

All in the Family
Keep Thinking
Warm

By Sarah Child



It dawned on me all over again just now that the English language is a marvelous thing.

For example it contains exciting, wonderful words like Spring and robin and melting-snow. It gives us such wonderful phrases as "temperatures in the 60s" and "warm, April showers."

There are some absolutely terrific expressions that have their places in the English language, also. Expressions like "hot as Hades" and "so hot you can fry an egg on the sidewalk" and "blast furnace Summer."

As you probably are able to discern, you are reading the thoughts of another winter weary citizen.

And the exercise above is not really one of futility. After all warmer weather does have to come eventually—doesn't it?

And the repetitive mouthing of certain words does help to conjure up milder weather when there appears little prospect of the real thing come to our aid.

For example, I sit and gaze at the gray, sullen sky, which if it is not at that precise moment disgorging pelting ice or snow or rain, can be depended upon to in the next few minutes or hours and I think: "Ah, blue sky so bright and brilliant and beautiful it is breathtaking. Puffy, cumulus clouds so dazzling white."

From the sky I lower my gaze to the white birch tree stripped of all foliage for months upon months.

'Tony' Musical
Scheduled

The award-winning musical "1776" is scheduled at the Auditorium from Monday, April 26 through Saturday, May 1. Matinees are scheduled Wednesday and Saturday.

The musical won the Tony Award plus the New York Drama Critics' Award, and had the honor of being the first musical to ever play in its entirety at the White House.

Starring are Patrick Bedford as John Adams, Rex Everhart as Benjamin Franklin and George Hearn as John Dickinson of Pennsylvania.

Fisher Receives
Gift of Books

A 400-volume collection belonging to the late Judge Charles Lambiase has been given to St. John Fisher College by his widow. Judge Lambiase was a member of the college's board of trustees.

The collection contains many volumes in Italian history and literature, particularly works on Dante.

A number of works on American history also are included.

MERCY HOP

The U.S. Steel Band will play for a Record Hop at Our Lady of Mercy High School Friday, April 2, from 8-11 p.m. The semi-formal dance is sponsored by the Catholic Students Mission Crusade.

Anyone who has news of the Elmira area for the Courier-Journal should contact Dick Baumbach at 607-732-4098.

That birch, come summer, is dressed in green leaves so thick and full that the eye cannot penetrate to the other side. The grass underneath such density is thicker and greener and softer and perfect to sit upon.

I say that all to myself. It helps. Just as thinking of sitting on our front step in the dark oppressive heat of a summer night with the children and singing our "I See the Moon" song helps.

I think of impromptu summer rides in the car after supper and saying to the ice cream man, "two vanilla and one chocolate, please."

So what that the invisible, anonymous voice you hear on the phone when you dial the number for the temperature is telling you the opposite thing.

When he says the temp is 32 whisper softly back "82".

And someday soon, it has to come true.



Spring Fling

Mrs. Richard Furia (left) and Mrs. Leith Young get ready for Aquinas Institute's Spring Fling, sponsored by Aquinas Parents Action for Catholic Education, at Kearney Hall on St. John Fisher campus, April 17 at 9 p.m.

ST. JOHN PASSION

Theodore Hollenbach's Good Friday presentation of the "St. John Passion" by Johann Sebastian Bach will be performed by the Rochester Bach Festival Chorus and Orchestra at Asbury-First Methodist Church at 8:15 p.m., April 9.

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