



Sister Josephine Noeth prepares to cut her Golden Jubilee cake. Joining Sister Josephine were Sister Mary Smith, principal of St. Philip Neri School, and Father Charles B. Connell.

Sister Josephine Notes Golden Jubilee

More than 150 friends of Sister Josephine Noeth gathered at St. Philip Neri Church for a Eucharistic celebration of Thanksgiving in honor of Sister Josephine's 50th anniversary as a School Sister of Notre Dame.

During the celebration Sister Josephine, who is affectionately known as "Jo" among her friends, renewed the vows she made for the first time as a nun in 1924.

Although Sister wore a bright, blue dress for the occasion, Father Charles B. Connell, St. Philip Neri pastor, noted during the Mass that the silver-haired sister has never abandoned the veil that identifies her as a School Sister of Notre Dame. "And despite many changes over the years," he observed, "she has never lost her wit and charm."

Father Louis Vasile, associate pastor, described Sister Josephine as a "real person... one who has always been willing to give of herself."

A reception followed the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

A native of Rochester, Sister Josephine entered the School Sisters in Baltimore in August, 1920. She continued her studies at the Institute of Notre Dame, Villanova, and the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. She was professed in August, 1924.

Sister Josephine has taught in Philadelphia, Pa.; Camden, N.J.; Baltimore, Md.; New York City and Rochester.

She is semi-retired; but does remedial teaching at St. Philip Neri School.

RACL Sponsors Freedom Liturgy

More than 40 people attended a liturgy of Freedom at St. Augustine's church Wednesday, May 1. The liturgy was sponsored by the Rochester Association of Catholic Laity (RACL) and was celebrated by Father Neil Miller, co-pastor of the church.

Couples from RACL and Marriage Encounter acted as lecturers for readings which celebrated reconciliation between man and wife and Christ as freedom giver.

Following the Mass, Ms. Barbara McNeel spoke on Church, Society and Sexuality. She is a member of the faculty at Colgate Rochester Divinity School and a doctoral candidate at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.

True, there are occasions when a good strong expletive can get a message across post-haste but this works best when such a word is held in reserve slowing building force like cheese aging. The present evidence indicates that the White House practitioners seem hardly able to put together an American sentence without resort to hackneyed Anglo-Saxonisms.

I don't see such language in semi-private conversation as indicative of any great evil, as offensive in itself, or even as a sign of lack of vocabulary. There are even some people, mostly in the army, who have honed such practice to an art. But I do feel that prime exponents of profane language have a little too much of the boy left in the man. The sly smoking behind the barn, the urge to write dirty words on the schoolyard wall, the desire to shock others, the need to show that "I am indeed a man, hear my coarse language."

All of the present evidence about "four-letter" chief executives should provide ammunition for advocates of greater responsibilities for women in government and elsewhere. True, there are females who can spit out raunchy language with the "best of men" but so far they are in the minority. Then, too, they are the women who want to show that they are manly. Most women, libbers included, have little leaning in that direction, thank goodness. So they search elsewhere for verbal effectiveness.

We all should! Damn it!

THE SLOT MAN

The fact that the President of the United States uses embarrassing language (to him, at least) should come as no great shock. There is evidence that every president of recent years used salty language, probably all the way back to Herbert Hoover.

I have an aunt who used to be a long-distance switchboard operator and she used to regale us with descriptions of the smoky language of a former governor of this state which would surprise most innocent bystanders. So it is nothing new or different.

A strange quirk concerning the present situation is that the President, who outside of the private confines of his executive offices is a model of decorum, knew his bawdy talk was being taped.

When the President explained to his nationwide television audience that in order to conduct the great affairs of nation and in tough dealings with Congress such language is a necessity, I chuckled to myself, "Really, Mr. President! There again was the Nixonism that he and his friends were allowed certain laxities not permitted others; language could not be condoned for ordinary people, in his exalted job it is not only permissible but effective to use words my 6-year-old already has outgrown."

Costanza to Be JA Speaker

Angelo Costanza, president of Central Trust and the Chamber of Commerce, will be the guest speaker at Junior Achievement of Rochester's sixth annual Future Unlimited Banquet. The banquet will be held at the Dome Arena, Monroe County Fair Grounds on Wednesday, May 8, at 6:29 p.m.

More than 1,000 students from 34 Monroe County high schools and Geneseo will be honored for operating 40 Junior Achievement companies during the 1973-74 school year.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

The field beyond our house is turning green — slowly. The well-fertilized and carefully tended suburban yards that surround us are way ahead of the field in emerald beauty. And while green, any green, is much appreciated at this time of year I think the lacy, delicate color of the weed-filled field and its shrub trees do more for the soul than the manicured look of the lawns.

The field is a very large one and surrounded on three sides by housing tracts, on the fourth by a town park. We gaze upon it mornings now with the joy tinged by sadness for this is the last year it will be a field.

The section of the weekly newspaper given over to public notices informs us in very formal language that the bulldozers will be coming soon.

And in the place of the hedgerows where the pheasant, the rabbits and the raccoon (who steals into our garage at night) take refuge will soon be 30 or 40 expensive new homes.

We of all people cannot complain in good conscience. For where our house now stands and the yard in which our children play, a corn field once grew providing food for the body and sustenance to the hearts of those who daily passed by the sight of green things, slightly wild, growing in the sun.

The field behind our house is a playground for the children who

La BOHEME

The Opera Theatre of Rochester will present Puccini's La Boheme at the Eastman Theatre Thursday, May 9, at 8:15 p.m. The singers will be accompanied by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Isaiah Jackson.

live nearby although the growth is so high it is difficult to spot them making it a perfect place for some game they call "sardines."

Every morning before eight I spot two women coming back from their walk, their Irish Setter cavorting freely, if illegally, far ahead of them.

There are some unpleasant aspects to the field — an occasional discarded beer can and motorcycle path filled frequently with screaming machines.

But they cannot diminish the pleasure of one's eye traveling, traveling across green, untamed, unfenced land.

The pheasants, cardinals, the blue jays, the albino sparrow — what happens to them once the field becomes a development? Hopefully they will find the tiny thicket to the south of our house sufficient shelter. But no more traveling for the eye over green fields, no more games, no more walks. Progress has come to enrich us once more.

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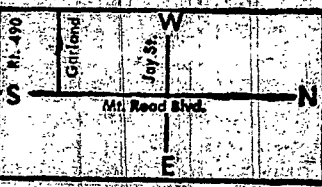
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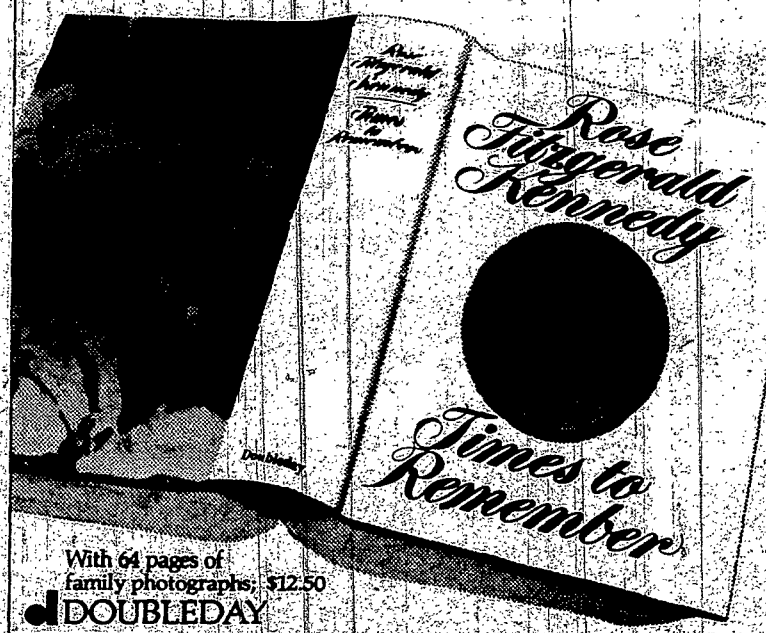
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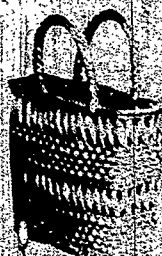
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