

SARAH CHILD
All In
The Family



Do other people have a predilection for the particular season in which they came into the world? At our house there is a marked preference for the birth seasons, at least for the adults. The children are still caught up in the mystique which says that any month in which Christmas occurs has to be tops.

My husband is a leading exponent of the birth season preference. He arrived at the very tail end of July when days are hot, humid and hopefully full of sunshine. (I've never asked his mother what the actual birth day was like, but assume it was normal for the time of year.)

And, along about June when the weather is just starting to rise about to 75 once in a while, he can be heard to say, "This heat is okay, but I like it when it gets hot 'hot hot. You know when I mean, don't you?"

I shake my head knowingly. I do know what he means. Along about the middle of July when the thermometer reaches 95 and all sane people are gasping for relief, turning their air conditioners up to high and taking refuge at the beach, he is out oiling up the lawnmower. It is not that he enjoys mowing the lawn, but if you have to do it, better in near 100 degree heat with the water rolling off you and the tongue parched and the feet swelling. Ah yes, the better to enjoy your glass of lemonade.

Not an intolerant man in the normal course of things, he does not like to hear those with whom he shares facilities, namely his wife, to complain about the heat. Retreats to the basement where the tempera-

ture never rises above 70 are signs of mental imbalance.

After nearly eight years of marriage I have learned to say things, such as "the heat isn't bad this year, is it (gasp, gasp)?"

I have learned tolerance mainly, however, because I know my season is almost upon us. I was a late October arrival.

Autumn: Was there ever a season more glorious? Mornings so crisp you need a flannel wrapper to throw over your nightgown, afternoons so bright and hot you switch to a bathing suit and by nightfall there is the need of a sweater.

Is there anything lovelier than an October afternoon when the sky is so brilliantly blue, the cumulus clouds so startling white and the trees are aflame in reds and oranges and yellows?

There is something so satisfying about shuffling across a lawn thick with fallen leaves, to see chrysanthemums bloom from here to there and watch the yellow school bus waddle its way down the street.

The smell of autumn is not as good as it used to be. We may no longer burn a few leaves because we have defiled the air in too many other ways. Still there is the dry, woody smell of Fall, seemingly more pungent because the air is less humid.

Best of all there is the feeling. The entire earth is alive in its most conspicuous way. Soon it will sleep but for now the sky is the limit. Excitement and great peace seem to go hand in hand. The world is in the throes of quiet passion. Ah, autumn.

St. Joseph Motherhouse Scene of Festival

The Sisters of St. Joseph will hold their annual festival this weekend, Sept. 25 and 26,

McQuaid Benefit To Aid Teachers

The proceeds from this year's McQuaid Benefit Ball will be used for a sabbatical fund for McQuaid faculty members.

The fifth annual McQuaid Benefit Ball will be held Friday, Oct. 15 at Locust Hill Country Club.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 7 p.m. followed by dinner at 8. Music for dancing will be provided by the Syl Novelli Orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon T. Ward are chairmen and Mr. and Mrs. William McDonnell are co-chairmen of the affair.

Seton 34 Plans Musicale, Tea

Kimberley Schmidt, a senior piano student of Eugene List at the Eastman School of Music, will play for the 34th Seton Branch at a silver tea Sunday, Sept. 26.

The event is scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seuffert, 730 Beach Ave. It is the principal fund-raiser planned this year by Seton 34 for the benefit of St. Mary's Hospital.

Courier-Journal

Teacher's Conference Slates Franco, Weber

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Two prominent educators will address the annual diocesan education conference for elementary teachers and administrators.

Prof. Lillian Weber, associate professor of early childhood education at City College of New York City, and Dr. John Franco, superintendent of the Rochester city school district, will share their experiences and ideas on informal education at the conference Sept. 27, 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Flagship Hotel.

Sister Mary Beatrice Neukirchen, assistant superintendent for curriculum of diocesan schools, said, "Informal education frees the child from the limitation of one teacher and one classroom."

"More than 1,100 teachers are expected," Sister Beatrice reported, "and we hope the teachers will be inspired by what they hear and start to implement the humanistic approach to teaching that the speakers advocate. During the year we plan to have follow-up programs to keep interest and work moving in that direction."

Prof. Weber explains new ideas on education: "The changes represent a break with the traditional, self-contained, teacher - controlled classroom, and its whole-class lesson orientation. They reshaped existing school environments so that the natural learning pattern of the child, its individual and uneven style and pace, is continuously supported in the grade-to-grade progression. Children in classes of different age grade levels may function together in the reorganized environment."

"For the teacher, the change means that the focus had to become multiple and decentralized, on the many learning patterns and development of the many children. The focus had to be turned on to the environment and materials of the classroom and its organization for the child's use."

Before becoming a trainer of

teachers, Prof. Weber was a teacher working for many years with young children. She is generally acknowledged to be the outstanding authority in the U.S. on the English approach to informal education.

Dr. Franco also is concerned with the individual child. He firmly believes in the development of a child's self image and among his published works is a book entitled: Ego Development Guide, Grades K-3.

Rochester Official Gives \$800 to Villa

Ross S. Ritto, personnel director of the City of Rochester, presented St. Joseph's Villa with the proceeds from a testimonial given in his honor by the Rochester Fire Fighters last May.

Ritto is the former president

of Rochester fire fighters local 1071 and also the past president of New York state fire fighters. He was appointed to his present office in 1970.

He presented the \$800 netted from the testimonial Wednesday, Sept. 15.

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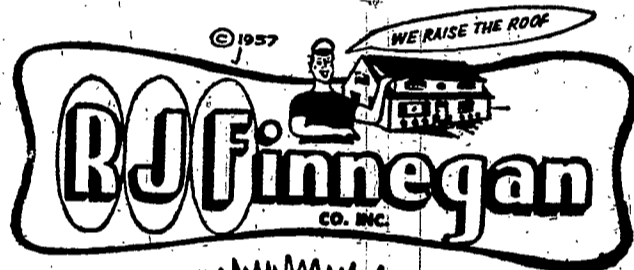
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on the Motherhouse grounds, 4095 East Ave., in Pittsford. For the first time, festival guests are invited to attend Mass in the chapel at 8 p.m. Saturday or 2 p.m. Sunday.

The festival will have game and food booths as well as booths with ceramics, hand-made articles and art goods for sale. A chicken dinner will be served in the Motherhouse dining room from 4-7 p.m. Saturday and 3-6 p.m. Sunday, at \$1.75 for adults and \$1 for children under twelve.

Sister Boniface Roeger of Our Lady of Lourdes parish and Sister Damian Goffredo of St. Joseph's Villa have charge. All proceeds go toward the support of the retired and infirm Sisters of the Congregation.

College Night Set at Fisher

A Catholic College Night is slated for this evening, Wednesday, Sept. 22 at St. John Fisher College starting at 7:30 p.m.

Representatives of more than 90 Catholic colleges will be present to discuss their schools with any area high schooler, sophomore, junior or senior, and parents and teachers.

The evening is sponsored by the Catholic Diocesan Guidance Counselors' Association and will be held in Fisher's gym and Kearney Hall.