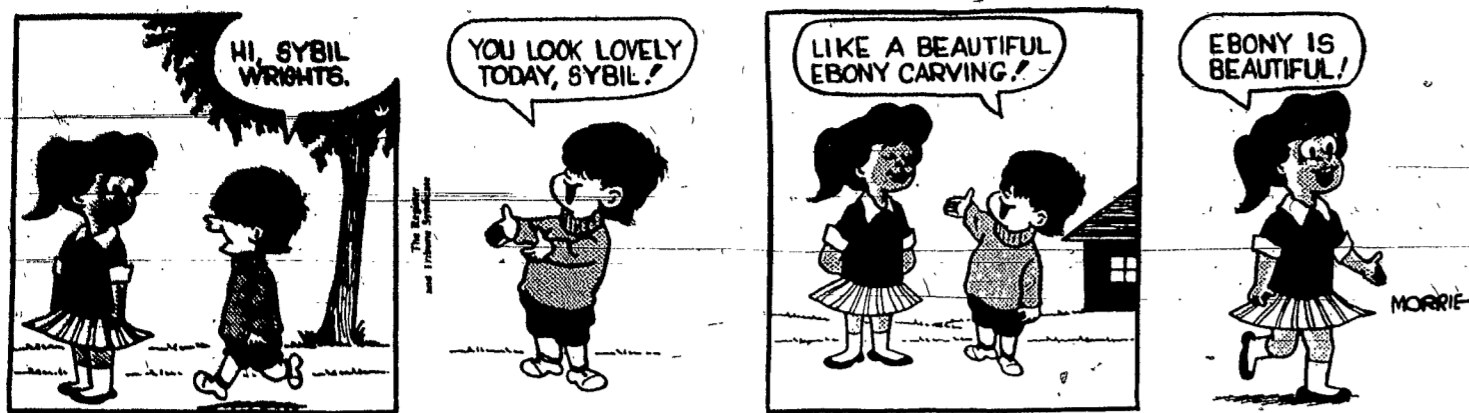


Wee Pals



By BROTHER JEFF SCHIRANK

The Four Seasons are a well established vocal group whose latest album "The Genuine Imitation Life Gazette" (Philips label), puts them squarely in the mainstream of the new folk-rock of "social concern."

The change in the Four Seasons is evident with just a glance at the unique design of the album itself. The entire jacket is a parody of a newspaper and actually contains an eight page paper complete with ads and comics.

The new stories contain

the lyrics to the 10 songs on the record plus satire, humor and just plain absurdity on the American scene.

The songs cover a wide range, including an obscure racial parable entitled "American Crucifixion and Resurrection" — an examination of backyard gothic in "Mrs. Stately's Garden," a nicely done look at a divorcee-plagued family with children visited once a week by "Saturday's Father," insights into a "Wall Street Village Day," the title songs on masks and human fraud which observes "people rubbing elbows but never touching eyes. Taking off their masks, revealing still another guise/ Everybody's doing what everybody's done" and meditations on the "Soul of a Woman" and the future of a child born today.

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TEENAGERS WANT TO KNOW

By FATHER MARTIN C.S.S.R.

Dear Father,
This letter is a comment rather than a question. In particular, it's a comment on your answer to a question about long hair. First off, let me say I'm 20, white, going to college, (a conservative one), and have long hair.

"Makes them look like kooks." Could I detect that you may be slightly prejudiced from this statement? If I could, then I can assume that like most people you are prejudiced against long hair. If this is so, then doesn't long hair in a small degree have the same effect as being black? Isn't long hair then good for these kids, as it teaches them what prejudice is like, and they can get a better feeling of what it is to be black?

—Gene

Dear Gene,

Thank you for your letter and your comment. It certainly presents an interesting angle to the long hair controversy, if indeed there is one.

Maybe they teach logic differently in college today than they used to. However, I fail to see how prejudice against long hair is connected with prejudice in racial matters. But if it helps you to understand the evils of prejudice then I guess I would have to say that I am for you wearing long hair.

I admit I am prejudiced against extremely long hair on a boy, but I am not prejudiced against the boy wearing the long hair. I think there is a lot of difference.

If a person has to contrive a situation so that he can feel vindicated, it is like and getting the feeling of it, so to speak, I wonder about the "period" understanding of human values. The question of prejudice centers around the dignity of each human being who is made in the image and likeness of God and who, therefore, should be treated accordingly. If we understand the dignity of man we are going to be understanding, sympathetic, charitable, and we are going to love our neighbor as ourselves, as God demands, without needing artificial props. But if a man needs those props, then, I suppose, it's better for him to use them.

I have no doubt as to the sincerity of your letter and I believe you are a very concerned individual. I've worked long enough with young people to know how genuinely concerned many of them are.

But from the contents of your letter, I can't help feeling that your long hair seems symptomatic of some kind of feeling of guilt or even of a need to suffer. Maybe you feel this need because of all the injustices that you have seen perpetrated on the blacks in this country. This may be good in one sense, but it can also impair your effectiveness in dealing with crucial matters in a rational and maturely emotional way. Let your concern come out in a positive way by attitudes and actions rather than in a somewhat negative way of mere protest. May God bless you.

'Mikado' Presented By Eighth Graders

Pupils of the eighth grade of St. John the Evangelist's School, Greece, presented three performances of the "Mikado," a play by Gilbert and Sullivan, on May 13—twice for students of the school and once for parents and friends.

Directing the production were Sisters Winifred and Francis Gerard. Piano accompaniment was by Ann Siplo and Anita Powers. Eighth graders who had leads in the play included Joseph Formarola, Robert Agness, Bernard DeGruchy, Mark Hamlin, Jeff Craig, Sally Hart, Mary Alice Lober, Lorraine VanLoe and Eileen Roets.

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Dear Father,

I have problems with sins of impurity. When are impure thoughts mortal sins? Am I correct in thinking they are mortal, sins only if we take pleasure in them and dwell on them?

One night I went to confession, came home feeling great and sat down to watch a TV show that usually isn't bad. A scene came on that started me thinking wrong and feeling funny sexually. Right away I wanted this-out-of-my-mind and tried to pray that it would leave. But, for at least half an hour, this kept popping into my mind. I tried to fight off the feeling and thought with prayer, but it took so long. Did I commit mortal sin?

I did no wrong acts as a result, but I feel so guilty

and bothered by it. Also why would God let me commit such sins after just going to confession and wanting to receive Holy Communion?

—Patricia

Dear Patricia,

You are correct. There is no sin involved in impure thoughts unless you deliberately dwell on them and take pleasure in them. Many a time we can't control the thoughts and desires that come into our mind, but once we fully realize they are there and make an honest effort to get rid of them there is no problem involved.

I can assure you, you have committed no sins and you are perfectly free to go to Communion. There has been no sacrilege involved.

Often times by worrying

about these thoughts and feelings we just become more bothered and obsessed by them. Therefore, it is not good to worry God out of them or even debate whether we have committed a sin or not. When you have the least doubt just forget about the whole matter. You can commit a sin only when you really want to. When you have done something seriously wrong, you will know it.

In your state of anxiety, you are going to have to do a selling job on yourself. Just make the firm statement, "I didn't want to do anything wrong. Therefore, there is no sin, and I have nothing to worry about." Continue to go to Communion unless you are absolutely positive that you have offended God in a grave way. Put your trust and confidence in God and don't worry about these thoughts and feelings. May God bless you.

Send your questions to Father Martin, care of this paper.

Students Cited For VA Work

The Monroe County Catholic War Veterans recently presented citations of merit to 17 Greece - Arcadia High School students and an RIT student as a "thank you" for their work at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Canandaigua.

Michael Terrigno, CWV commander, presented the citations in Midtown Mall as part of Youth Week observances. The Greece-Arcadia school also was honored.

The RIT student John Driscoll, serves as Red Cross volunteer at the VA hospital. The Greece-Arcadia youths spent parts of weekends entertaining patients through songs, conversations or on walks. They also wrote letters for them.

RETREAT SCHEDULED

Father Albert E. Bartlett, rector of St. Ignace, will give a special "pre-vacation general retreat" June 27-29 at the Conale, 693 East Avenue, Rochester.

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Confro Results o

By JOAN ZUMM

Each year the CCD conducts a survey of students enrolled in the diocese. This year's programs it is planning to consider some statistics from this survey.

The survey consists of questions covering total of students enrolled, down into the number of students in each grade, texts used and place of meetings. Numbers of trained teachers—untrained and ing—numbers of clerical, and helpers, and time of the nun young people not a CCD classes in each parish.

There are nearly 35 elementary grade children rolled in CCD religious education programs in the diocese. Of the 331 parishes organized religious education program. All parishes in the diocese enroll just over students. Therefore, the elementary level CCD programs are available for the religious education of nearly half of children in this age group.

This fact shows the need for a redistribution of financial emphasis on religious education of young children.

Another significant fact is that in 76 parishes

ST. AGNES BREA SCHEDULED SU

Mrs. Ione Dawson, of the Volunteer Bureau of Social Agencies, will be at St. Agnes High School their mothers at a breakfast June 8.

The buffet breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. Mass at The Mothers' Club will be new officers.

LUNCHEON TUE FOR 13th SET

Members of the 13th Branch will meet for Tuesday noon, June 10, afternoon of cards at the Beach Hotel. Hostess Mrs. Charles Pov Joseph Kunz and Mr. Doyle.

MISSION GUI TO MEET-AT-L

The Catholic Mission will have a business and luncheon at 1 p.m. day, June 11, at 513 S

SCHOOL BOA

Brookport—Five members were elected to the board of the Nativity School last week. Chosen were Mrs. J. Carney, Mary C. Warren, J. Wynch, Ma lace and Anthony I kowski.