



Pals

TEXT AND PHOTOS
BY CARMEN VIGLUCCI

A bunch of good friends got together again recently at Seneca Park when the Council of Adoptive Parents enjoyed its annual picnic.

The council is an organization of families that have adopted hard-to-place children, who fall into four general categories, black, biracial, older and those with medical difficulties.

The council works through area adoptive agencies to promote such adoptions.

But not all the children in the photo are adopted, many are the natural children of their parents. But trying to tell one from the other in the photos is just as difficult as it sometimes is within the families.



Brothers

... Liam and Marty Kelly.

Mrs. Diane Rosso, secretary, and Mrs. Terry Guadion, treasurer.

The Danforth Senior Citizens' bazaar tomorrow, June 22, at 200 West Ave. will feature a garage sale, games and booths, 2:30-4 p.m. Supper at 5 will be followed by an auction, at 6:15, and dancing, 8-10 p.m.

Families Organized for Rehabilitation will hold a garage sale this weekend to raise money for work with the mentally and physically handicapped. Antiques also will be offered, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 24, and 1:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, at 1207 Marsh Rd., off route 31 in Pittsford.

Keeping Tabs

A Neighborhood Bible School sponsored by area churches will be conducted at Corpus Christi June 26-30, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Arts, crafts and songs will be features of the program. Class size will be limited to 20 pupils per grade. The program will be geared to ages four through 12.

Rosarians of St. Andrew's parish will hold a tureen supper as a gala general birthday party at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 27. For reservations, Margaret Paul, 467-2589, or Mary Meritt, 342-7991.

The Mothers' Club of Holy Apostles will hold their annual tureen supper on Monday, June 19, at 6 p.m. Mrs. June Lopa will be installed as president, Mrs. Adele Klein, vice president.

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FR. LOUIS HOHMAN

The Open Window



Q. — It seems to me that the Church has been slow in answering the question of pornography. How is it answered in the teachings of Jesus Christ?

A. — The problem of pornography is at one and the same time very simple and very complex. Very simple because it should be evident that the deliberate arousal of the sexual instinct in a way which ignores the fact that it is a person who has this instinct is destructive of human decency and dignity. Very complex because of the difficulty of defining pornography and because the question of censorship so often enters the picture.

How does one define pornography very precisely for people of all ages, backgrounds and temperaments? The word itself comes from two Greek words meaning "writings of prostitutes". Supposedly it meant lurid accounts of their exploits. The modern meaning would embrace any graphic material directed to a self-seeking use of sexual pleasure outside its reasonable function. We speak of using a person without regard for the person but regard only for selfish desire. In the same way pornography uses that sacred faculty, sex, without regard for its sacredness.

Fortunately, we are moving beyond the time when sex was regarded as something dirty and most of us realize that the mere fact of talking about or describing sexual activity is not wrong. But many factors must be considered — age and relative maturity, motivation and intention, etc. Real pornography can be devastating to the personality especially of the young. It can degenerate moral and spiritual values and create a "What difference does it make?" attitude. It can reduce self-respect as well as respect for other persons.

When we get to the question of the "artistically or socially redeeming" aspects of such material, it is evident that this phrase is sometimes stretched a little beyond reason. But it is possible in a real work of art that such matter would be necessary or very useful and, in the total picture, of real value to the person.

Note should be made of the question of censorship. History has shown us that there is serious danger in allowing a government or institution or agency to determine what people may see or read. Slavery and tyranny are inevitable by-products.

So what do we do to protect ourselves against smut? We can only learn to train our children to a deeper reverence for sex and a distaste for anything which would degrade it. We must insist as a people that those who control the media use their power wisely to build up, not to break down human values.

3 School Sisters Move to Kearney

The three teachers from St. Joseph's Business High School who saw the school's last class through to graduation last week will move to Bishop Kearney High School. Like the women Religious at Kearney, they are members of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Sister Mary Johanna, principal of St. Joseph's before it closed on Franklin Street last June, and principal during the final year of classes for 57 seniors at St. Monica's, said that she and Sisters Evelyn and Vincenta would teach at Kearney next Fall.

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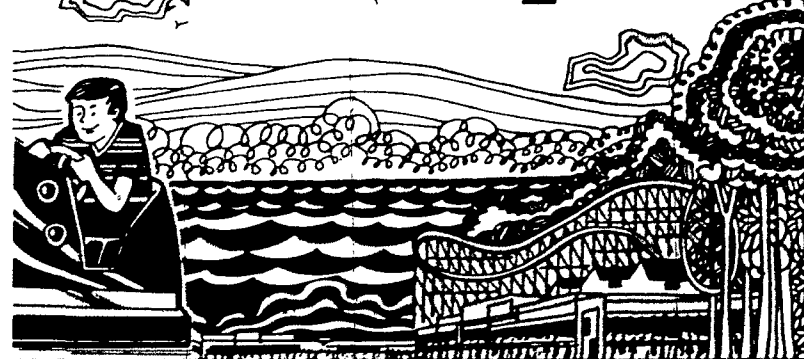
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