



Stocking Up

The "Bib and Tucker" is a used clothing store for the underprivileged that recently opened in Ithaca at the Clinton Hotel. Groups sponsoring the store include ACT, Salvation Army, EOC, Fish, Ithaca Youth Council, and welfare recipients. Boy Scouts working on their Eagle Badge helped to clean the store space and sort the clothing. Store hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

'Capers' Ready For May 5

Ithaca — The third annual "Capers" sponsored by the St. Benezet Guild of St. Catherine of Siena Parish will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, in the parish center.

It's a family fun show, using local talent. Joe McConnell's Jazz Band and The Catherinettes will perform. Jack Burns will be master of ceremonies. Refreshments will be available. Admission for adults is \$1.50 and 50 cents for children, but there are special family rates. All proceeds to be used for charity. Mrs. Robert Earle is the general chairman.

Bishops Reorganize Conference

Atlanta — (RNS) — A plan for reorganization of the U.S. Catholic Conference, providing for some streamlining of the internal structure, was approved unanimously and without debate at the Spring meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The plan is expected to reduce operating costs about 25 per cent and enable the conference to balance income with expenditures. This year's \$3.7 million budget included an \$800,000 deficit.

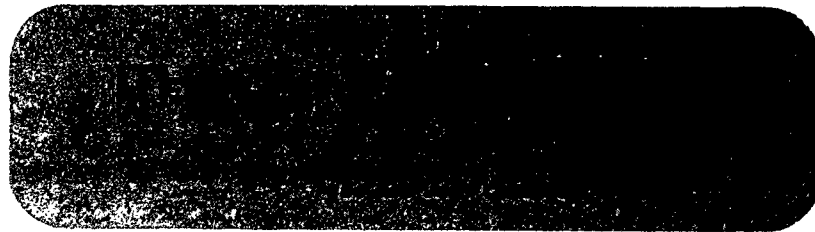
The bishops had voted last Fall to balance their budget by Jan. 1, 1973. And the proposed reorganization became the main item on the agenda for the Spring meeting.

Bishop Joseph L. Bernardin, general secretary of both the USCC and the NCCB, said the plan was based on experience of the last four years and the changes would have been necessary even if the money problems did not exist.

He described the plan as "essentially evolutionary" rather than a reversal of the direction in which the conference had been moving.

One result of the action will be the consolidation of several departments in the USCC and the NCCB. Departments losing their separate identities include the Department for Adult Education and the Department for International Affairs.

The Division for United Nations will be phased out June 3. Courier-Journal



Special Training Given Alternative Volunteers

Ithaca — An empathy training session for volunteers who wish to aid and counsel Tompkins County area women with problem pregnancies is being held three successive weeks during April and May.

The course, sponsored by Alternative, will be conducted by the Rev. John J. Scherer, who is senior pastor of the Campus Lutheran Church and a chaplain at Cornell University. Meetings are scheduled for 7:30 to 10 to-night, April 26, and Wednesday night, May 3, in the Lutheran Church at 109 Oak Ave. Alternative volunteers and all others interested are invited.

The sessions are designed to increase the Alternative volunteer's ability to help people solve their problems, according to Mrs. William A. Wimsatt of Cayuga Park Road, director of recruitment and placing of volunteers for Alternative. She said the sessions are not lectures but involve individual training.

Mr. Scherer has had special training in communications and counseling and works as a human relations consultant. His recent activities along these lines include teaching an eight-week course on how to be a better community helper and conducting a church-related workshop in Miami on conflict resolution and

community cooperation. He received his training through programs of the Association of Religion and Applied Behavioral Science. He also has participated in programs of the National Training Laboratories and the Institute for Applied Behavioral Science, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Scherer was graduated from Roanoke (Va.) College in 1962, served four years as a Navy officer and received a master of divinity degree in 1970 from Lutheran Seminary in Columbia, S.C. He is a graduate student in the community service education department of the State College of Human Ecology at Cornell.

Alternative, a volunteer group whose purpose is to find help for women with unwanted pregnancies, began work in Ithaca and the surrounding area last November. Mrs. Marc A. White of Highgate Circle is president of the information and referral service organization. The phone number is 607/273-5433.

SPEECH THERAPY

Speech therapy and physical education will be added to the curriculum of St. Ann's School, Hornell, in September. Announcement of the added classes was made at a recent meeting of the St. Ann's Mother's Club.

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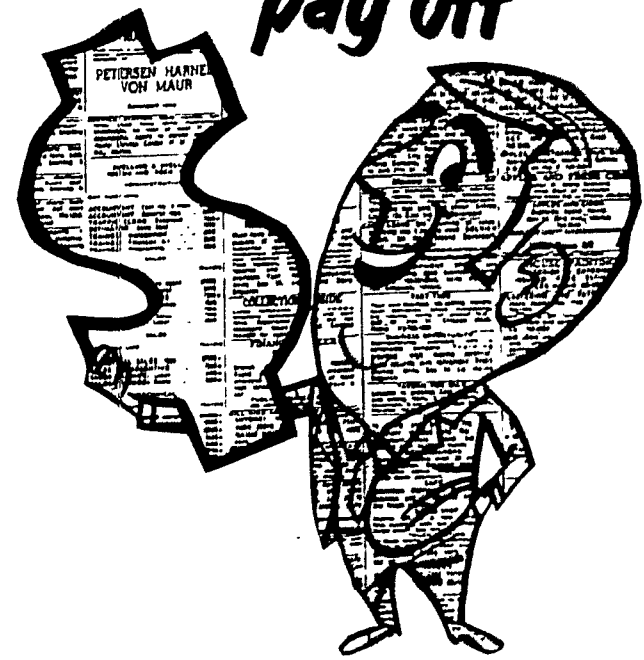
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