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The Story Lady

Nan Wooden is a movable feast. Her avid tot-size followers affectionately know her as the story lady.

Guitar in tow, Nan daily stations herself in different neighborhoods to tell stories, organize games and even sneak in lessons in telling time.

Nan is part of St. Francis Xavier School's Martin Luther King Summer Program, which is funded by the federal Summer

Youth Opportunity Program.

The story lady's tentative schedule is as follows: from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Bay-Zimmer park; Tuesday, the Syracuse-Scio Tot-Lot; Wednesday, at Central Park near PS 27; and Thursday at the Coleman Terrace Playground.

When Nan is not the summertime story lady she teaches fourth grade at Corpus Christi, Main St. East.

Federal Parent Aid Seen Priority for Nonpublic Schools

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Albany — A federal parent-tuition aid program applicable to all the 50 states ought to be the first priority of all those interested in the plight of the nonpublic school students now, said State Catholic Committee Secretary, Charles J. Tobin Jr., in reviewing the effects of the Supreme Court decisions in the aid to education cases.

"There are three compelling reasons for going to the Congress now," Tobin said.

"First, the need is great now, this year. School systems all across the country will find funds blocked by this decision and subsequent court cases. Obviously, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania are in dire straits, financially, since they will both lose substantial aid through these decisions of the court.

Second, Congress is in session while many state legislatures are not. Going back to the state legislatures now is impossible

in over half the states until next year when the problems will multiply.

Third, the decision show a path — tuition aid or aid to parents and students — on a national level as consistent with the First Amendment of the Constitution. That path is now clear. The path in the individual states is immensely complicated by individual constitutions which may hamstring legislatures in providing assistance of this nature."

Tobin, spokesman for the Catholic committee which represents the eight dioceses in New York State in the field of public affairs, noted "the court decisions again and again contrast aid to the student and his parents which they approved in the Everson (1947) and Allen (1968) cases in the past, with aid to the institutions which they said was impermissible under the laws they were considering which had been passed

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Private School Pupils May Benefit from Ruling

By CECILIA VIGGO

More health and welfare services for Catholic school students may be the result of a recent State Court of Appeals decision, obliging a public school district to provide speech therapy to a pupil in a parochial school.

This is the opinion of Eugene R. Cusker, who, assisted by his law partner Thomas Cusker, successfully argued the Cornelia case. The court ruled unanimously that Michael Cornelia, a student at Our Mother of Sorrows School, Greece, was entitled to speech therapy offered to the public school students in the Greece Central School District.

The case originated after Michael Cornelia, then a fourth grade student at Our Mother of Sorrows, was denied the right to continue speech therapy be-

gun at a community counseling center, operated by the school district under Federal Title I funds. When the center ceased operation in the school year of 1968-69, Michael's father, Matthew, acting through the school board at Our Mother of Sorrows petitioned the Greece Central School District to allow Michael to attend therapy sessions at Paddy Hill School. The petition was denied and the Cornelias took the case to court.

Central to the 7-0 decision was the interpretation of section 912 of the State Education Law. This section obliges the board of education of a public school district to provide resident children in nonpublic schools with "all or any of the health and welfare services and facilities including, but not limited to health, surgical, medi-

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Our Columnists Enter the Lists

The columnists enter the lists of controversy this week. Father John Hempel discusses the decision of the Office of Human Development not to support the Housing Week held recently in Rochester on Page 11B.

Father Andrew Greeley praises a new book on Catholic radicalism while again taking up the cudgels against radicals on Page 5A.

Bob Considine says that new knowledge gained from the Pentagon Papers on the Kennedys involvement in the Vietnam War is really old hat on Page 4A.

Pat Costa has discovered that she's back on Captain

Kangaroo's band wagon after a season of Sesame Street on Page 10B. And Sarah Child may have discovered the only way to keep a house together during summer on Page 14B.

On the Editorial Page 3A, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan contends that leisure "is not the same as free time nor need it be separated from work," in his continuing discussion on how Americans spend their time.



Father William M. Barrett pauses for prayer in the chapel at Newark State School. The centerfold highlights Father Barrett's unique work.

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