

Catholic Family Center



Father William G. Charbonneau, associate director of Catholic Charities and director of the Family and Children's Division, discusses policy and planning at a meeting with the executive directors of Catholic Family Center, George Montgomery; Catholic Youth Organization, Howard Meath, and DePaul Clinic, Philip Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swol of 51 Rexford St. in a typical everyday scene in which the foster children are an essential part of the family life. They are one of more than 150 families like the one at the left who have taken children into their homes and have given them the warmth, understanding and acceptance which for one reason or another they did not have. Illness, death, divorce, separation and inability to care for the children are some of the reasons why children need a "home away from home." These children are infants, school age and unwed mothers, and more than 300 of them were included in the Foster Care Program of Catholic Family Center. Naturally, the foster parents were reimbursed for their expenses. At present more foster homes are needed especially for infants and teenagers.

Miss Catherine E. Wobus, Casework Director, poses with the students from the Buffalo School of Social Work and the St. Patrick's School of Social Work (Ottawa University, Quebec). Graduate students of Social Work provide field work training for their students. This is quite similar to the internship that a doctor experiences, except that a social work student is on a concomitant plan. Catholic Family Center, St. Joseph's Villa, St. Ann's Home and the DePaul Clinic are field work agencies approved by the Buffalo and Ottawa schools, and each year six to eight students benefit from the knowledge, guidance and experience of the supervisors on the Catholic Charities staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Serge Manderick of 66 Knob Rd. and their daughter, Ann Marie, are delighted to receive their second adopted child, Miss Angelina Boella is the supervisor. Because most of the children placed for adoption are infants born out of wedlock, the social worker spends considerable time with the unwed mother in terms of counseling, understanding and planning. If adoption is the plan to be followed, then the Catholic Family Center "provides" a lifetime family for the infant. The careful and detailed adoption study hopefully will result in the most suited family for the child and vice-versa. Last year the Family Center placed a hundred children in adoptive homes. Some couples received their third and even fourth adopted child.



Mrs. Marilyn Sullivan, President of the Catholic Family Center Board of Directors, and Robert Malone, newly-elected President discuss with George W. Montgomery the budget for the forthcoming fiscal year. Picture was taken at the executive meeting of the Board.



Growing up in CYO

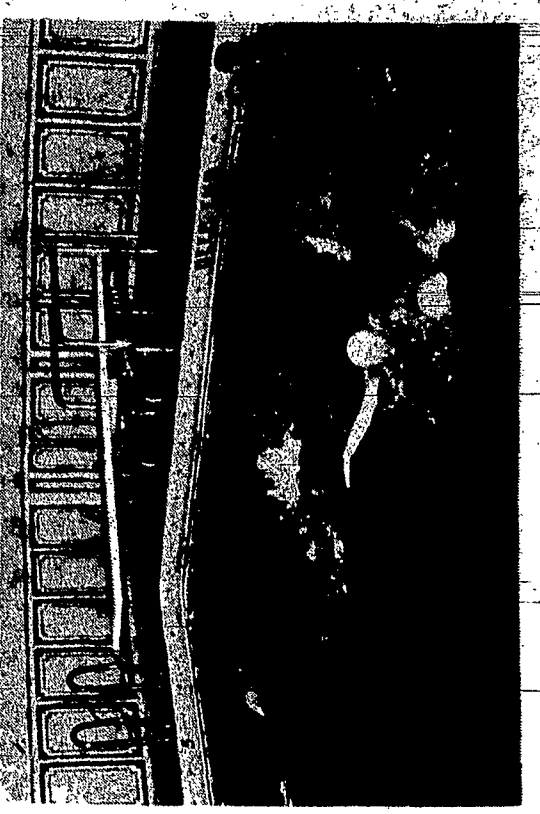
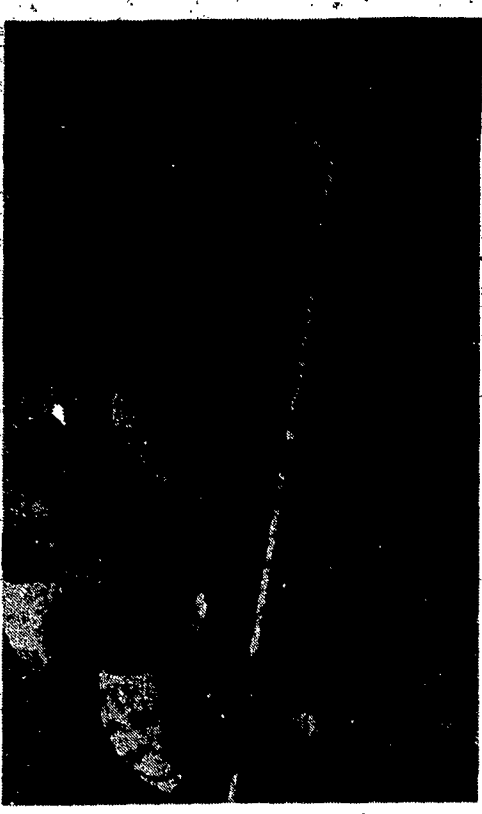
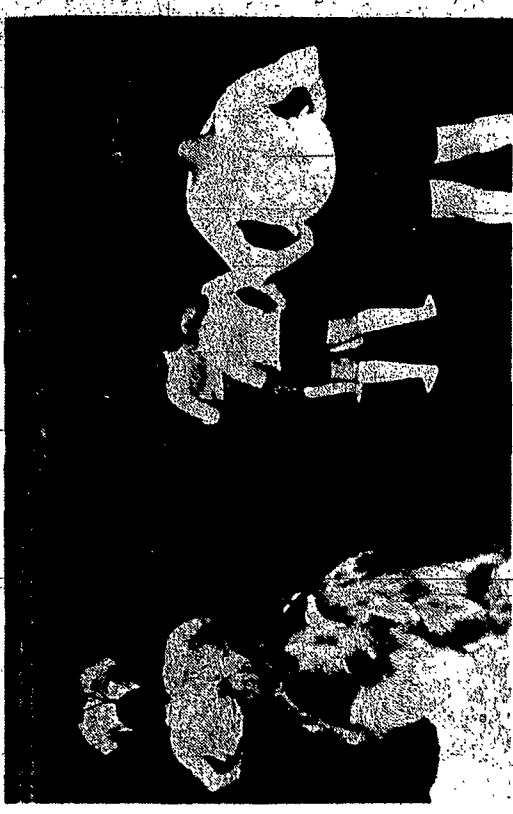
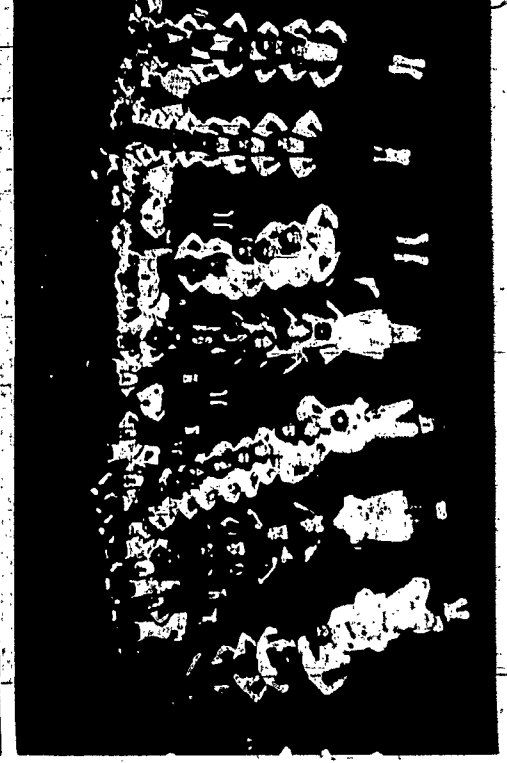
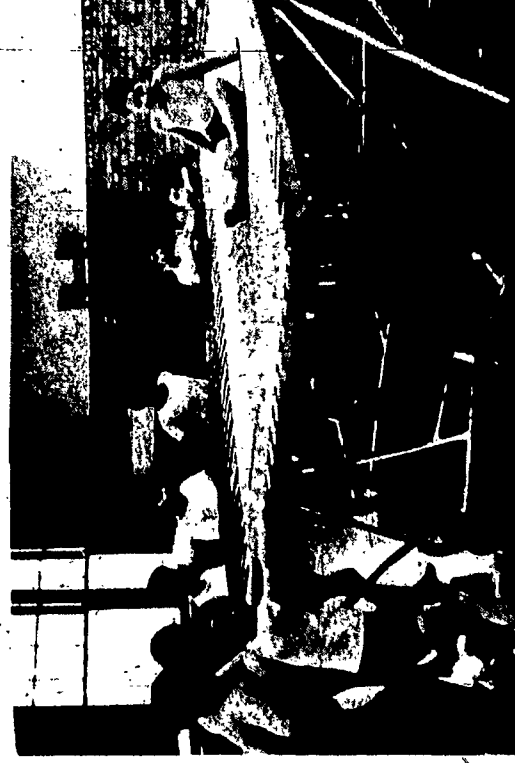
In the picture at the left Thomas Riley poses with another member of the track team from C.Y.O. This was back a while ago when he was in high school.

The center picture a few years ago shows Tom, his wife, Mary Ann, and their children, Eileen, Mike, and Tommy. Here Eileen compares her membership

ship card with her mother's, who at Eileen's age, first began to participate in the C.Y.O. program. Now all the Riley's have a Family Membership and can use the facilities together.

In the picture at the right Mr. Riley a member of the Board of Directors of the C.Y.O. and the Chairman of the Finance Committee discusses pay-some practices with John Norton, also a member of the Board.

Through people like Tom Riley, the Catholic Youth Organization hopes to continue and increase the services that are depicted on this page.



The CYO In Action

A sound mind in a sound body through—

Physical education classes for elementary age children — both in the gym and the pool. Life-saving courses for both children and adults. SCUBA diving reached capacity enrollment. Boy Scout merit badge courses in swimming, lifesaving and water safety classes. Apparatus and tumbling gymnastics.

Physical fitness classes under qualified C.Y.O. personnel being held in several local parochial schools.

Adult classes, both morning and evening, in gymnastics and tumbling for the women. For the men, also, handball, paddleball, weight lifting, dieting and boxing and the ever popular Sauna bath.

Men and Women's volleyball, tennis classes, golf classes.

For the kids — Snow parties, Fun Days, Five Summer Day Camp, Summer chartered Bus excursions, cook-outs, hikes, etc.

Utilization of nine teen neighborhood private swimming pools.

Diocesan Basketball and Cheerleaders tournaments. So much to mention! (Would you like one of our brochures?) Day Camps, Easter Vacation