



Fencing was a class taught during Mini-Course Day.

### Mini-Courses at DeSales

By MAUREEN DRISCOLL

**Geneva** — Did you ever learn to fence in high school or see and learn about guns of the Old West? Students at DeSales High School did recently when the student council sponsored its annual Mini-Course Day.

More than 35 professional men and women volunteered to teach mini-courses on subjects ranging from Auto Mechanics for Girls to Hypnosis to How to Purchase Ski Equipment.

The day consisted of four one-hour sessions. Dr. Richard

Sommers, related to one class the problems of the retarded child and, in another, the therapy given the child. John F. O'Malley, a lawyer, spoke on criminal law.

Mel Staudmyer of Peggy's Fashions, who taught a course entitled "Fashion Trends" mused, "The girls seemed to like it. The nuns really went for it."

"Mini-Course Day is a wonderful opportunity for students to meet men and women from the Geneva area and to learn from their experiences and knowledge," commented Sister Kathleen Kircher, moderator of the student council.



ALL IN THE FAMILY  
Sarah Child

If it is true that you can tell what kind of housekeeper a person is by looking through her pocketbook I wonder what you can tell by looking through her cookbooks.

I was going through a small green cookbook that holds handwritten recipes on index cards a couple of weeks ago looking for my grandmother's Easter bread recipe.

(Actually it is not my grandmother's recipe at all. She refused to give hers out and went to her Reward with her secret safely kept. I have noted on the recipe that this was the case and the recipe I have belongs to her next door neighbor who happened to be very kind to us children, dispensing her culinary favors in both written and concrete form.)

But back to the revelations of my handwritten cookbook. Leafing through it quickly I discovered that for every steak casserole or green beans au gratin there were ten cheesecake supremes or carrot kuchen with buttermilk glaze.

The very first entry in the book was one I had titled "Momma and Grandma's Chocolate Cake."

I can remember seeing it in both Mom's and Gram's handwriting at least 30 years ago.

It was important because it could be made without that ingredient indispensable to every other cake recipe I've ever come across — an egg.

Just what depression housewives were looking for! Since many of us feel the high price of food today has us in just as tight a situation as 40 years ago I'll print the recipe here.

#### CHOCOLATE CAKE

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 egg (not necessary)
- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 1/2 cup sour milk

- 1 1/2 cup flour
- 1 tsp soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup hot water

Place in bowl in order given and beat heck out of it. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Use 9 inch oblong pan.

Most of the other entries are somewhat more complicated and lots of them have memories attached. For example, there is one for Danish pastry given to me by the woman whose child I took care of in return for room and board during my junior year of college.

The recipe for pecan nut cups is the one my mother made for the party the night before my wedding.

One for pineapple cream squares is the first one I ever cut from a newspaper and represents my switch from career girl to homemaker status.

There are a great many I've copied or cut out but never tried, mute testimony to my sweet tooth. These include praline cookies, walnut cream cheese cake, buttermilk fruit bread and Turos Delkli (Greek Cheese buns) etc., etc.

The list goes on and on and I find them all irresistible reading — a wish book for those hung up on the sweet the rich and the good.

## Keeping Tabs

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will hold its 24th annual **Antique Show and Sale**, tomorrow and Friday, May 3 and 4, at the parish house 11 a.m.-10 p.m. The show is reputed to be the largest such display in Upstate New York. The sale will benefit several national and area charities.

**St. John the Evangelist**, Greece, Rosary Society will hold a card party Wednesday, May 9, at 8 p.m. in the school hall. Tickets may be obtained by calling 225-9685 or 227-0503.

The Guaranty Tuition Fund of **Cardinal Mooney High School** will benefit from the garage sale being sponsored by the school's Women's Guild, Saturday, May 5, starting at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria. Arrangements for picking up donations may be made by calling the school at 865-1000, or by calling Mrs. Richard Lanpher at 225-5939.

The **St. John Fisher College** Media Department will present the third annual **CANS Film Festival**, CANS 3, on Sunday, May 6, at 2 p.m.

**St. Cecilia's Church** will hold a card party May 3 in the church hall at 8 p.m.

The **Barley School** will hold a special summer program for teens June 27-July 25. Courses in theory, arranging jazz and rock improvisation, dance, dramatics and lessons on all instruments are offered. For more information call 377-1220.

Our **Mother of Sorrows** Rosary and Altar Society will hold a

### Reach Project Homes to Be Ready in August

**Bath** — Daniel Soles, president of the Bath Area Self-Helpers, announced last week that six homes in the housing group's project will be ready for families in August.

The houses are being built by Project Reach, a group mobilizing human and material resources to attack rural poverty and deprivation.

Project REACH was founded in 1967 to deal with the multiple problems of poverty in Steuben, Livingston, Yates, and Ontario counties. Much aid is needed in the four-county area, according to REACH which says one family in five exists on an income below the poverty level of \$3,900 per year. Inadequate health care is received by many of the people in the project area, with only one doctor for each 6,000 people, REACH reports.

REACH recently relocated to new offices in Cohocton. They were in the former Sacred Heart School in Perkinsville for the past few years. The relocation was made possible through a \$500 grant from the Office of Human Development of the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, which was used to purchase renovation materials.

By using the self-help method, a group of families work together to build individual homes for each family in the group. A skilled home builder works with the families to instruct and guide the construction.

Funding and technical assistance are furnished by Project REACH and the Steuben County Churchmen Against Poverty. Mortgage money is obtained by the individual families from the Farmers' Home Administration.

Due to the fact that the labor is done by the families themselves on week-ends and evenings, the average cost of each completed home is about \$11,500 but the resale value of the completed house is more than \$20,000.

Tureen Supper and install new officers on Thursday, May 3, at 6 p.m. Members are requested to bring a dish to pass. Officers include Carole Leicht, Marvel Goodwin, Djane Falk, Ann Gatesman.

The Rosary Society of **Holy Family Church** will hold its Installation Banquet, Wednesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the Sunset Recreation Hall. Officers to be seated are: Mrs. Raymond Feebler, Mrs. John Canton, Mrs. Albert Colavecchia, Mrs. Edward Szczec, Mrs. Donald Pickering, Mrs. Sam Finley, Mrs. Frank Cross and Mrs. Peter Crisanelli.

A pentecostal Mass will be celebrated at 8 p.m., May 4, at **St. Lawrence Church**, by Father Neil Miller.

**St. Pius X Rosary Guild** will hold its annual Communion Breakfast Sunday May 6 after the 8:45 a.m. New officers for the group are **Alice Cusherowski**, president; Lynn Enright, vice president; **Joanne Leahy**,

secretary; Mary Elmer, treasurer; and Mary Ellen McCollum and Ellen Caster, auditors.

### Fisher Prof's Sabbatical Proves Busy

Clarence Amann, associate professor of English at St. John Fisher College, recently attended two major conferences on the Black experience in America.

Amann, presently on sabbatical leave is engaged in special studies in Black American literature and African literature.

Amann represented the college at a Black, communications conference at Howard University last March and this month he participated in an annual conference on Philosophy and the Black experience at Tuskegee Institute.

At the second gathering, he presented a paper "Black Studies is for White Students."



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