

REACH Revs Up for Migrants

Perkinsville — The small blossoms appearing on the potato plants mean the potatoes will be ready to harvest very soon. It also means the potato harvesters will soon arrive. Around the middle of August REACH gears up to concentrate on dealing with the needs and problems of the workers who migrate north to harvest the crops. In preparation, REACH is communicating with other agencies, preparing programs, and hiring part time field staff.

The best known of these programs is the Migrant Daycare Center (to be held in Wayland this year) and the Clinic. The new Clinic hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-11 p.m., in Cohocton, for medical care, and for dental care, from 7-11 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at REACH.

In addition to these programs, an after school tutoring program is being set up to deal with the problems of the interrupted education of most migrant children. It is a free-structured, education-recreation program run in Wayland, Avoca and Cohocton schools three days a week, offering individualized instruction by teachers and aides to the special needs of these children.

Dr. Davis of Houghton College, who specializes in black history and black literature, will work

with the schools, emphasizing these areas in the program.

Emergency food and medical services money, provided through the North Carolina Council of Churches are used for emergency situations.

Last season, workers came up early because of a lack of work in other areas. There was no work here either at the time and many needed help to buy food without going into debt. Use of these funds has already been necessary this year in Yates and Ontario Counties where workers were put out of work by the recent flood.

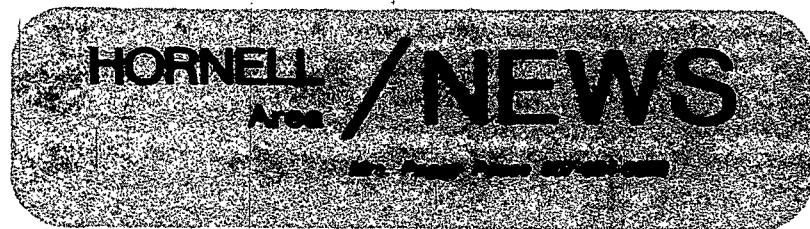
Meetings with farm workers will be held at regular intervals to allow the people REACH is working with to voice their views on the purpose and effectiveness of the project.

REACH will be emphasizing the role of the advocate this year, so that people are aware of their rights and able to ensure that they are enforced. They will also be dealing with the Health Department in camp code violations, the Labor Department in minimum wage enforcement and other related problems, and with Human Rights and Legal Services for general problems.

Special emphasis will also be placed on the needs of families and individuals who decide to

drop out of the stream and re-settle in this area. In the past, lack of housing has been a real problem and the biggest obstacle. This year, money is specifically designated to aid resettlers in the areas of rent, food and travel.

Help in finding employment counseling will also be of prime concern. "It is essential that these families be welcomed into the communities and allowed to become citizens," says Stuart



Mitchell, REACH director. "These laborers harvest the crops that are a major support of the local economy. They are an integral part of that economy, but they harvest the crops without harvesting any of the rewards," he concluded.

Personality of the Week

Portrait of a Mayor

By PEGGY PEASE

Hornell — Our Mayor is a very busy man but he took time recently to sit down with me and chat about his career.

Andrew R. Mazzella, born and raised in Hornell, attended St. Ann's School and the then in operation, St. Ann's High School. He graduated from Hornell High School in 1951.

Thereupon, he attended Alfred Ag-Tech College, majoring in accounting. After graduation in 1953 he entered the U.S. Marine Corp and after two years returned and attended Alfred University, graduating in 1956 with a B.A. degree in Economics and Business.

The same year he married Margaret (Marnie) McLean of Hornell. They are pictured with their four children, Martin, Mary Hope, Christopher and Michael. Since the photo was taken, they became the parents of another child, Patricia, now eleven months old.

Some time before his taking over the many duties of mayor, Jan. 1, 1970, he ran for Alderman and was defeated. Former Mayor Harold Crandall appointed him to the Board of Public Safety, a post "Andy" held for four years.

It was then he decided "I would like to get into politics full time."

"It's interesting and I think I could do a good job," he said. Mayor Mazzella conducted a vigorous campaign. He's a very self-assured individual, the assurance that comes with knowing his job. His genuine interest in people can be felt immediately on talking with him. Campaigning on a "ten point program", the Mayor feels "most of them have been accomplished." "With two more years in office, we expect to accomplish all I promised to do."

In his limited leisure, away from the office, Andy enjoys reading, playing ball with the boys, picnicking and generally "family type activity."

"I also help around the house," he admits. He was formerly a CCD teacher and a member of the St. Ann's School Board and the parish council. His other affiliations are the Knights of Columbus, Elks, Moose, Sons of Italy and Eagles.

"Now that some of our flood worries are over, I can take a day or two off. Possibly play a little golf." A well deserved three days were all he could manage.

Hornell Area Notes

Wayland — The parish council steering committee of St. Joseph's Church met for the first time last month and appointed Robert L. McAllister of Hamilton St., as chairman of the constitution committee. He is preparing the constitution for presentation in September.

Bath — New members on St. Mary's School Board are Alfred Gaudino and Larry Ryan.

Bath — The Sisters of Mercy from the House of Prayer in Corning will teach the religion courses at St. Mary's School this year. They are Sisters Benigna, Cornelia, Lucy and Mary Anne.

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Area Schools Open

Waterloo — Classes at St. Mary's School open Wednesday, Sept. 6 with half day sessions the remainder of the week.

The regular school schedule begins the following Monday. Enrollment is about 170, with a possible increase on opening day.

New staff members include David LaTulip as fifth grade teacher. An elementary education major, he is a June graduate of St. Bonaventure University and did his practice teaching at Hinsdale Central.

Miss Joanne Celata, a graduate of Framingham State Teachers College at Framingham, Mass. with a major in elementary education, will teach sixth grade.

Mrs. Kahabka joins St. Mary's on a part time basis as art instructor at all grade levels.

Mrs. Mary Maston, the third grade teacher, completed a 3 week Children's Theatre Workshop at Eisenhower College and will be applying the techniques and skills acquired in school theatrical productions as well as in the classroom.

Seneca Falls — St. Patrick's School opens its doors Wednesday, Sept. 6, with an anticipated enrollment of 352. The first week's sessions will be 8:30

a.m.-11 a.m.

Regular school hours begin Monday, Sept. 11. Kindergarten begins that Monday.

New faculty members include seventh grade teacher, Michael Fleming, who holds a BA degree from Niagara University. His teaching experience includes several years at Good Shepherd School, Rochester.

Mrs. Julie Eyeskins, a former Seneca Falls resident who has been teaching in New Jersey, will teach sixth grade.

Sister Paul Regina, the new fourth grade teacher, has transferred to St. Patrick's from Holy Trinity School in Webster, near Rochester.

Sister Eileen Regina, principal, indicated that a new course is being introduced at the Junior High level. Offered one afternoon a month, it will be a vocational day, conducted by local people; and topics will range from nursing, choreography and ceramics to general industry.

The Scott Foresman Reading System introduced last year will be advanced to include the second grade. This system permits each child to progress through readers at his own speed. Letters are sent to parents to advise them of their child's progress.

Sr. Judith to Attend

Superiors' Annual Meeting

Sister Judith Heberle, RSM, superior of Rochester's Sisters of Mercy, will attend the annual assembly of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious next week in Seattle.

Women who are theologians,

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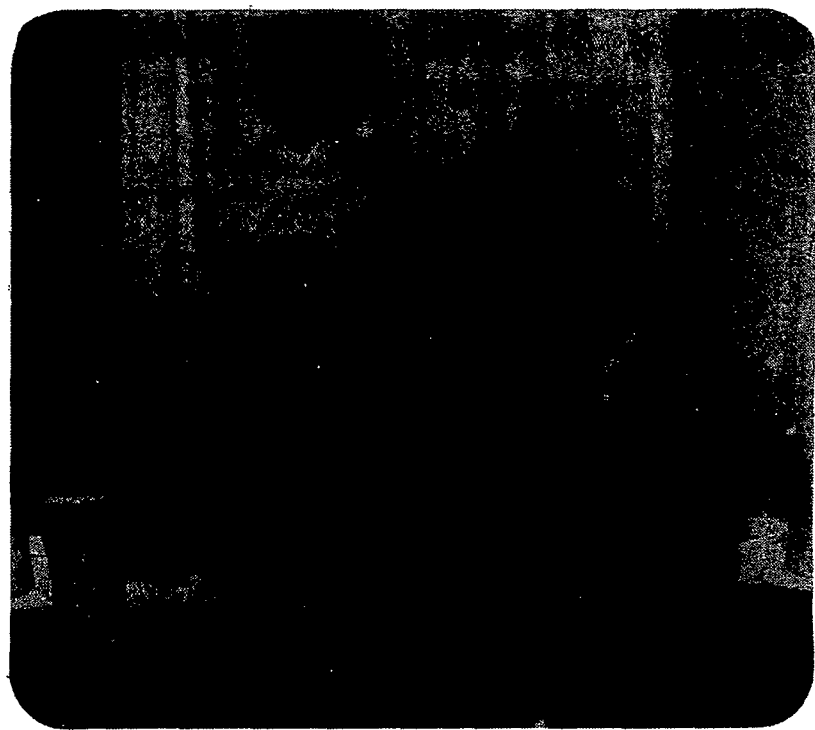
A priest information night on the Marriage Encounter movement will be held at St. Louis Church, Tuesday Sept. 5, at 8 p.m. The program is designed to inform priests on the significance of Marriage Encounter in the lives of area couples.

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psychologists, teachers, political scientists or organizers will take part in a symposium on the theme "Woman."

Among special guests will be Mrs. Cynthia Wedel, president of the National Council of Churches, and Archbishop Augustin Mayer, OSB, secretary of the Vatican Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes. Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, apostolic delegate in the U.S., will be principal concelebrant of the opening Mass Sept. 4.

The national organization was set up in 1956 as the Conference of Major Superiors of Women. Its membership totals about 650.



The mayor and his family.



The Open Window

It distresses us to see our children, both of them in their early twenties, consistently miss Mass. They were brought up in a Catholic home where love, prayer, Mass and Holy Communion were an important part of everyday life. We wonder what went wrong. Both attended Catholic school from first grade to college, each choosing a Catholic college of his own volition. Both are good, decent and hard working, so I'm not concerned as such, but know that we all need God and prayer and Mass and frequent Holy Communion to keep us thus.

I'm glad you asked what went wrong and not who went wrong. In cases such as you describe too many parents have unjustified guilt feelings about the matter. Obviously sometimes parents do give very bad example leading their children to disgust with their parents' hypocrisy and affording a ready-made "reason" for abandoning the Church and religious practice, but in many other cases that is not a factor.

What then did go wrong? Such a witches' brew has many ingredients. I think the basic one is the feeling of youthful self-sufficiency seasoned with a more open rebellion against authority. It is common enough even in adult society that religious practice diminishes in times of prosperity and general well-being.

When do people turn most frequently and ardently to God in prayer and the Sacraments? When they are sick, out of a job, the country is at war (professedly); when things are not going very well and there is no other place to turn. I guess that is human nature. And our kids generally have it pretty nice these days. They have a feeling of personal invulnerability — nothing can happen to them. They are prosperous, have a lot of things and can do a lot of things. The need for outside help is small and infrequent. Who needs God when one can lead a happy successful life all by his own efforts?

The more open rebellion of the young is a fact we have dwelt on before so we won't bore you with it here — but it is a fact.

Another factor in this no prayer, no Sacraments thing is that somehow the Church and all organized religion got to be identified with an older generation of hypocrites despised by "The Graduate". What good did all that praying and going to Communion do your generation? You are so often cheats and heavy drinkers, wife swappers and bigoted, etc. Such a point of view is weirdly illogical but plausible enough to justify dropping out of religious practice.

I agree with you that these kids are good, decent and hard working. But they haven't been in the arena of life very long. They for the most part have not come to those soul-shattering crises their parents have been through. They haven't entered the valley of the shadow of death or had to cry out in the night, "Somebody help me." The fact that most of these young people do come back to prayer and the Sacraments later on is most probably due to their "felt need" of God later in life. I think that children raised in the manner you described will find their way back home and see the wisdom of it all. Jesus Christ, before any great event or crisis in his life, would spend the whole night in prayer. His wisdom hopefully will be theirs when the time comes.