

SARAH CHILD

All In The Family



What better way to make a point — or a series of points — than a practical demonstration?

And if ever there was a time for it at our house, last week was it. The week started for me with the slightly dizzying sensation that I was not feeling tip, much less tip top.

Some 48 hours later the doctor was prescribing an antibiotic, and codeined cough syrup, which may or may not have been an improvement over the whisky, honey and lemon he originally recommended.

And somewhere around that time both my husband and I recognized I was having trouble standing up much less chasing after the baby and monitoring the four-year-old's activities.

When he called the office to report the situation, I sank back in the pillows drugged and drowsy and not a little grateful.

For him to take time off almost never happens. The sight of another adult coping with the thousand and one crises that pop up was a gladsome sight.

Even more gladsome were the observations I heard him make in the five days that followed.

For example, he learned that

each day the baby adds at least another three tricks to her already vast repertoire, that the nursery school boy has decided that peremptory, royal-like commands are the best way of getting what he wants and that the six-year-old has acquired certain lessons in independence the first grade curriculum does not encompass. He discovered that in a house with three children the effects of vacuuming a rug may last for five minutes, that 10 minutes after he has washed dishes there will be small hands searching the refrigerator for snacks, and that never, never are there enough clean clothes to last for more than a day or so.

We have talked of a new, more efficient house or rather I have talked of it. During the days he ran the ship, the kitchen sink was found to be too small, the windows difficult to clean, the laundry location unreasonable, the closet space negligible and the portable dishwasher a nuisance.

If he found the repetition of certain tasks monotonous, he did not say so, but I think he slipped away to attend a Sunday afternoon meeting with less reluctance than he showed.

It was a week of eye-openers for both of us and as happy as I was to have his help and company, I'm glad as he is that it is over.

CYO Slates Fun Day

All elementary school members of the CYO and their school-age guests are invited to the Thanksgiving Fun Day, Friday, in the CYO headquarters at 50 Chestnut St.

Activities are scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be games and apparatus in the gym; water games and stunts in the pool; roller skating in the auditorium.

Fun Day coincides with the biggest shopping day locally and many parents find it convenient to leave their children at the CYO while doing their shopping.

Admission tickets are on sale at the CYO Reception Desk, 50 Chestnut St.

CYO Basketball

This Sunday, Nov. 28, the 21st CYO basketball season begins throughout the Diocese of Rochester for more than 3,100 boys, ages 12-18. Competing will be 181 teams from Corning, Elmira, Auburn, Geneva, Seneca Falls and Rochester areas.

According to Paul B. Schmidt, CYO director, this is the largest participation in any sport ever in the diocese. In addition to the basketball players, more than 1,800 cheerleaders will be involved.

Forty games are scheduled for opening day, at the CYO, McQuaid and Cardinal Mooney high schools, St. John Fisher College and various parish halls.



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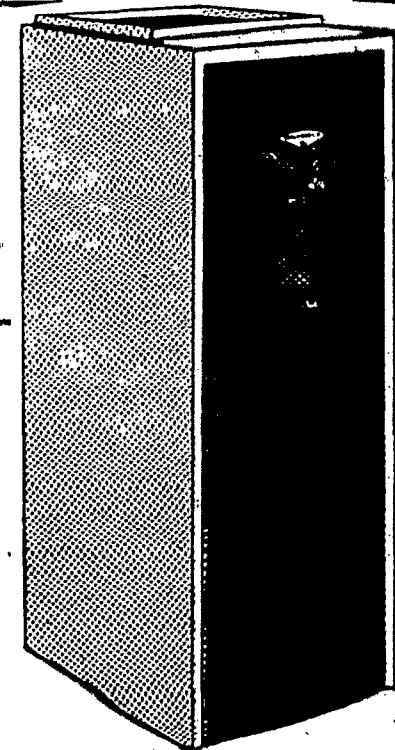
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