch which was entered in the Junior Scholastic Writing Awards Contest. In May she will be given a certificate of merit for her character sketch titled, "The Dollar."

LAST THURSDAY Dr. Adams from Central Michigan University gave a talk at a ninth grade assembly titled "The Biological Effects Resulting from Radiation". After the assembly Dr. Adams, a geneticist, spoke to the biology classes on the chemical structure of chromosomes and genes.

THE ANNUAL school variety show will be given for the student body next Monday and for the parents tomorrow night. The variety show will include a number of acts which have been put together by groups of seventh, eighth, and ninth graders.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Seaholm Aquabelles To Stage Yearly Show

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Sound of Music" will be the theme for the Seaholm Aquabelles water ballet show to be presented April 12 and 13 in the Seaholm pool.

Nearly 100 students have been working weeks to stage the annual show.

Acting as student directors for their respective routines are Kay A'Hearn and Pat White for "No Way To Stop It", a fluorescent-lit number with an outer-space feature; and Gerry Schubeck and Betsy Duncan for "Chapel", another act with effective lighting supplied by torches.

Other directors and their numbers are Sue Crandell and Ann Mackenzie, "Do Re Mi"; Lillian Jackson and Jenny Willey, "So Little Arewell"; and Paulie Schnackle and Kindy Squibb, "Laender." Directing a Maria number are Carol Wiggings and Joyce Thomsen.

THE TOP TWELVE swimmers of Aquabelles will perform in two acts of their own. These girls are Kay A'Hearn, Sue Crandell, Nancy Fleming, Doreen Henderson, Jennifer and Lillian Perry, Ann Mackenzie, Marilyn Perry, Paulie Schnackle, Kindy Squibb, Joyce Thomsen and Jenny Willey.

A special act, "Pas de Deux" is composed of Janet Taisey, class of '60, and Gary Wayne, a professional dancer. Both are members of the Detroit City Ballet. Accompanying the two are Seaholm dancers Starlet Brussel, Arlene Bunyan, Marti Croteau, Pat Graves, Sue Hobbleswhite, Kathy McKenzie, Mary Scott and Connie Taisey.

Although nearly an all-girl show, several boys have parts. Dave Demarest is Paulie Schnackle's partner in "You Are Sixteen Going

on Seventeen." Noel Burnham and Doreen Henderson are in another duet number, "An Ordinary Couple."

Singing in "dry" acts are Nancy Turner and Jere Stone in "How Can Love Survive?" and Chai Brumbaugh in "Edelweiss," backed by Jere on the guitar.

Publicity chairman is Betsy Binns. Also on this committee are Gretchen Christl, Barb Elliot, Judy Grogan, Peggy Hizar, Judy Janis, Elizabeth Lock, Bonnie McDonald, Sharon Noyce, Gerry Schubeck, Linda Scott, Kitty Taylor and Camilla Warnick.

Scenery and props are being managed by Cheryl Griffin. Helping her with the construction are Diane Inman, Pat Keough, Dawn Martin, Bonnie McDonald, Sandi Root, Chris Ryan and Jean Van Loon.

PROGRAM CONTESTS are being organized by Joyce Root with the help of Mr. Thomas C. Hamel, Seaholm's journalism instructor.

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