

Hi ho... Come to the Fair!

By DICK BAUMBACH

Elmira — Sunday is a special day in the Southern Tier. For the 18th consecutive year the Benedictine Monastery of Mt. Saviour will host its annual Fall Festival.

Highlighting the festival, which last year attracted 8,000 persons, will be an enlarged children's program and a bigger-than-ever arts and crafts show.

The fair, the only fund-raising event held by the monks, will open at 10 a.m. with an outdoor concelebrated Mass, sung by the monks.

Five singing groups will be featured throughout the festival's afternoon program — the Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Choral Group of Rochester, Celebrate Life of Horseheads, the Voyage of the Young from Wellsboro, Pa., and the Emeralds of Elmira and the monks.

The arts and crafts exhibit and sale will be held in two sections. One section, with artists showing on an invitational basis, will include woodwork, weaving, stitchery, batik, macrame, welded sculpture, enameling, silk-screening, ceramics and pottery. A shop area also will be set up for exhibitors, who will

offer a wide variety of craft items.

Demonstrations in nine art media will be conducted throughout the afternoon. Five artists from each media will demonstrate for one hour each.

The children's program will focus on more creative activities that will include a giant crawl-through "feelie box" maze, with emphasis on texture and perception. A large art fence also will be installed so that children may create their own spontaneous murals.

Another new feature for children will be a ventriloquist act by Tommy Looney, 10, who has been performing for five years locally. Tommy, the son of Mrs. D. E. Looney, will perform at 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

The Sisters of Mary de Namur of Buffalo will supervise "dipity-do" flower making. The children will be allowed to

make their own plastic flowers, with a small charge requested to cover the cost of materials.

Pony rides and hay rides also will be available and games, with prizes, will include a fish pond, bicycle tire toss, frisbee toss and dart throw.

The popular Street of Shops will include a Christmas booth with handmade holiday items, a teenage booth, and shop areas specializing in jams, jellies, preserves and cakes.

A variety of food and refreshments also will be available throughout the day.

F. X. Brown of radio station WELM will serve as master of ceremonies. The program will close at 6 p.m. with vesper services.

Those visiting the festival are asked to observe a one-way traffic pattern established just for fair traffic. The entrance to the Fall Festival will be by way of the Steege Hill Road, one mile west of Mt. Saviour Road (off the Hendy Hollow Road). Individuals are asked to exit by way of Mt. Saviour Road.

PARISH PICNIC

Elmira — St. Mary's Southside held its annual parish picnic last Sunday at Newton Battlefield Reservation, located just outside of Elmira. Parishioners attending the affair enjoyed food and beverages. Host was Louis Coughlin.

Parish Group Organizing

Horseheads — Another parish organization connected with St. Mary Our Mother Church here has taken up regionalism to further develop its program.

The fall membership drive for the church's Altar and Rosary Society began recently with the regionalism concept being used to seek out new members for the society.

The society has been divided

up into nine regions because of the large amount of territory the church has as its responsibility.

New members are asked to either call Mrs. Carl Gismondi (607-739-8276), or Mrs. Albert Schillinger (607-562-3218).

Installation of new members will take place prior to a supper meeting Monday.

Ibero-American League Gets Development Grant

The Ibero-American Action League will receive \$11,500 from the national treasury of the U.S. Bishops' Campaign for Human Development.

The money will go toward community organization among the city's Spanish-speaking people, estimated by the league to number 20,000.

"We hope to hire an experienced community organizer, or at least some one who has worked with people and knows how," Domingo Garcia said. He is assistant director of the league, a Red Feather agency that has access to funds from various government sources. Its offices are at 938 Clifford.

The league, Garcia said, deals with immediate needs and has "no mechanism for organization." The community organizer would draw together the efforts of existing service groups, his goal to be "to influence change," Garcia said.

The announcement of the Ibero-American funding came from Bishop Michael R. Dempsey, national director of the development campaign. It said the local grant would "motivate the community to participate in local, federal and state

programs affecting them."

Two very large projects were among the 59 chosen in the second round of grants from the national self-help fund. One will provide drinking water for 3,600 families living in a parched area of Texas, along the Rio Grande. For this, \$180,000 in seed money is forthcoming. The largest grant, \$197,836, responds to the Loiza Citizens' proposal for a broad program of social development, housing, education and health service in San Juan, P.R. One of the smallest grants was \$2164 for a health care unit to meet immediate needs in Caguas, P.R.

Installation

St. Theodore's Rosary Altar Society will have its annual installation banquet Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m.

The banquet will be at Tuts' Villa, 2200 Buffalo Road, and the guest speaker will be television personality, Louise Wilson.

Tickets are available from Mrs. Rose Koonman, 458 7120, or from group leaders.

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SARAH CHILD All In The Family



(A couple of days ago a neighbor stopped on her way to the post office to show me a bundle of letters addressed to relatives, each envelope containing a mimeographed copy of the one letter she had actually written. Taking her cue, I shall simply send each of my relatives a copy of this paper.)
Dear Family:

Got back from Maine on Thursday. Delightful time as always even though it was a brief trip. Went to Mass the previous Saturday night and got up at 4 a.m. Sunday and was on the road before 5. With three kids and a mountain of luggage to say nothing of picnic baskets, thermos and assorted toys, that's not bad.

Trip up was uneventful. The joker posing as a Massachusetts state trooper who pulled us over did cause a few palpitations but I guess that's natural.

Our birthday boy was somewhat nettled by having to spend his big day away from friends and the usual party at home. But we spread an oilcloth on the motel room rug and we celebrated his fourth with a chocolate cake from the Goldenrod restaurant which had added a bakery. His father went across the street to Chicken Charley's for the main course.

The baby slept through it all which was just as well. We'd been on the beach since 9 a.m. and she had played in the water for three straight hours. Water was warmer than I remember it but still cold enough to numb your ankles.

Found only one sand dollar and the kids collected the usual shells, stones and driftwood.

Stopped on the trip home at Old Sturbridge Village as we did last year and the kids loved it, particularly the potter's shop and riding the horse-drawn wagon through the covered bridge.

Made a leisurely trip home of it the next day. Did something we've been meaning to do for years. Stopped at Canajoharie to see its famous little art museum and adjoining library.

Had probably read it before but had forgotten they have a replica of Rembrandt's "Night Watch" of the exact physical size (15 by 17 feet) painted by a Dutch artist Martin J. Korpershoek. It is said to be an excellent copy and I thought it stunning.

The collection of Winslow Homer paintings is one of the largest but only four were on display because of limited space. One that was particularly delightful was a delicate watercolor, "The Pumpkin Patch." Heretofore I guess I had always associated him mainly with seascapes.

Our three made pests of themselves although our incipient first grader did pick out the Stuart portrait of Washington. Happily we had the place to ourselves with the exception of a very kind librarian and her assistant.

Spent Labor Day installing the new bird feeder Dad gave us and painting shelves and a new bookcase. Well, guess that's it for now. Let us hear from you soon.

Much love,
Your daughter, sister,
granddaughter, etc.

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Vows Recited
Sister Dianne Salt, SMIC, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Salt of St. Salome's parish, Irondequoit, pronounced her final vows at her congregation's Motherhouse in West Paterson, N.J.

Sister Dianne graduated from Our Lady of Mercy High School in 1964 and entered the Missionary Sisters the same year. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Bonaventure University.

Sister was appointed Director of Admissions at the Missionary Sisters two-year Liberal Arts college in West Paterson in 1970 and is presently holding that position.

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