All in the Family A Bit **Of Prophecy**

By Sarah Child

I hope I am around by the time that they completely lick the problem of clothes. That is, the care and preservation of them.

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When my grandmother first married, some 50 years ago, she was using a washboard and a tub on the back porch when the weather permitted. When it didn't she set up shop in the kitchen.

She heated water in the reservoir of her big black monster of a coal stove for the washing and when it came time to iron, she heated her flat irons there, starting a fire in the worst heat of summer.

Only later did luxury come her way in the form of a wringer washing machine operated by a gasoline motor.

When my mother set up housekeeping she had electricity in her house and had the ultimate luxury of a washer and iron that both operated by merely putting a plug in an outlet.

But my father wore white, heavily-starched shirts to work instead of the blue workshirts that my grandfather used and so in "ultimate luxury" my mother would once a week get up at 5:30 a.m. to begin the ironing for a family of five, finishing if she were lucky, by 11 a.m.

There was no dryer, of course, and sometimes the pulley line that extended across the dirt road, to a huge tree near our garage would break and she'd have to wash everything over again but other than that and frozen fingers in the wintertime she really had it made.

I have a washer, dryer and iron. Most important I have permanent press.

I throw a load of school dresses or corduroy slacks in the dryer and they actually come out ready to wear - but only if I retrieve them as soon as the dryer stops.

Men's shirts have really not reached that point yet. I've never seen any that didn't require some touch up after they left the dryer.

Diapers are almost an item of ease. There's the washer to give 'em a pre-soak and a dryer to fluff them dry in literally minutes. Those marvelous manufacturers have not only pre-folded them but made them stretchy as well.

Still for a family of five I spend hours every week doing clothes. Granted a lot of that time is spent playing seek after the kids have played hide with their underwear and in running up and down the basement stairs.

But, in 30 years or so I think the whole washer, dryer, ironing bit will be outmoded.

Once a week we will drive to the nearest store and purchase for a very minimal fee seven days worth of underwear, pajamas and other such clothing items made from paper.

The next week we will return with all the used paper items, hand them in for recycling and buy a new batch. at no more than hot water, soap, detergent and electricity cost us now.

No more stains you can't remove, no more germs, no more washdays.

Do you think if all we housewives banded together we just might get the scientists to hurry it up?



School Sisters of Notre Dame greet the Superior of their Northeastern Province at conclave in Rochester, Sister M. Petronilla Killigrew (left), Wilton, Conn., who is a native of Corning, N.Y. From left are Sister M. Stephania, principal, St. Margaret Mary School, Irondequoit; Sister M. Louis, Holy Angels, Demarest, N.J.; Sister M. Raymunda, Dover, N.H.; Sister M. Roberta, principal, St. Philip Neri School, Rochester; Sister M. Johanna, principal. St. Joseph's Business High School, Rochester; Sister M. Irena.

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Distance, time and expense prevent most of the Rochester

sisters from attending chapter meetings, Sister Carole Shin-nick, SSND, of Bishop Kearney High School reported. She said that local members offered recommendations for improving communications between this area and the rest of the province, which includes New York, New Jersey, Massachuetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire. Connecticut, Puerto Rico and Chile.

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J. Patrick O'Donaghue of Merry Hill Drive, Penfield, has been named assistant secretary and manager of the Marine Midland Bank in Ridgemont Plaza. He had held a similar post in the Bushnell's Basin branch.

O'Donaghue, a graduate of St. John Fisher College, joined the company in 1962. He is a member of Holy Spirit parish, Webster.



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1 pound round steak

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cup green pepper strips

cup diagonally sliced celery 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms $\frac{1}{2}$ cup coarsely chopped onion

(1-pound) can bean sprouts, 1 drained

- 1 (5-ounce) can water chest-
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- nuts drained and sliced 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- teaspoon pepper
- 1½ tablespoons corn starch 1 cup bouillon
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce

Cut steak diagonally across the grain into thin slices, then cut into strips 2 inches long. Heat corn oil in skillet over medium heat. Add meat; brown on all sides. Stir in green pepper, celery, mushrooms, onion, bean sprouts, water chestnuts, salt, ginger and pepper. Cook, stirring constantly about 3 minutes or just until tender. Mix together corn starch, bouillon and soy sauce; stir into skillet mixture. Bring to boil. Serve.

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