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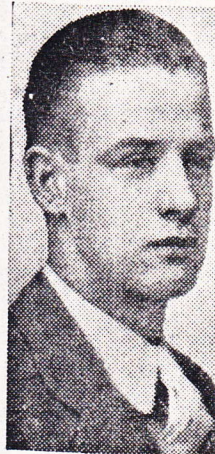
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## Syracusan Wins College Honors

President of his class for three years, John F. Downes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Downes, 521



Park av., was named salutatorian of his class at the commencement exercises of St. Bonaventure College Wednesday.

Graduated from St. John the Evangelist School in 1931, Downes entered St. Bonaventure College in the fall of that year. He served as

JOHN F. DOWNES president of the freshman class and had the same honor conferred on him in his junior and senior years.

Prominent in school activities, Downes was a member of the Glee Club, an editor of the Laurel, year book of the senior class, and a member of the editorial staff of the Bonaventure, weekly student paper.

## NICHOLAS DOWNES

Nicholas Downes declares (March 18, 1909) that the National Guards were organized in Syracuse in 1850 by Irishmen to protect themselves on St. Patrick's Day during their parade. It was a military organization and received its arms from the State and responded to the State's call, when needed to quell disturbance of any kind. So the enemies of the Irish feared to molest the State military men on the seventeenth of March. Men of other nations were members in the minority, and the Citizens' Corps, another military com-