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As I See It

If there is anything wrong with the children's program "Hot Dog", canceled by NBC, it is its name and its air time. Otherwise, it is, for what it attempts to be, near perfect.

"Hot Dog", created, produced and directed by Frank Buxton, is a delightful half hour of feeding children a tiny bit of silliness and a great deal of useful information.

Aiding and abetting in the silliness are Woody Allen, Jonathan Winters and JoAnne Worley.

Seen at noon Saturdays, after the airwaves have already been glutted with cartoon after inane cartoon, "Hot Dog" comes at a time when kids are ready to relinquish the set and go outside for some active play.

Had it been screened at, say 7 p.m. on a Sunday or any other time when it was not surrounded by so much chaff, "Hot Dog" would surely have flourished.

The name is something else again. Apparently picked out of a hat, it means nothing and has nothing in particular to do with the program although on a recent repeat the show attempted to answer where our favorite baseball game treat got its name (from Tad Dorgan, a political cartoonist, at the turn of the century.)

Some other questions a kid might wonder about were answered either in picture or words or both.

The actual answers came after comedians Allen and Winters had had their try at answering.

How does toothpaste get in a tube? Said Woody: Two or three men hold the tube and somebody else lays the toothpaste out in a straight line and comes rushing to the tube with it.

After that we saw the actual manufacture of toothpaste and the precision mechanics of filling the tubes.

Some other questions answered: Why do onions make me cry? Does a giraffe have a voice? What are crayons made of? What good are ladybugs? What happens to a letter after it is mailed?

We watched it as a family a couple of weeks ago on a rainy Saturday and the head of the house who had watched with the kids before was heard to ask idly between laughs: "Is this for grownups or kids?"

The answer is obvious. Both. Too bad it couldn't replace "Laugh In."

Class Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Immaculate Conception's Class of '21 celebrated the 50th reunion of their class Sunday, May 16, at the Downtowner.

Special guests at the reunion were Sister Georgetta, SSJ, and Sister Florentina, SSJ, both of whom taught the class.

According to Mrs. Idamae Goold, a member of the class, about 40 of the original 95 member group were to be present.

The class includes Father Joseph Haffey, pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Hornell; and two Sisters of Mercy, Sister Adelphine and Sister Marguerite Newton.

Mercy Sets Party For Inner-City Kids

Our Lady of Mercy High School's annual springtime party for inner-city youngsters will be held on Saturday, May 22. The day is sponsored by the Student Council.

An outdoor carnival with games and prizes is a special feature of the day. Pony rides around Mercy's campus, movies, arts, crafts, and refreshments are also on the schedule.

Party chairman is Marty Broomfield.

Committees are headed by Debbie Borem, Sheila Brady, Patty Carson, Andy Ciaccio, Debbie Dooley, Mary Jo Gerhardt, Maureen Glavin, Sue Monagan, Aileen O'Brien, Jill Schirmer and Patty Walsh.

Final Clearance At Seton Shop

A clearance sale is in progress at Seton Shop, 151 Genesee, in preparation for its seasonal closing May 22.

The shop is run by volunteers for the benefit of St. Mary's Hospital. Its stock is next-to new clothing for men, women and children.

Dr. Mina Rees to Speak At Nazareth Graduation

Dr. Mina Rees, President of the Graduate Division, The City University of New York, will be guest speaker at the 44th annual commencement exercises of Nazareth College of Rochester, Saturday, May 29, at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Rees will also be the recipient of the college's 14th honorary doctor of letters degree for her "outstanding contributions to the mathematical and basic sciences and education in general."

She is the first woman president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and past chairman of the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States.

The previous recipient of seven other honorary doctorates from colleges and universities, Dr. Rees received both the President's Certificate of Merit and the British Medal for Service in the Cause of Freedom for her World War II work as a top aide with the Office of Scientific Research and Development, with prime responsibility for organizing the wartime deployment of the country's mathematicians.

DR. REES

Later, as Deputy Science Director of the Office of Naval Research, she was the architect of the first large scale program of support for mathematical research—a plan which has served as a model for the Air Force, Army and the National Science Foundation. In 1962, she was awarded the Mathematical Association of America's first "Award for Distinguished Service to Mathematics."

Dr. Rees is a graduate of Hunter College and Columbia University and received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She was Dean of Faculty at Hunter for eight years before assuming the post of Dean of Graduate Studies at the City University of New York in 1961. She was appointed to her present position at CUNY in 1969.

Montessori School Slates Opening

The Greece Montessori Parents' Association recently announced the September opening of the Greece Montessori School. The school will be located in the Lutheran Church of Concord on Holmes Road, Greece.

Miss Irene Henson, a graduate of the Washington Montessori Institute in Washington, D.C., will direct the school. The purpose of the school is to provide a Montessori education for children 2½ to 6 years of age who live in Greece and the surrounding towns. Two half-day sessions will operate on a five-day a week schedule.

A parents' information night will be held Wednesday, May 26 at 8 p.m. in the school. The Montessori method of education will be presented and discussed by Sister Eileen, Directress of the Trinity Montessori School, Rochester. A film, "The Joy of Learning," will also be shown.

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