



Lost Hopes

Holding his lunch box on his head, a young "untouchable" — the lowest members of India's caste system — looks up at a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi. Gandhi once lamented, "I think that this miserable, wretched, enslaving spirit of 'untouchableness' must have come to us when we were at our lowest ebb. This evil has stuck to us." And more than 40 years after the saintly Hindu leader began his campaign to purge India of untouchability, a special government commission concluded that the evil was still being practiced in "a virulent form" all over India. [RNS].

St. Cecelia School Holds Science Fair

The annual Junior High Science Fair of St. Cecelia School was held recently presenting extensively researched projects with colorful posters, models and demonstrations.

In the seventh grade Biology projects, the first prize was given to Deborah Corey for her project entitled "American Chinese Dragon." Debbie displayed a living, green Iguana whose natural habits and reactions she has been observing.

Second prize went to James Connaughton and Jack Schaefer for "The Mammal of Mammals." They displayed a huge paper-mache whale with a spout that actually poured out water. "Turtles Reaction to Color" received the third prize and was done by Patrick Connelly and Thomas Giordano.

In eighth grade Earth-Space Science the first prize was tied. The two winners were Mary Joy Lipari and Colleen McVeigh for their project titled "Black Gold." The girls worked on experiments with oil and presented some of its products. Eileen Donovan won for "Minerals: Ingredients of a Cake." Eileen identified 31 minerals she had collected using physical and chemical tests.

The second prize was won by Nancy Unterborn and Jane Sassone for their project entitled "The Amazing World of Crystals." The girls displayed a lovely crystal garden.

"Super Vibrations" by Carl Schweigert was awarded the third prize. Seismology was Carl's topic and he presented three ancient seismographs which detected and recorded earthquakes.

The fair, organized by Sister M. Lenore, junior high science teacher, was said to be "the best one we've ever had because there was a lot more experimentation and demonstrations."

On Mandated Services

School Official: Wait, See

From Courier-Journal Services

Although optimism has been voiced in Albany about the prospects of parochial schools being granted back payments under the Mandated Services Act, a local school official feels that a more important issue remains to be decided.

Last week the Supreme Court, in a 6-3 decision, ruled that funds allotted to nonpublic schools in Pennsylvania under a law subsequently ruled unconstitutional must be paid by the state.

own merits. That would make the back payment issue academic. Naturally we will appreciate receiving the back payment but the overriding concern is with the Supreme Court approving future payments."

The situation is paralleled in New York State where the Mandated Services Act was struck down and approximately \$14 million in guaranteed payments was subsequently enjoined.

The Albany opinion was stated by Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea who said that the recent Supreme Court decision "eliminates any barrier to the disbursement of enjoined funds in New York State."

The overall decision regarding Mandated Services has been appealed to the Supreme Court where it will be decided if the \$28 million annual aid for record-keeping services required by the state should be continued.

The Rochester diocese has 86 Catholic schools with an enrollment of about 40,000 and could expect some \$600,000 annually if the act were approved in the Supreme Court.

But in the meantime, the non-public schools of the state have sued in the Court of Claims for the \$14 million in back payments, following authorization from the State Legislature.

Endorsing the Pennsylvania payments were Justices Burger, White, Marshall, Blackmun, Rehnquist and Powell. Voting against were Justices Douglas, Brennan and Stewart.

Pro-Life Bracelets Available

In cooperation with the National Youth Pro-Life Coalition, the Gates-Chili Right to Life Committee is sponsoring the distribution of "Circle of Life" bracelets.

These bracelets represent a pro-life and anti-abortion stand on the part of the wearer.

The cost of the bracelet is \$3 and may be obtained by writing to the Gates-Chili Right to Life, Box 8901, Rochester, 14624.

60th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Ricciuto of St. Helen's parish will mark their 60th wedding anniversary Tuesday, April 17. Mass will be celebrated for them at home Sunday by Father Richard P. Noonan, SJ, of McQuaid.

The Ricciutos, who live at 1891 Brooks Ave. Ext., have three sons, Louis, Ralph and Albert; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

CURRENT ISSUES

The League of Women Voters invites the public to a meeting with Rep. Barber Conable at 8 p.m. Friday, April 13, in the American Association of University Women club house, 494 East Ave.

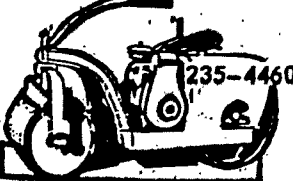
A panel of league members will question the congressman on such controversial matters as budget cuts and impoundment of funds, revenue sharing, foreign trade and congressional reform.

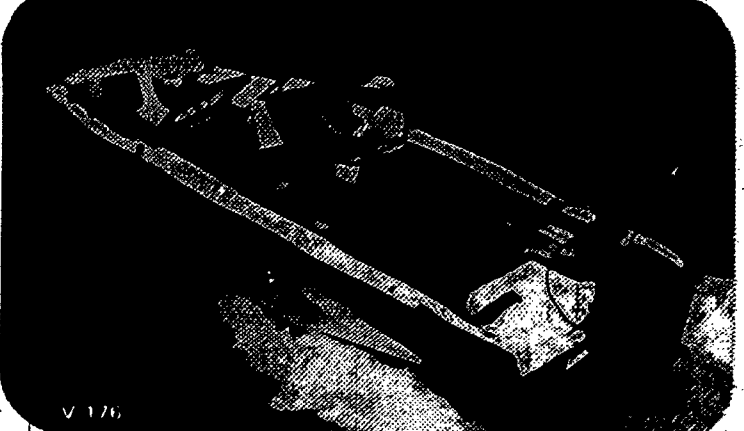
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