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The Open Window



Q. We are wondering if you could tell us what to do with all the mission letters pleading for help. My husband and I are both in our seventies and we try to do our best with their pleas, but they are coming too fast and we cannot keep up with them. Every year it amounts to quite a bit besides our donations to our own parish. We depend mostly on checks. Sometimes the checks do not meet all our needs.

A. Your question is a familiar one. It seems innumerable organizations and institutions have discovered the great value of direct mailing campaigns for funds. (Did you see lately in the paper how well Boys' Town has done over the years on this type of solicitation?)

These organizations work on the theory that if you send out a large volume of requests for money, a small percentage will reply, but even that small percentage brings in a substantial sum of money.

So they don't really expect very many people to respond with a donation.

You are very obviously trying to be generous so I would suggest this procedure: sit down and try to establish what percentage of your yearly income you wish to earmark for charity. Then try to figure out which of the pleas is more important and divide your allotted gift to those. Or if you can't really judge one from the other, I would suggest sending your whole donation (perhaps on a monthly basis) to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It is their business to distribute such funds to worthy causes.

It would be good, I think, to send a portion of your gift to the Human Development Fund which is truly a worthy cause. But for heaven's sake, don't allow yourselves to feel guilty about not responding to all these pleas we receive. All of us would be living on welfare if we tried to respond to all of them.

Sisters Clarify Their Status

Some Sisters who teach in diocesan schools pointed out last week that their communities are separate from two orders that are leaving a number of New England schools.

from these schools are the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the St. Joseph Sisters of Boston.

A Courier-Journal story Jan. 3 quoted representatives of the local School Sisters of Notre Dame and the St. Joseph Sisters of Rochester to the effect that their communities were interested in regional plans taking shape in this diocese and expected to continue teaching here.

They had been asked to comment on a news service report that 37 parochial schools in New England would lose their teaching Sisters within the next two years. The orders withdrawing

Vatican Lends Tapestries for Melbourne Show

Melbourne, Australia (RNS) — Pope Paul has agreed to send three precious tapestries to Melbourne for the 40th International Eucharistic Congress, Feb. 18-25.

Eric Westbrook, director of the Victorian National Gallery here, announced that the tapestries would be displayed throughout the Congress in the Great Hall of the Gallery.

They have been insured for more than \$250,000 during their absence from the Vatican Museum.

Dating from the 16th, 17th and 18th Centuries, they illustrate themes closely related with the Eucharist: "The Breaking of Bread" by the School of Brussels (1530), "The Miraculous Catch of Fishes" by Heinrich Mattheus (1628-70) of the Brussels School, and "The Last Supper" by the Roman School (around 1780).

DEADLINE

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Glen Students Host Workshop

Watkins Glen — The State Association of Student Councils will sponsor a statewide education workshop March 22-25 at Watkins Glen High School.

Chairman Joseph Roccisano, a senior at the local school, said the committee hoped to attract more than 1,150 administrators, teachers, students, parents and others. Feb. 1 is the deadline for registration.

Among the speakers will be Ernest W. Bodenstab, who holds a doctorate in education and teaches at Alfred University. Prof. Bodenstab will discuss teacher training.

Further information may be obtained from Roccisano or William Wickham by calling 607/535-2761 during school hours, or by writing to the New York State Education Workshop, Watkins Glen High School, Watkins Glen 14891.

GAME ON RADIO

The East High at Cardinal Mooney high school basketball game will be broadcast over WROC-AM at 8:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 19. Joe Cullinane will do the play-by-play.

TRYOUTS

The Greece Theatre Guild will hold tryouts tonight, Jan. 10, for its April production of "Li'l Abner." Cast and stage crew will be chosen after this final session, 7:30-10, at Barnard School auditorium, Maiden Lane at Dewey.

Deaths

Mrs. Irene Paisley Dies, Helped Church Community

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Dec. 28 at Corpus Christi Church for Irene H. S. Paisley, who died on Christmas Day at St. Ann's Home.

Mrs. Paisley was the widow of Charles James Paisley, senior vice president of the Hickey-Freeman Co. Their home was formerly on Culver Road and at the Sheraton Hotel on East Avenue.

Her life exemplified deep love for the church and community. The Women's Board of St. Mary's Hospital which she founded and organized almost 40 years ago was one of the organizations closest to her heart. The board has accomplished much in the years past. A large part of its success was due to her careful planning, vision and devotion during the ten years she served as its chairman.

She, however, insisted that the board was successful because of the "unselfish devotion of those volunteers to whom too much praise cannot be given."

Mrs. Paisley also served 25 years on the board of the Visiting Nurse Service of Rochester and Monroe County, and was an honorary member of the board at the time of her death.

She served 25 years on the board of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and her work on the Child Welfare Board for 12 years brought her into contact with needy families and their problems.

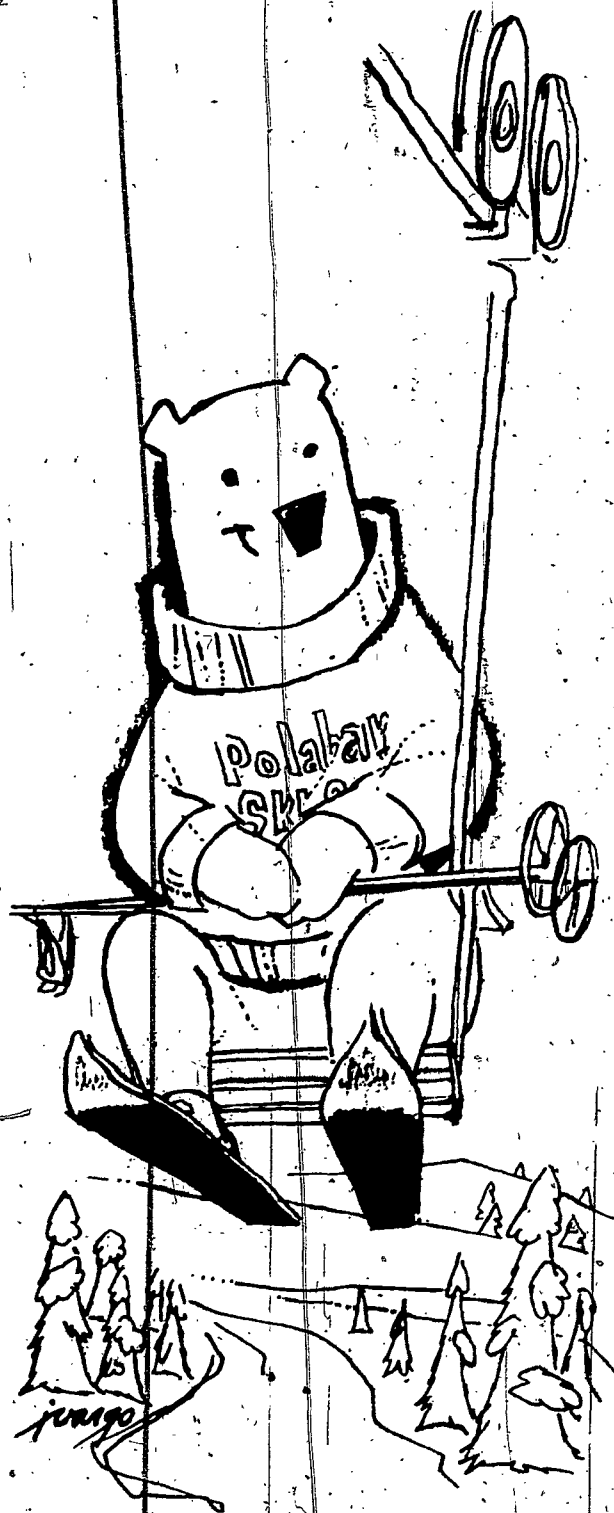
Mrs. Paisley was affiliated with the Memorial Art Gallery, the Civic Music Association and the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences.

Her several memberships included the Country Club of Rochester, the Genesee Valley Club and the Century Club.

Mrs. Paisley is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William (Natalie) W. Winans, of Rochester, and Mrs. W. (Margaret Mary) Alvin Herold, of Dallas, Texas, two grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

GOLF CLASSES

Beginning Jan. 29, the CYO at 50 Chestnut St. will conduct a 6-week course of golf instruction by Jack Tindale, local golf professional. Three class periods will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. To insure individual instruction, classes will be limited to six. The program will be geared to beginners as well as those wanting to improve their technique. Equipment is available.



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