

# There's a Word for It -- Vulgar

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The following commentary could be made about any of the fairs that take place in the 12-county Rochester Diocese but it would seem Monroe County is particularly negligent because it has the financial and intellectual wherewithal to do better.

By CARMEN VIGLUCCI

Even before Michael Henchard lost his wits at the Wessex Fair consuming ale and frummenty and sold his wife and child to a sailor (Thomas Hardy's "The Mayor of Casterbridge"), there were strange things going on at county fairs.

One gets the feeling while at the 1968 Monroe County version that the fair, much as the bludgeon, has survived the enlightenment of time and once again we are on the meadows of yore with perhaps knights jousting before us.

That is easier to believe than the spectacle of Space Age citizens gathering under a tent gawking at a midget with a 6-foot boa constrictor draped around his neck.

Or of a contemporary of Winston Churchill and John Kennedy delivering crude double-entendres to an audience including many children under 10.

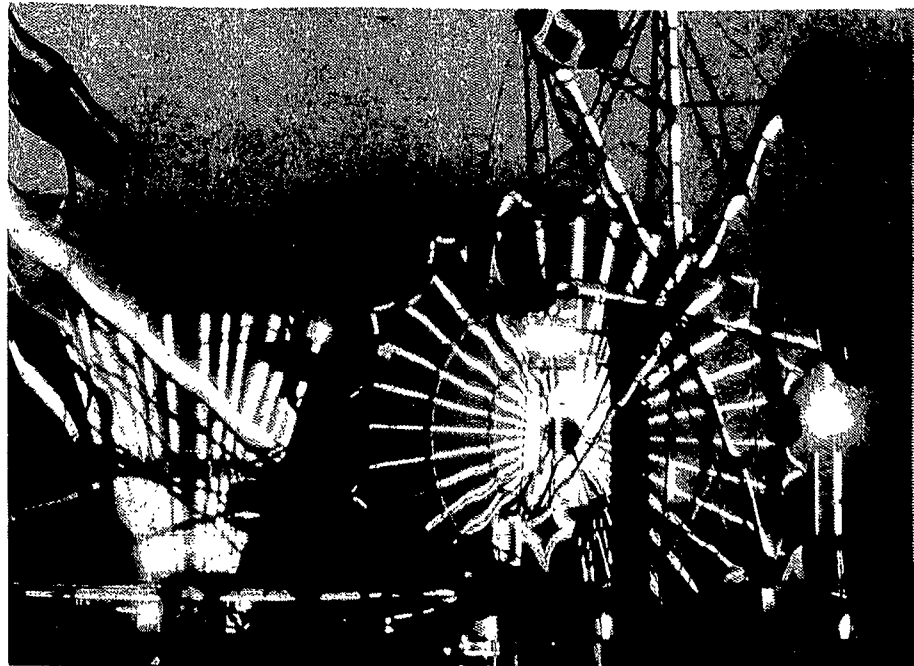
There is Serpentina the India rubber girl who curls up in a box pierced by shafts of plywood, then for an extra quarter spectators can cross the platform and look at her. Meanwhile, the hawkler lures the young audience, "If cloth were \$4 a yard her costume would cost 17 cents."

A matronly woman asks what was probably her pre-teen granddaughter, "Did you see her? Was it good?"

A well-dressed Negro holds up his little daughter so she can get a better view of midget Pete and his snake.

More than anything the fair is paradoxical. An inter-religious service sets the stage.

In one corner there is a 4-H'er grooming her calf for show and down the midway is a sign "see the giant, 65-pound rat, 20 cents." It's a bit of the Cardiff giant again for the ele-



phantine rodent turns out to be a muskrat.

And speaking of the Cardiff giant, the fair has a replica of him or exhibit—sort of make-believe make-believe, but in this case it is clearly advertised.

Not far from where a man passes out religious leaflets reminding that "The wages of sin is death" is a booth selling big pins with the message, "When I'm dead drunk I'll be home."

Much of the fair is legitimate but it is inconceivable that affluent Monroe County would permit such a sordid setting for its young to put on exhibits and attend.

The agricultural, handicraft, Grange, 4-H and religious exhibits are fine. The handsome results of young labor in the farm and animal exhibits is inspirational. But contrasted against this is the fact that much of the fair is:

**SQUALID** — the freak show, the mummified creatures, shrunken heads, the Zombie. Next to the girlie show almost takes on an air of respect—"No women or children allowed. The women cause trouble and the kids don't appreciate what they're seeing."

**UNIMAGINATIVE**—it reflects little of the industry of many Monroe County people. Granted it is supposed to be mainly agricultural in nature but it is not. It is mostly sordid. On opening night, the people at the side-show, 50 cents, seemed to rival in numbers those at the big exhibits, free. Let's get our big industries in the fair for creativity and to clean it up.

**VULGAR**—Groups of teen-age girls strolling the midway and subjected

## Fisher College Plays Host to Kodak Interns

St. John Fisher College's newest dormitory, Murray Hall, is home this summer for 35 college men from all over the country who are working at Kodak in a summer internship program.

Edward Daly, summer residence manager, said the majority of the temporary residents are engineering students who will be seniors next fall.

Kodak contacted the college for help when it became apparent that housing problems were discouraging students from participating in the summer work program, according to Daly.

of the end of other customs unless church authority speaks firmly to maintain them. It is not too small a matter to care about!

—H.K., Rochester.

A—Small matters do lead to big ones sometimes, as you predict. There is church law (Canon Law 1262, par. 3) which says women should be dressed modestly and have the head covered at divine worship, and especially when they receive Holy Communion. Like any ruling on conduct, in its time of composition, it appeared to be necessary for the maintaining of modesty, propriety and good order. Even though many facets of propriety of costume are changing, for both men and women, it seems logical that pastors could insist on the head-covering regulation, (if they diplomatically presented it), on these grounds—the requirement is still on the books; the majority of an average congregation still regard a head-covering for women as a sign of proper decorum at Mass; exceptions can be made on occasion (say at Home Mass or when the whole congregation are young people) or for special cause.

Q—I am irritated by skepticism some people show toward the lives of the Saints. Please comment on how to evaluate stories about the Saints.

—J. L. Elmira.

A—In medieval times, when interest in saints was much keener than now and when biographies of saints were written prolifically, legends were retold as absolute facts. Biographers today are constantly sifting out what is true from what was mere imagination; new lives of the saints have to discredit much that once was popularly believed. If competent scholarship destroys those charming but untrue legends about your favorites, it usually also reveals new and true values in their lives for our admiration.

## Perkinsville Uses Church For Needy

Perkinsville — Perkinsville has become the first parish in the Diocese to turn its facilities completely to the service of those in need, according to a recent bulletin of Sacred Heart Church.

The Sunday bulletin refers to Bishop Sheen's paper, "The Shape of the Church to Come," in which he declared church buildings are to be used as "a place for service, mission and caring for everyone who looks to the church . . ."

Perkinsville parish has turned its school into a medical-dental clinic, migrant day care center, clothing store and food program center as well as educational building, according to Father Timothy G. Welder. Its rectory houses eight VISTA workers for their REACH project.

"No doubt Bishop Sheen has been inspired by what he sees in Perkinsville. In the Christian community at Perkinsville, we are surely discovering 'The Shape of the Church to Come,'" the bulletin stated.

# PAT ANSWERS

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Q. Is a Protestant minister permitted to attend a Catholic funeral and read prayers at the graveside? I know of a family who wanted to invite a minister-friend of the deceased to the cemetery but was told it would not be proper for him to participate.

—H. L. P., Ithaca.

A. There is no impropriety in inviting a minister-friend of the family to share the graveside ceremony. When Protestant ministers are welcomed to an active part in Catholic church weddings these days surely it would be as gracious to invite one to join the priests at graveside rites for the dead.

Q. I have read that in some European churches Catholics are giving themselves Communion by taking the Host into their own hands from the ciborium? Is this a new custom being approved?

—R. N., Elmira.

A. It is not a doctrinal matter. How the Eucharist is distributed is a question of traditional or local practice. The Bishops of an area have the obligation to permit or forbid variations of liturgical usage of this nature. In the early church it was common for the priest to hand the Host directly to the communicant. This went on until around the 10th century. The changeover to placing the Host on the tongue was decided probably because of growing awe of the Eucharist and because the transition from leavened to unleavened bread (thin, delicate wafers) occurred at that time. Recently in the Diocese of London, Ontario, a synod of priests and laymen legislating on the Eucharist suggested to the Bishop to permit leavened bread and reception of Communion by hand.

Q—I know you've written about women's head-coverings for church. But I fear that the casual ending of the custom of wearing something on the head at Mass helps the beginning



Off On a Mission

On the first lap of their 7,000-mile journey, the five Sisters of St. Joseph newly assigned to the Community's Brazilian mission left Rochester on August 6. Boarding the plane here are Sisters Paulissa, Mildred, Marie Barbara, Brenda, and Sophia.

# GOOD NEWS

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