

Fresh Air Kids in Hornell

Some Warm Answers To Worried Questions

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Hornell — "I wonder what our kid will look like!" "Do you suppose we are making a mistake?" "What if he doesn't like us?" "I can't wait to see how much Margaret has grown," were just some of the comments heard July 7 as twenty-two families from the Hornell area awaited the arrival of their special guests from New York City.

Meanwhile, many mental pictures were forming in the minds of 20 New York City children: "Will they like me?" "I wonder if they speak Spanish?" "Will these people be as nice as the ones I visited last year?" "I wonder what the new baby looks like."

More than half of the Fresh Air children are on welfare; more than half live in one-parent families. Of the total 17,000 in the program 46 percent are Afro-American; 32 percent are of Puerto Rican origin and probably at least 65 percent are Catholic.

The children are accepted by the New York City Fresh Air Fund and assigned to families selected by local chairmen. Each child receives a complete physical exam before leaving New York City. Each is insured; transportation is paid by the Fund.

I spoke with Mary Mahoney who, with her husband James J. of 347 Cleveland Ave., is chairman for the Hornell area. Mrs. Mahoney feels an instance of Christian brotherhood is provided by the James Wall family of 50 Glen Avenue. Three summers ago, Matthew Milligan stepped from the bus into the home and hearts of the Walls.

He was excited about, yet afraid of what he might encounter, going from home and family in Brooklyn to a small place called Hornell; eight years old, a Protestant and black. He came for two weeks and stayed eight. While here, Matt began to attend Mass with the Walls at St. Ann's Church and upon his

return to New York City, lived in the same Christian love he saw practiced at the Wall home by Jim and Kay and their four children, Gus, Peter, Tom and Mary.

Matt returned last summer for two months. This time, Monica, age about one month, also was there to greet him. During the year Matt wrote to say he had received his First Holy Communion and hoped to be able to receive Communion from Jim, a layman who distributes at St. Ann's.

The Walls called Mrs. Milligan to advise her of 10-year-old Matt's safe arrival this year. Mrs. Milligan informed them that Matthew had taken it upon himself to find a Catholic church in his neighborhood, co-incidentally, St. Ann's, where he began taking instructions and was received into the church this past year.

The Catholic families in the Hornell area and their guests are: M/M Walter Bourgeois, Canaseraga (St. Mary's); Rebecca Diaz and Estella Diaz; M/M Harry Fillmore, North Hornell (St. Ann's), Tony Jenkins; M/M Joseph Hubertus, Canisteo (St. Joachim's), Gloria Cordero; M/M William Manry, Hornell (St. Ann's), Virginia Ortiz; M/M John Mattison, Hornell (St. Ann's), Melissa Burgos; M/M Ronald Perkins, Hornell (St. Ann's), Beatrice Laureano; M/M Rudolph Schneider, North Hornell (St. Ann's), Timothy Swint; M/M James Wall, Hornell (St. Ann's), Matthew Milligan.

Other area hosts and their guests are: M/M George Bumgardner, Hornell, Margaret Graydon; M/M Donald Campbell, North Hornell, Donna Herinees; M/M Mark Cohen, Alfred, James Clark and Demetrio Olmeda; M/M James Cromwell,

Nunda, Alfred Means; M/M Peter Curtis, Hornell, Alberto Ramos; M/M P. Michael Hartwig, Rexville, Mary Burroughs; Miss Shelly Jenkins; Alfred Station, Carlos Olmeda; Mrs. Natalie Liddey, Canisteo, Leonard Walker; M/M Thomas Mason, Canisteo, Anna Morreale; M/M George Merz, Arkport, Donna and Della Gray (twins); M/M Ken Quick, Canisteo, Gary Bethea; M/M Perry Smith, Rexville, Valerie Hines; M/M Robert Stone, Hornell, Desirae Peterson; M/M Richard Warriner, Greenwood, Julia Colon.

Baby Survey On in Hornell

Hornell — The Kieran Guild of St. James Mercy Hospital is participating in a survey with the Planning Council and the University of Rochester School of Medicine. The purpose of the survey is to determine if there is enough routine well-baby care in the community.

Members of the Guild, who are visiting parents of babies born in the Fall of 1970 and completing questionnaires, are: Mrs. James Mahoney, Mrs. Harry Drespensied, Mrs. Kenneth Davies, Mrs. Joseph Kuhn, Mrs. James Gentile and Mrs. James Reardon. The survey is expected to be completed in four or five weeks.

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Hornell — John Bartell's major field is food technology; Nancy's is social work. Music is their avocation.

On the side, they have reconditioned the century-old pipe organ at St. Ann's Church and this Fall they will take charge of the choir.

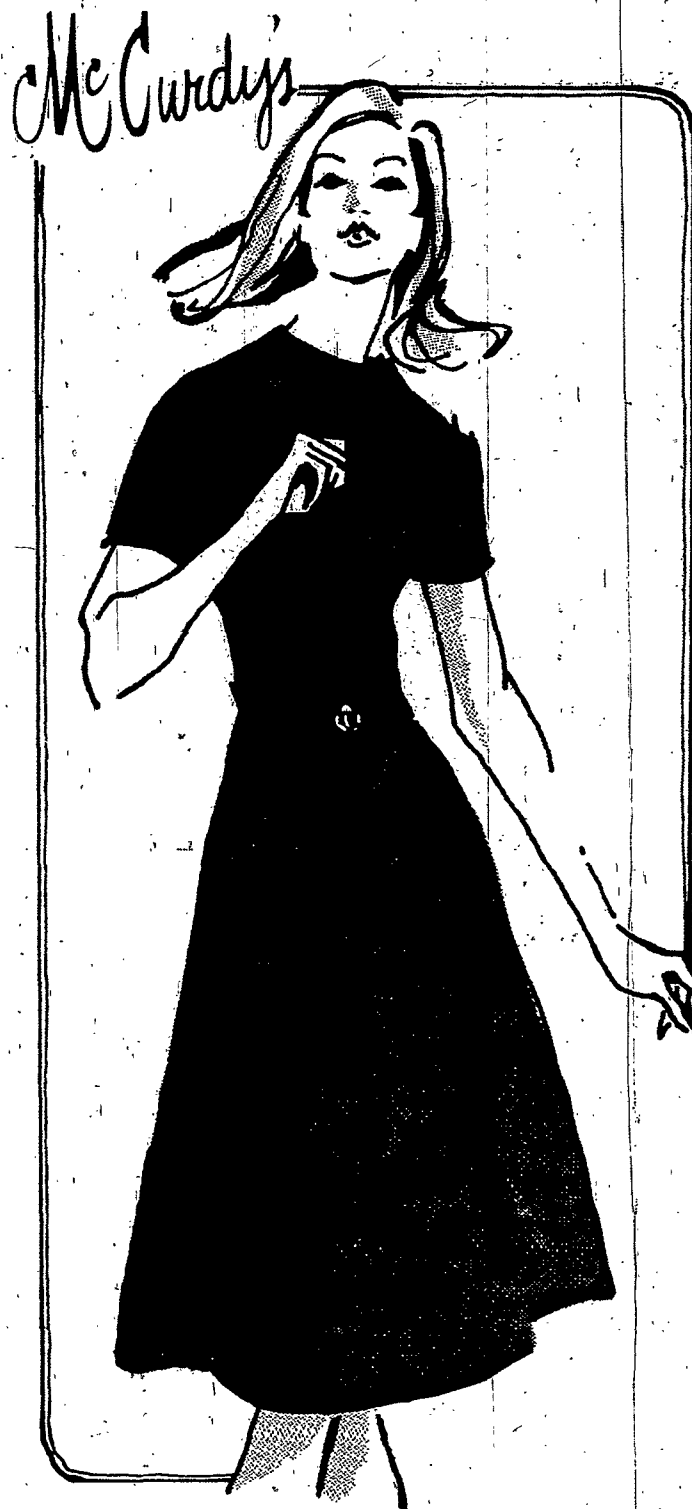
Since his return to Hornell in 1968, John has been arranging the music programs for St. Ann's, and playing the organ at Sunday Masses and weekday services.

His full time occupation is assistant professor of agriculture at SUNY Agricultural and Technique College at Alfred. His college education began at Alfred State, and he earned bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Georgia. His interest in music began in childhood, with organ and piano studies under the direction of Sister Mary Raymond Joseph, R.S.M. formerly of Hornell.



JOHN BARTELL

Mrs. Bartell is the former Nancy Kramer of Binghamton. She has a masters degree in social work from Fordham University and heads the social service department at St. James Mercy Hospital. She serves also as part time consultant to the Hornell Nursing Home. They have one child, Kevin, two years old, and are expecting another.



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Ithaca Area Notes

Naples—St. Januarius Church has a new carillon which rings the Angelus at 8 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. Hymns are played at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. According to Father Bernard Kuchman pastor of the church, the carillon was given the church by an anonymous donor in memory of Albert Göttemeyer.

Rexville — A Chicken Barbecue and Family Day sponsored by St. Mary's Church will begin at 1 p.m. Aug. 1.

Canisteo — There will be a Bible School for the children of Canisteo and Rexville, who will enter Kindergarten to 6th Grade, the week of August 8th.

Canisteo — The people of the Catholic community of Canisteo will join a Sing-Along of Sacred Music, sponsored by the Canisteo Council of Churches at Somers Hall, August 18 at 8 p.m.