



Antique Sale

The Bishop Kearney High School Mothers Club is sponsoring its first antique show and sale, Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, April 7, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the school gym. Donation is \$1. In charge are Anne Leonard left, chairman; Brother Lawrence Killelea, moderator; and Jean Forstbauer, Mothers Club general chairman.

Business In The Diocese

John K. Purcell has been named public affairs director at Rochester Telephone Corp. He will be responsible for the company's legislative and community relations programs.

Purcell, a graduate of LeMoyne College, has served on the advisory board of the Rochester Catholic schools and the personnel committee of the Association for Retarded Children. He is active as a manager and coach in the Fairport Little League. He is a member of St. John of Rochester Church. He and his wife Kathy live in Fairport, with their three children.

The promotions of Bernard J. Zornow to traffic manager, Robert S. Poppleton to supervisor of Receiving and Outside Trucking, and Donald J. Walsh to supervisor, Raw Stores and In-plant Trucking in the Production Control Department have been announced at Rochester Products Division of General Motors.

Zornow, a native of Pittsford, is a member of the Transportation Club, St. Cecelia's Men's Club and Bay View "Y" Indian Guides. He and his wife, Jeanne, and five children live on Titus Avenue.

Poppleton is a member of the Board of Governors of the Transportation Club, a member of the Rochester Railroad Association, Cubmaster of Cub Pack 1974 and former vestryman of the Church of the Epiphany in Gates.

Walsh was graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1943 and has served in several Production Control positions until his promotion to chief clerk in 1973.

Robert C. Hargarther, an assistant vice president in the Time Plan Administration Department at Marine Midland Bank/Rochester, has been named by Marine Midland as its Salesman of the Year and was honored along with numerous other outstanding area salesmen (and women) by the Rochester Sales Executive Club.

Hargarther served as product manager during Marine Midland's introduction of MoneyMatic to the Rochester area market.

A 1972 alumnus of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University, Hargarther majored in business administration at St. Bonaventure University.

In addition to being an institutional representative for the Boy Scouts of America, Hargarther serves as a director of the Catholic Youth Organization and has been active as a lecturer for the Consumer Education Committee of the New York State Bankers' Association. He is a member of St. Louis Roman Catholic Church in Pittsford. Hargarther and his wife, Norine, have two daughters.

Associated Merchandising Corp. of New York City has announced the appointment of Walter J. Bills to the position of Publicity and Graphics Director effective April 8.

Since October 1967, Bills has been advertising director of Sibley's. Prior to then he was assistant advertising director.

Bills is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology and attended New York University's School of Retailing. He resides with his wife and three children at 75 Hunters Lane, but soon will relocate in the New York City area.

Attorney Arnold F. Ciaccio opened his office at a new location March 1. He now works at 404 Executive Office Building in affiliation with the law firm of Traynor, Skehan and Marks.

Ciaccio resides at 250 Hoffman Rd. with his wife Vicky and six children. They are members of St. Salome Church where Ciaccio serves as lay trustee.

ST. ANTHONY DAY

John Giordano has been named chairman of the 62nd annual St. Anthony Day Celebration to be held in Charlotte, Saturday, June 15. The celebration includes religious ceremonies at Holy Cross Church, an evening parade and a fireworks display at Ontario Beach Park. Clubs, organizations and marching units interested in taking part may contact Parade Marshall Lou Christopher at 865-2126.

Life, Liberty and Law

The abortion debate hinges upon a definition. It is not a question of when human life begins, science knows and truth teaches that human life begins even before implantation in the uterine wall. If the mother is human, the fetus is human. Nor is it a question of "viability," a nebulous guesstimate of a baby's ability to live independent of his fine early-life-support system. It is not even a question of legal abortion versus illegal for the wee unborn — the results are identical. And no woman has the right tho' she now holds the power, to destroy a baby. American legal wisdom, notwithstanding.

No, it is a question of definition.

Justice Harry Blackmun, writing the majority opinion of the Supreme Court's abortion decision, says on Page 36, "The Constitution does not explicitly mention any right of privacy." Further, on Page 41 he implies that he has read "the well known facts of fetal development" and admits in the following sentence, "If this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant's case of course collapses, for the fetus' right to life is then guaranteed by the [14th] Amendment."

But between his references to the two values, privacy and life, Justice Blackmun decides on Page 38 that the constitutionally non-existent right to privacy is broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy.

The logic escapes me. "Privacy" does not even appear in the U.S. Constitution. "Person" is used 14 times in the body of that hallowed document, plus an additional 10 times in the articles of amendment. . . . but as Justice Blackmun chooses not to cite available legal precedents equating "personhood" with human life, he has in effect condemned all unborns to possible deaths of maternal convenience with meaningful recognition or protection for them declared unconstitutional and he based his momentous decision on a right to "privacy."

I submit that neither the 18th Century framers of the Constitution, nor those of the following century who wrote the 14th Amendment intended to invest women with such omnipotence on the shallow premise that maternity or additional offspring may force upon a woman a distressful life and future. (Justice Blackmun, Majority Opinion, Page 38.)

I submit that Justice Byron White, in his dissenting opinion, is essentially correct where he writes, "I find nothing in the language or history of the

Constitution to support the court's judgment. The court simply fashions and announces a new constitutional right for pregnant mothers. . . . with scarcely any reason or authority for its action." Mr. Justice White referred to the decision as "an exercise in raw judicial power."

The human life amendments now before Congress seek to restore as constitutionally compelling the identity of humanity for all persons, not exclusively those whom women view as convenient or wanted or undistressful or perfect . . . or affordable.

We who hold dear those "well known facts of fetal development" have before us an immense challenge. Only once in the history of this noble republic has a constitutional amendment reversed a Supreme Court decision. We must urge our legislators in Washington to support the Human Life Amendments. . . . we must make available the time these tempting Spring afternoons to contact Washington again and again. Time and writer's cramps are small payments indeed for the only sure rewards I can promise you — the sound of a newborn's cry and the unique and gentle smell of the top of his wee head.

Please support human life.

Justice Harry Blackmun The Supreme Court Washington, D.C. 20543 Area Congressmen: Howard W. Robison (27th), William Walsh (33rd), Frank Horton (34th), Barber Conable (35th), and James Hastings (39th). House of Representatives: Washington, D.C. 20515 New York Senators: James L. Buckley (Conservative Rep.), Jacob Javits (Republican) U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Minnesota Limits Abortions

Minneapolis (RNS) — Gov. Wendell R. Anderson of Minnesota has signed a bill prohibiting abortion beyond the 20th week of pregnancy — except to preserve the life or health of the mother.

Although the measure was passed by overwhelming margins by the House and Senate, the constitutionality of the statute has been questioned.

In an informal opinion, Atty. Gen. Warren Spannaus told Gov. Anderson that the new law "may not be constitutional."

He said the U.S. Supreme Court, in its 1973 ruling, held that the state does not acquire the "compelling interest" required to prohibit abortions until the fetus is "viable" (potentially able to survive outside the womb).

"Viability" is generally set at 28 weeks, occasionally 24 weeks, according to the court.

Under the new law, it would be a felony for any physician to perform an abortion past the 20th week of pregnancy, except to preserve the life or health of the mother. The law requires the physician to try to deliver a live fetus — a provision, some critics say will prohibit some types of abortion.

The Supreme Court ruling struck down a Texas law, similar to Minnesota's, which prohibited abortions except to save the life of the mother. A similar law in Rhode Island was declared unconstitutional last May.

However, similar legislations in other states, notably Arkansas, have not been challenged.

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