



## THE SLOT MAN

Carmen Viglucchi

Herkie Lamont was griping recently about the way store clerks manage not to say thank you, about how expressway signs often are more confusing than helpful, and how bacon packages are constructed so that one cannot really see the bacon.

"Crotchety," someone called him and followed with the advice to "smile more."

Herkie took the advice.

For instance, shortly afterwards he took some out-of-town guests to a popular, small restaurant where he had made reservations. Upon arriving he was told he would have to wait "for some time" for a table. He started to protest that he had made reservations and was exactly on time.

The maitre d' waved his hand over the restaurant and pointed out, "But you can see the tables are all taken."

Herkie was going to say more but remembered his friend's advice. He smiled instead and remarked, "How silly of me. It is all really funny, don't you think?"

But the maitre d' had already dismissed him to inform someone else there would "be a wait."

Later that evening, Herkie heard of how the President fired



### HD Coordinator

Father Anthony J. Valente, associate pastor at St. Mary's, Auburn, has been appointed regional co-ordinator for Human Development, according to Father John S. Hayes of Aurora, the regional co-ordinator for Cayuga-Seneca Region. Father Valente will be assisted by Sister Katherine Ann Reger, parish assistant at St. Alphonsus. Father Valente is taking over for Father Philip J. Billotte, associate pastor, Sacred Heart, who will be taking over the newly created committee on youth.

### Chuck Mangione Slated at Eastman

Chuck Mangione and his quartet return from touring engagements in England and Holland to a series of campus dates, a week at New York's Bitter End and a Saturday, Dec. 1 concert at Rochester's Eastman Theatre.

Vocalist Esther Satterfield will join Mangione and the Quartet for the Rochester concert. Miss Satterfield appears on the newly released Mangione album Land of Make Believe.

### RELIGIOUS ED.

Hammondsport — Religious instruction at St. Gabriel's are held after the 9 a.m. Mass each Sunday for Grades 7 through 12; and grades 8 and 9 meet at 7:15 p.m. each Tuesday at the Moretti residence.

Archibald Cox, let Elliott Richardson go, and sacked William Ruckelshaus. Real knee-slappers!

The next day, the Mets lost the World Series. Laughed so hard, he cried.

On Monday, Herkie had to take his sick car to the garage. Driving up the ramp he was greeted by the following signs:

Stop here. Do not go over yellow line. Blow your horn. Stay in your car. Wait for serviceman.

While waiting, Herkie wondered if he should say "please."

But he didn't get a chance for in a short while the garage door raised and someone yelled "Drive it in here." He did and then sat in the car to await further instructions. This lasted for some minutes before someone shouted, "Hey, buddy, you gonna sit there all day."

Well, anyway, Herkie smiled two or three times but no one noticed.

When he finally got to work there was a message that his wife had called from a neighbor's and that the telephone was not working.

Herkie called the telephone company, put a smile in his voice and began to explain his predicament.

"What's your phone number," the girl cut him off in mind-sentence.

He told her.

"What's wrong with your phone?"

"Gee, I don't know."

"Well, it would help if you did. Will someone be home between 1 and 5 today?"

"Let me think. I can't make it because my car is broken down," Herkie chuckled.

(A long sigh at other end of line).

"And then I can't call my wife to find out can I?" This time Herkie really laughed because it seemed funny.

"Well when you find out, call back."

Herkie sat staring at the phone in his hand for several seconds before he remembered to smile.

Later in the day he called the service garage.

"Who's been messing around with the car?" the man asked accusingly.

"Lots of people," Herkie conceded. "I've had trouble with it ever since I bought it."

"Oh, a complainer," the garage man noted loudly. "Well, this time it will cost \$120."

Herkie had to try hard, but eventually he managed to see some humor in it.

When he finally got home, his wife met him at the door to tell him that their small daughter had fallen down some steps and chipped her front tooth, the kitchen sink was plugged up and the Internal Revenue Service wanted him to bring in his records for the past five years before next Wednesday or he'd be in trouble.

"Gosh," Herkie beamed, "it's been a wonderful day."

It was then that his wife hit him in the neck with a baseball bat.

## Dinner Planned To Raise Funds For 'Kings' Band

A roast beef buffet dinner is planned at the Bishop Kearney High School cafeteria Sunday, Nov. 18, to raise funds for the Marching Kings band to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin, Ireland.

The Marching Kings, the high school band, have become a big hit in the Irish capital and their appearance there has become an annual event.

Cost of the dinner is \$2.50 a ticket. For further information, Elaine Gervasi (467-8873) should be contacted.

### PGK DINNER

The Knights of Columbus, Rochester Council No. 178, will honor past grand knights at a dinner to be held at the club rooms, 513 Monroe Ave., Friday, Nov. 30. Dinner will be served at 7:45 p.m., but will be preceded by cocktails.

Reservations may be made by calling the council office 244-4340, or by calling the chairman, Edward Miller, 288-0535.

### "WELL MARRIAGE"

Ithaca — The Red Cross is offering a "Well-Marriage Workshop" on ways of making a good marriage better. The group meets Tuesday evenings, 8-10 in the library of the Greater Ithaca Activities Center, 318 N. Albany St. The fee is \$10 a couple. Leader is Ross Blake. It is a four-week course.



Photo by Susan McKinney

### Ready to Ride

Tommy Boyde goes up and on while his fifth grade teacher, Sandra Mc Kinney, lends encouragement. Tommy, a fifth grade student at St. Monica's, spent Saturday, Nov. 3, with classmates on the Mc Kinney farm.

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