SARAH CHILD

All In The Family

My mother left for home yesterday morning and by last night things were getting back to normal. We had hot dogs again for supper.

She had arrived three days before with the trunk of her car loaded with enough groceries and meats to feed 10 people for two weeks.

The day before she came I had also shopped and my freezer was full.

Yet, in spite of the warehouse-load of supplies, during her stay we made two trips to fresh vegetable stands, one to a corner grocery, one to a supermarket and one to a drugstore.

In case you hadn't guessed, my mother likes to cook. She cooks German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese and Polynesian. Sometimes she cooks dishes from other countries too, but, mostly she cooks American.

She will cook for anybody. Her only requirement is that she has an enthusiastic audience. Since she knows us to be among her most appreciative fans, she comes equipped with the recipe (in her head) for her latest enthusiasm and the ingredients to prepare it.

This time it was Reuben sandwiches, the recipe for which she had just come across in some paper or magazine.

For half a day the pungent, acrid odor of sauerkraut filled the house, as it simmered on the back of the stove. By evening it had been combined with swiss cheese and corned beef ,slapped together between buttered rye and then grilled to perfection.

Sometime between getting out of church on Sunday and our first trip to a fresh produce stand, my husband mentioned he hadn't had eggplant since his grandmother had fixed it for him years before. The next thing I knew we were off on a chase, first for the vegetable, then some mozarella cheese, and a specific kind of herbed bread crumb.

When I mentioned an upcoming simple meal of barbecued chicken and sweet corn with a lettuce leaf tossed in for our greens she decided it was the perfect time to make potato salad. And off we were again for sour cream and new potatoes.

When it was time for her to go I said I'd miss her but thought that it was just as well she was leaving. I couldn't button my shorts and the kids were already starting to turn their noses up at my specialties: frozen broccoli with salt and hamburgers topped with American cheese.

Mom said she was sorry she hadn't time to fix the barbecued chuck roast and Hawaiian Lemon Pie and next time she'd make the yeast rolls at home to bring with her.

Mooney Students Keep Busy

The buildings may close but not all high school student organizations "die" during the summer.

The enterprising officers of the Action for People Association (AFPA) of Cardinal Mooney High School, Greece, meet regularly during the summer to plan for the fall.

AFPA aims to involve young persons in service to the community. According to AFPA president Patrick Tydings, the group of 400 Mooney students will continue successful projects initiated last year: a school-wide paper drive, special programs for children at Mount Carmel and St. Lucy schools in Rochester's inner city, and parties for the Golden Age Club, a senior citizen group in Greece.

New plans for the fall include sponsoring an intensive fall membership drive, holding a fund-raising carnival to finance AFPA work throughout the year, and offering a Red Cross first aid course to interested students.

The year-old organization developed out of Mooney's CSMC (Catholic Students Mission Crusade), according to AFPA moderator, Sister Virginia Wilson, RSM. Noting declining student interest in work with the foreign missions, CSMC officers formed AFPA, whose focus is on help to local groups.

"We're still aiding foreign missionaries," said Tydings, "but now we're getting to know the needy around us as well."

Sisters Open Ticket Office

The Sisters of Mercy have opened a storefront office at East Avenue and Gibbs Street, Rochester, to sell tickets for the events they're sponsoring for a communication week, Sept. 19-26.

"People Please" is the Sisters' title for the week-long festival celebrating man's right and need to communicate with others. Events will include an address by NBC news commentator David Brinkley, an international dance festival, "Pooh Loves You", a musical adaptation of the children's classic "Winnie the Pooh," a concert by Rochester musician Chuck Mangione and a special multimedia program by the Rochester Philharmonic.

Student Awarded Fulbright Grant

Frank J. Judge of Burton Street, a graduate student at the State University College at Brockport, has been awarded a Fulbright grant for study in Italy. He will be a teaching assistant at the Center for American Studies in Rome and will study Italian Literature at the University of Rome.

Judge, an Aquinas alumnus, is a 1968 graduate of St. John Fisher College and holds a master's degree in English from Brockport.

Assumption Novena At Auriesville

Auriesville — A novena in honor of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs continues this week at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs, in preparation for the Feast of the Assumption, Sunday, Aug. 15.

Devotions begin at 7:30 each evening and will end at dusk Saturday with a candlelight procession along the bluff overlooking the Mohawk Valley. An all-night vigil will follow.

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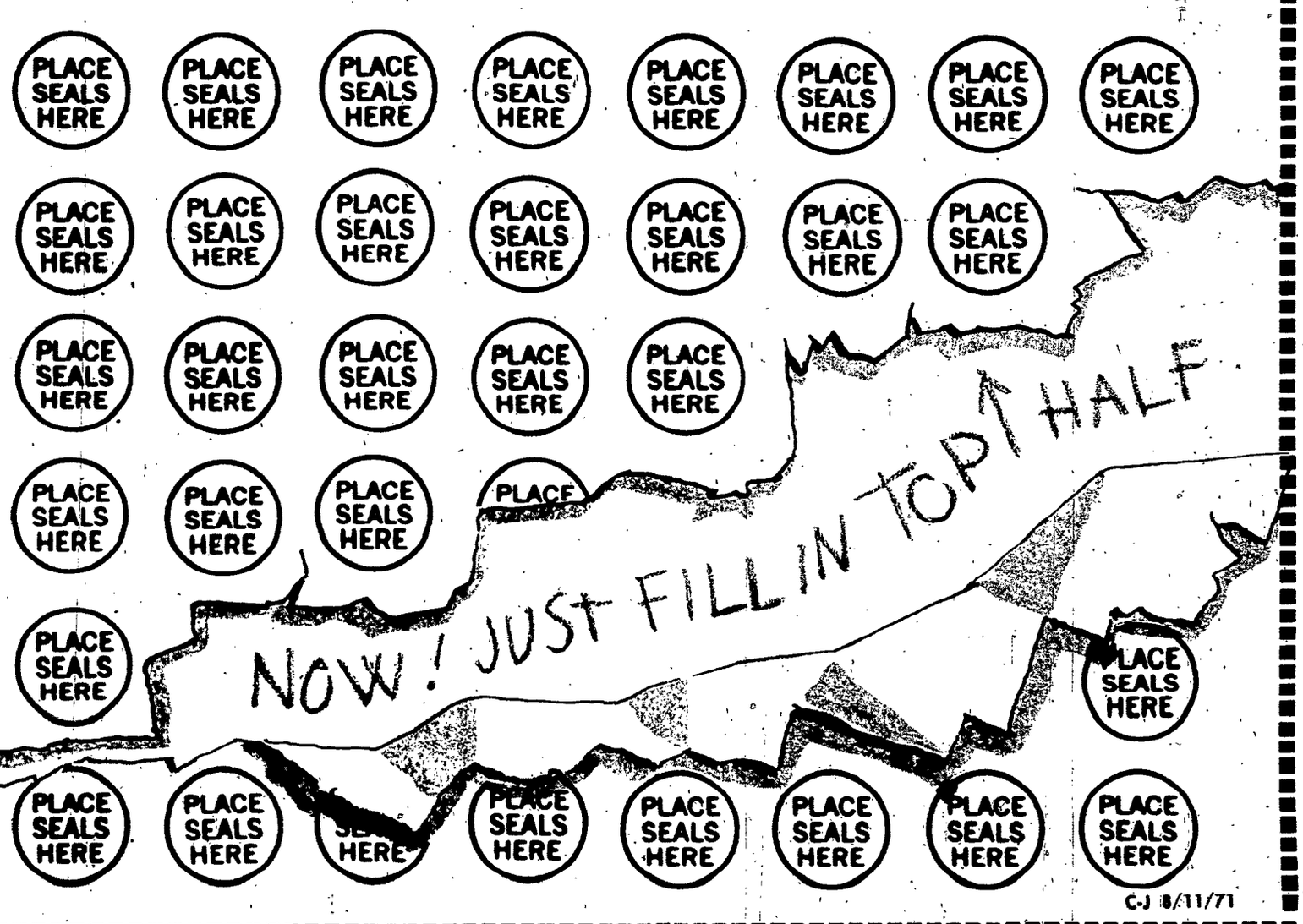
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