Father Connell To be Honored

Father Charles B. Connell's 30th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood will be celebrated by the people of his parish, St. Philip Neri, in two special events.

The Parish Advisory Council will hold a dinner at the Tavern in the Mall, Pittsford, on Friday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m.

An open reception is slated by three parish societies; The Women's Club, the Holy Name Society and the Lady of Fatima Society on the evening of his birthday, June 13, 7:30-9:30 p.m. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 6 p.m.

Father Connell has served as chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital and Nazareth Academy, and also served at St. Gregory's Church, Marion, prior to his appointment to St. Philip Neri.

Legal Aid Elects Dutcher

The Rochester Legal Aid Society unanimously re-elected Pittsford attorney Henry Dutcher, Jr. on May 24 to his fourth term as president. Other officers re-elected were Honorable Jacob Gitelman and C. Herbert Holt, vice president, J. Newton Morgan, treasurer, and Benjamin Solin, secretary.

New members elected to the society's board of directors were Reverend Marvin Chandler, interim director of the Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, and Eugene Van Voorhis, a Rochester lawyer. Reverend Chandler has been active both in local anti-poverty programs such as FIGHT and in his hobby as an amateur pilot.

Reverend Chandler and Van Voorhis join a board that last year also elected Father John Whitley of Aquinas Institute, and Dr. William Knox, Jr., past president of the Baden Street Settlement House.

Re-elected to three-year terms to the board of directors were Honorable G. Robert Witmer, associate justice of the State Appellate Court; Loftus C. Carson, executive director of the Monroe County Human Relations Commission; attorney Mrs. John J. Conway; and C. Herbert Holt, now retired.

Fisher Medical Conference

St. John Fisher College will host a three day conference June 11-13, on the nation's health care delivery system. The Medical Society of Monroe County will sponsor the conference as part of its 150th anniversary celebration.

The conference on Fisher campus will attract physicians, educators, health insurers and planners and political scientists who will discuss health care problems in the country today.

Speakers at the conference will include Dr. Thomas Ainsworth, associate director of the American Hospital Association; James Ensign, vice-president of the Blue Cross Association; and James Hunt, director of government relations for Aetna Life and Casualty.

CYO Scuba

The Catholic Youth Organization's summer scuba class has been scheduled for four Saturdays; July 17 - Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. A co-ed class for people 16 or older, it covers the use of skin diving and scuba equipment, physics and physiology, and all other phases of diving with a strong emphasis on safety.

For more information, call the CYO at (716) 545-2030.

CARMEN VIGLUCCI

The Slot Man

If you'll remember from last week's episode your editor recently found himself at the Catholic Press Association meeting in Houston, Texas, afraid to fly home.

Anthony J. Costello, general manager of the Courier, was his roommate for the trip. In his plight, the editor turned to Costello as a source of sympathy and solace and told this pillar of understading of his decision to check out the trains.

"You're crazy," sweet-talked the general manager.

But calls were made and even the editor had to admit that trains were out. For instance, if you take one going through Chicago, it doesn't stop at Rochester. Not even Buffalo. Not even East Rochester. It goes on to New York City at which point you double back to hit upstate garden spots.

"You'll just have to fly," Costello said. He had made up his own mind to return by air.

It seemed so but then a flash of brilliance struck the editor (it was the first time this had happened since he fell into a bullring and his steel-trap mind told him instantly (to get the hell out of there).

"I'll take the bus!" he burst forth.

"THE BUS! You're out of your mind," sympathized Costello.

The editor checked. Yes, it was possible. Buses leave daily. They leave twice daily. They are air conditioned. They only take two days to make the trip. They have rest rooms.

All this was announced to the GM.

"THE BUS! Are you kidding?"

"But it only costs $60."

"You know,' the general manager reassumed his soothing voice. "Thats not such a bad idea after all."

We told other delegates. One, Leo Carroll of the Paterson, N.J. Beacon, remarked:

"THE BUS! Are you kidding?"

Tom White of the New York Catholic News put it another way.

"Are you kidding? THE BUS?"

Ralph Kraft of the Cleveland Universe-Bulletin who probably will never win his wings either, understood the problem. He just said, "Are you kidding?"

So anyway, leaving Thursday, a day earlier than planned, so he could make Sunday Mass at home, the editor, luggage and all, found himself ready to board the bus at the Houston depot.

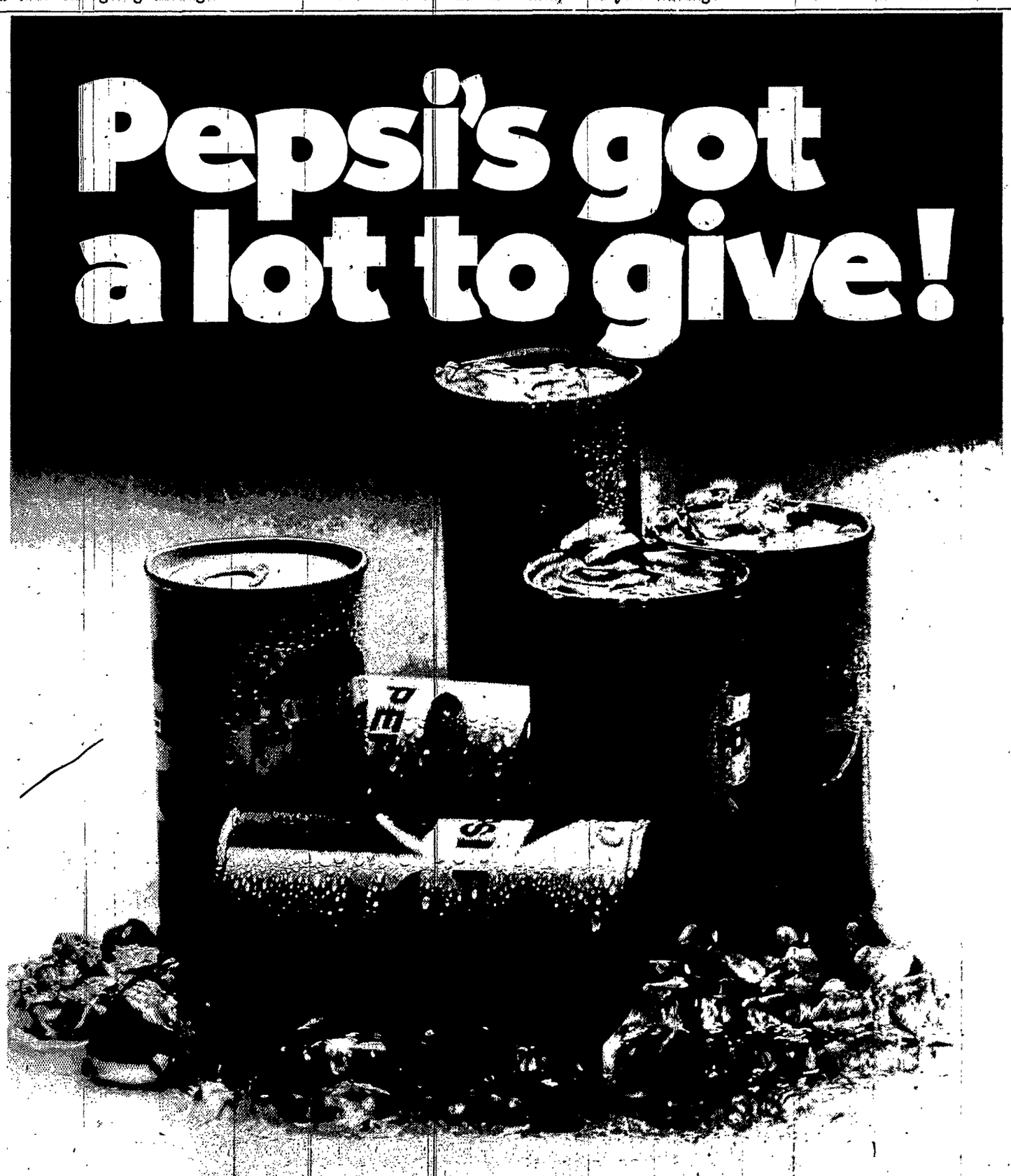
The driver looked capable, mature, self-composed. The editor handed him the ticket. The driver looked at him and said:

"ROCHESTER, N.Y.! Are you kidding?"

Next week the final piece in this exciting series will deal with the editor's two-day slice of Americana entitled "A Fool and His Luggage Are Soon Parted."

SCHOOL BOARD

St. Monica's Church recently elected three parishioners to its school board. They are: Pat Sammon, of Congress Ave., who is in medical research at the University of Rochester; John Trudeau of Melrose St., who is a program analyst at the Rochester Telephone Company; and Mrs. Anna Uebelacker of Terrace Pk., a housewife and librarian. The school teaches more than 440 children.



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