

"Spotlight On Youth"

Junior Achievers Have Own Commerce Chamber

By STEVE PERKINS

Just as Junior Achievement companies are modeled after real corporations, their business community has a Chamber of Commerce. It is called the Achiever's Association. It acts as a general clearing house for activities and business concerning all Junior Achievement companies and is composed of a delegate and an alternate from each of the 23 Junior Achievement companies and six ex-NAJACers.

Our recent Trade Fair was organized and run by them. During the year, they have considered the awards program including the Advanced Achiever, Junior Executive and Senior Executive recognition. To stiffen the requirements, it was voted that written examinations would be given for the two top awards and that, instead of giving out the Advanced Achiever awards at the Future Unlimited Banquet at the end of the year, they would be given out early in March. This examination will be on Junior Achievement and general busi-

ness knowledge. Soon the application blanks will be out. Currently under consideration is a Junior Achievement dance. Also, the Achiever's Association will help to run the banquet at the end of the year.

The officers of the association are: President, John Bachelchior of Classical; vice-president, Christine Morrissette of Tech; secretary, Simone Krokidas of Classical; treasurer, Wendell Johnson. The other members of the association include: Marsha Baribeau, Thom Schupack, William Russell, John Foster, Barbara Yerkes, Bruce Albro, Ellie Larson, James Coyle and Linda Nelson of Classical; Bill Craig, Bell Rita Margolis, Jill Holter, Richard Boynton, Jr., and John Kane of Longmeadow; John Provencal, Karen Dunscombe, Thomas Brodowski and Nick Daniele of Tech; Rosalie Sutton, Marcia Richmond, and Tonita Smith of Commerce; and Frank Morini, Mary Leonard, and Walter Zawroiny, Jr., of Cathedral.

'BOX PARTIES' AT SEVERAL SCHOOLS

Jr. Red Cross Councils Plan Events

By LESLIE ANN WILLIAMS

The Junior Red Cross (JRC) councils in several schools in the Springfield Chapter of JRC are planning "box parties" to be given in the near future. As the name implies, a box, usually a fairly good sized one, is decorated in accordance with the theme of the party. Into it go the decorations, favors, game props and prizes. Entertainment and refreshments may also be provided.

The students who plan the party first decide where they wish to give the party, which age level they wish to entertain, and how large a group they can manage. A suggested outline for games, decorations and prizes is then adapted to the age level and size of the group. When everything is ready, off go box and students to some local hospital or children's home for an afternoon of fun and laughter.

Agawam, veteran at this project (they did another very fine one back in December), is planning a Valentine's Day party-in-a-box for the children at Our Lady of Providence Home for Children. Vivian Francolini is president and Mrs. Marjorie B. Kelly is teacher-sponsor at Agawam High.

The girls at the Ursuline Academy, under the guidance of Maureen Welch, council president, and Mother Clothilde-Angela, teacher-sponsor, are also readying a Valentine's Day party. They plan to entertain a group of youngsters at the South End Community Center.

Plans for a St. Patrick's Day party-in-a-box are under way at Commerce. Miss Mary E. McCarthy is the teacher-sponsor, and Betsy O'Donnell, the president of the council. Youngsters at the Children's Study Home are in line for this party.

The Longmeadow and Tech councils are also planning "box parties" for the near future. Tech is also planning to do Friendship Kits later this year. Cathedral has finished a correspondence album and is preparing to tackle Friendship Kits as their next project.

Springfield Trade Only High School With Radio

By SHEILA ISHAM AND RAYMOND DUDEK

Springfield Trade High School is the only high school in New England which has its own radio station. It is the educational FM station WEDK.

WEDK broadcasts from 4.30 p. m., to 12.30 a. m., on 91.7 megacycles, seven days a week. The station is a non-commercial, educational, frequency modulation station, which is owned and operated by the Springfield Public School System of the City of Springfield, with the advice and co-operation of the Western Massachusetts Broadcasting Council.

The WNBC Council members and directors are: Roger V. Holmes, Mount Holyoke College; Horace W. Hewlett, Amherst College; Gilbert E. Mottla, University of Massachusetts; and Edmond P. Garvey, director of Springfield Trade High School and the Springfield School Committee. Chris Manitsas serves as technical consultant to the council. The station is operated with funds contributed by members of the council. Mr. Hewlett is president of the council. Will Lewis is station manager, and Mr. Manitsas is chief engineer of educational station WEDK FM. The station is a member of the Education Radio Network.

Mr. Manitsas, a teacher of electronics and mathematics, is a specialist in communication electronics at Trade High School. He works very hard in the classroom, training students in the intricacies of running and operating a radio station. Classroom theory and experiences are utilized when the students actually man the radio station equipment.

After students have completed their training, they take a test for their third class FCC—Federal Communications Commission—certificate and eventually work up to their first class FCC rating.

The present Springfield Trade High School student technicians for Station WEDK are: Ezra Mattson, Armand Dupuis, Robert McQuestion, Francis Morrisino, Charles E. Beldon, Ronald Syriac, Edward F. Deyo and Paul E. Fennyery. These students handle the control board and are FCC licensed to operate the transmitter. Some of the students that have taken this course in the past have been at commercial radio stations.

Some of Station WEDK's programs cover Senior Class discussions directly from Harvard University classrooms, Mount

Holyoke Glee Club concerts and Boston Symphony Orchestra selections which are transmitted live from Symphony Hall, Boston. Literary talks are given on the Gilbert High program. Volta Torrey serves as host for the Century of Science program, a survey of science areas unique to the 20th Century.

Other programs include such features as business reviews, Fr. O'Connor's jazz anthology, music for middlebrows, Canadian folk songs, the entire Tanglewood series, poetry, Russian interlude, news bulletins and many other educational programs.

WEDK's program guide will be sent regularly without charge to anyone who requests it. Send requests to: WEDK, Springfield Trade High School, 1300 State St.

'Magnet' Goes to Press



"Magnet," the MacDuffie School for Girls newspaper is edited by Connie Congdon, left, assisted by Janice Bozbeckian, middle and Ann Chalfant.

Magnet, MacDuffie Paper, Is Read by All Students

By ROSALINDA B. ROBERTS

Few people realize the problems entailed in the production of one issue of the "Magnet," MacDuffie School for Girls newspaper.

A date is set for each issue by Dr. Grahame, the paper's advisor and head of the English Department. Connie Congdon, the editor, then goes to work and assigns articles to each of the writers on the staff. It is their job to do research on the story, write it, and hand it in on time. The articles are then read, re-read, then re-read again until every mistake is found and corrected.

Connie sees to it that the articles are given to the manager of the business board who in turn delegates an article to each member of the business staff. They type up the articles which are sent to the printer. The printer, then sets the articles in "galley." A "galley proof" is the newspaper term given to a long sheet of paper on which the article is set up just the way it will appear in print in the paper. The galley proofs are then out and spaced by Connie and Dr. Grahame the way in which they will appear in the actual newspaper.

The paper is returned to the printer who works diligently to see that it may be picked up in time by the business manager for distribution in assembly the next morning. This job, the printing, is done by a professional in Springfield.

The work of the newspaper staff is not over when the papers are given out in the morning assembly. The business staff must see to it that a certain number of copies are left in the front office so that when the school is visited by guests, they too may have a copy to read enabling them to find out a little about the students and the school life. The staff also has the job of seeing that the copies of the "Magnet" are sent to parents of the boarders, alumnae who subscribe to the paper, trustees and the advertisers. That is not all! The members of the business staff also exchange papers with some of the other local schools.

One of the features of the school paper is the personality of the month. The girl who is chosen is not necessarily the most popular girl in the school, or the captain of the basketball team. A name is drawn from Ralph D. Rutember's hat when he comes to assembly. The only girls not eligible are members of the "Magnet" staff. The name is then given to one of the writers who finds a time when the girl is not too busy, and interviews her. Only the editor, the personality and the writer know who the girl is until the newspaper is given out.

Another unusual feature of the paper is that the writer is not limited to the top four grades. Any girl who has the ability to write is given a chance to try out for the writing staff and then, if she is good enough, she will be admitted to the staff. If a seventh grader does not make the staff, she may always try

COMMERCE 'HI-Y' HAS NEW ADVISOR

By JIM GORMAN

This year the Commerce "Hi-Y" has a new advisor, George Contakis, who is replacing Harold Taylor, former Commerce history teacher until his retirement in June. Mr. Taylor was the advisor for the past 25 years.

Mr. Contakis is a senior at A.C. While at Commerce, Mr. Contakis participated in many school activities. He was a member of the soccer team, Boys' Patrol, basketball and baseball teams and he was vice-president of his class.

Mr. Contakis has planned an interesting program for this year and hopes more boys will take an active interest in "Hi-Y."

Y.W.C.A. Held Meeting

By JUDY KNOX AND MARJORIE FLETCHER

Held recently at the YWCA was a meeting of teen-agers to discuss and tour the proposed North End urban renewal area.

The girls first gathered in a "YW" club room, where Rev. Glenn Williams of the North End Ministry talked and showed a movie. This film told about slum clearance in Cleveland, O., in which Mr. Williams took an active part.

The teen-agers were then taken on a tour of the North End renewal sights, by Constance Kimberly, "YW" staff member, and Mr. Williams. They were shown many buildings which are to be torn down to make way for new structures. Pointed out to them was a store front which will be converted into a chapel. It will be painted and repaired by local church youth groups.

Following the tour, dinner was served at the "YW." The speaker was John M. Sullivan, urban renewal director, who talked about the future plans.

Commerce High Has New Advisor

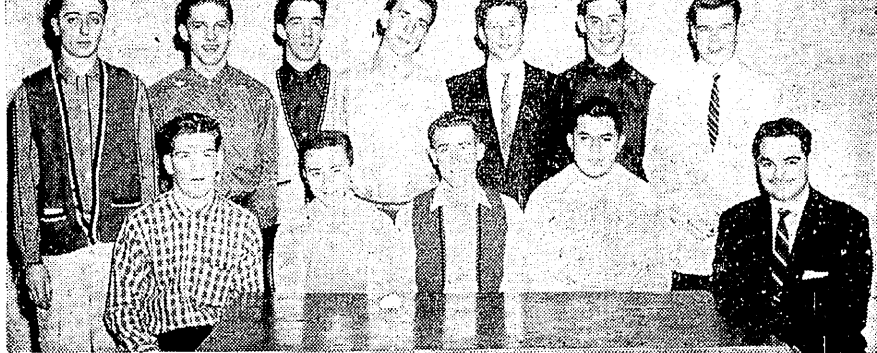
By BARBARA STREETER

"Home Is Where the Heart Is." This slogan is representative of the 1959 Homemaker of Tomorrow Contest. Many girls in schools throughout this area competed in this Homemaker of Tomorrow Contest.

The High School of Commerce was proud to present the honor of this title to Donna Bass, a senior, who achieved the top-most grade in her school. Philip A. Sweeney, principal, presented her with a homemaker pin at a recent assembly.

The contest was comprised of

Members of Commerce Hi-Y Club



Members of the High School of Commerce Hi-Y are, back row, left to right, Peter Alfano, Tony McCallum, Ken Gustafson, Bob Knox, Dennis Kimball, Burt Dolan and Martin Domschat; front row, Phil Robbins, Roland Farioli, Jim Gorman, Emmanuel Klenakis, and George Contakis, advisor.

"Spotlight" Reporters

- In order that high school students and youth agency members might know their respective "Spotlight On Youth" reporters, the following listing serves as a guide:
- Agawam High: Rayna Danton
 - Cathedral High: Barbara Lyons, Peter Praetz
 - Classical High: Vivian Greenberg
 - Commerce High: Barbara Streeter
 - Chicopee High: Ronald Desnoyers
 - Girls' Club: Karen Johnson
 - Holy Name, Chicopee: Peggy Belcher, Susan Talbot
 - Jewish Center: Vivian Greenberg
 - Jr. Achievement: Steve Perkins
 - Jr. Red Cross: Leslie Ann Williams
 - Longmeadow High: Joan Bloom, Jo Petors
 - Ludlow High: Pat Carville
 - MacDuffie: Rosalinda Roberts
 - Sacred Heart: Ruth Mahoney, Kathleen Kennedy, Linda Jones
 - Somers High: Jane Gorman
 - St. Mary's, Westfield: Denise Harrington
 - Technical High: Janice Carver
 - Springfield Trade: Sheila Isham, Raymond Dudek
 - Ursuline Academy: Jane Benoit, Carol Maier
 - Westfield High: Louise Preissler, Joan Livermore, Janet Preissler
 - Westfield Trade: Francis Simmitt
 - YMCA: Jim Gorman, Brian Cormier
 - YWCA: Judy Knox, Lois Miffelin, Fran Boduch

Agawam Band Officers



Officers of the popular Agawam High School band are: front row, Richie Stachowicz, president; Pam Montagna, treasurer; Diane Lee Mabb, secretary; and in the back, Fred Sliva, vice-president.

Kathleen Sullivan, Carol Scanlon Receive Awards

By PEGGY BELCHER

CHICOPEE—Two members of the Senior Class at Holy Name High School in Chicopee recently merited honors, each in her own field, but both well deserving of the award.

Named the 1959 Homemaker of Tomorrow at Holy Name is Miss Carol Scanlon, daughter of Mrs. Doris Scanlon of 920 Chicopee St., Williamsett. Carol received the highest score in a written examination on homemaking abilities and knowledge taken last fall by all members of the Senior Class.

Her paper will now be entered into competition with the winners of other local schools to select the state winner, who in turn will be a candidate for the All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow. In addition to this, at a school assembly which is to be held in the near future, Carol will be presented with a homemaker pin, a token given to all school winners.

Enrolled as a commercial student at Holy Name, Carol's plans for the future include a career in the business world. She plans to take additional courses in business and English upon graduation, and then would like to go into the field of radio, working as a secretary.

At Holy Name, Carol has been a member of the Glee Club, and is presently a member of the school sodality. She is a parishioner at St. Mary's Church, Williamsett, and there belongs to the Young Ladies' Sodality and the Church Choir.

Although she has always been interested in homemaking, Carol admitted that she was both pleased and surprised at being selected the winner at Holy Name.

Another member of the Senior Class, Miss Kathleen Sullivan, also distinguished herself recently by being declared winner of the third Annual Lions Club Speaking Contest in Chicopee. The contest was held in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall where Kathleen spoke on the topic, "Community Service, a Way of Life." Heading the affair were Frank Biernacki, chairman of the contest, and Eli Cohen, director of public relations for the Lions Club. Winning this contest now enables Kathleen to compete in the zone finals which are to be held sometime this month.

"Kay," as she is commonly called by most of her friends, leads a very active life both in school as well as out. At Holy Name, she is a member of the Glee Club, in which she will play one of the leading roles in the coming musical production. The Debating Society and the School Sodality also claim some of her time, as well as serving as school librarian. Her schedule outside of school includes membership in the Speech and Drama Workshop of Chicopee, and Call Board Theater of Springfield, in which she has appeared in a number of plays.

Kay is taking the college course at Holy Name, and hopes her plans for the future will include going to college and studying speech and drama.

Irish Colleen Is Geraldine—Teehan That Is

By RUTH MAHONEY AND KATHLEEN KENNEDY

Amidst the 'wearin' o' the green', Geraldine Teehan, a junior at Sacred Heart High School, will reign as Springfield's "colleen." In her colorful Irish costume she'll be wishing the "Top o' the morning" to the bystanders who witness the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 15 in Holyoke.

Flashing her Irish smile, Geraldine told us how thrilled she was at the honor of having been chosen queen, and no wonder, for she has many delightful events in store for her! Gerry will have the pleasure of meeting our honorable mayor, and will attend a ball March 13 where she will meet other celebrities of the parade.

Gerry, an attractive, dark-haired junior is, we agree, most

NISIMAHA LEADER LEAVES 'YW' POST

By LOIS MIFFLIN

Mrs. Norman Caisse, the leader of Springfield Nisimaha, is going to leave the YWCA. She is leaving to join her husband, Norman Caisse, who has recently been transferred to Cape Canaveral, Fla.

During her stay at the YWCA, Mrs. Caisse has been very active with and among teen-agers. She has been doing this for the past 11 years. Also she has been a member of the Senior High Y-Teen and is a representative to the "YW" program committee. Besides, she is an active member on the board of directors.

Outside of the YWCA, she has taken charge of a youth group consisting of 12 and 13 year old girls at the South End Community Center. Another thing to add is her being the president of the Mother's Club of her church.

Before Mrs. Caisse's departure, the girls of City Nisimaha, which has a membership of 34, gave her a farewell gift at their annual Christmas dance "Mist-hetoe Mist." On the evening of Feb. 10 the girls gave a surprise going away dinner for her at Lido's Restaurant.

Everyone at the YWCA is going to miss this smiling, cheerful lady; but all the Y-teens are wishing her the best of luck in her new home in Florida.



GERALDINE TEEHAN

deserving of this honor. An adept student and a friend to all, she is esteemed by her classmates for her winning personality.

Skating and swimming rank first on her list of hobbies which are many. Gerry also told us that she loves children and babysits quite frequently. On Saturdays she looks forward to working in the office of Teehan's Dairy.

Geraldine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Teehan of 1772 Parker St.

"A well chosen queen, is our Irish colleen. Congratulations, Geraldine."

A 50-minute written examination based on homemaking knowledge and attitudes. Donna's examination paper will be entered in competition with those of other school winners in the state in order to determine the Massachusetts Homemaker of Tomorrow.

Each state winner will receive a \$1500 scholarship from the sponsoring firm, and educational trips to Washington, D. C., Williamsburg, Va., New York City, and Minneapolis, Minn. In addition, she will be a candidate for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow. The scholarship for the national winner will be \$5000.

Teen-Agers Speak

For Greater Springfield teen-agers planning to attend the second annual Youth Conference the 26th at the John J. Duggan Junior High School, here is a handy reservation blank. This must be returned to any of the seven sponsoring agencies by Wednesday.

Name

Address

Agency or School

Workshop Choice (Please list first and second choice)

Teen-Age Interests

Dating

Recreation

Careers, Vocations

Return with reservation fee by Wednesday to:

Y.W.C.A. Jewish Center

Y.M.C.A. Springfield Girl's Club

Dunbar Center Girl Scouts

Catholic Youth