



Donald Duck He Ain't

Photo by Susan McKinney

Susan Wilczewski [left], Vicki Gordon and Sheila Calnan met Bill Stephan's duckling recently at Christ the King School Science Fair. Bill's display dealt with waterfowl and birds of prey. The fair, directed by science teacher Joseph Holeran, involved seventh and eighth graders and was open to the rest of the school, parents and friends. Students worked on projects related to their science studies. Other displays included mollusks, the dangers of smoking, conserving electricity, what your weight would be on another planet and the body of a frog.

### Life, Liberty and Law

Nancy Murphy

American moral values sent to the attic on the notes of pluralistic lullabies, have spent a long gray night in the steamer trunk.

We have stood silently as the crime rate since 1967 has risen 47%. Silence again as our local school board relies upon Planned Parenthood for assistance and resources for classes in Same-Sex behavior and Anatomy. Pornography flaunts freely until the courts can create a usable definition of it.

We have silently accepted the role of UNICEF in family planning activities (4.2 million in 1973), and the knowledge that the World Health Organization funds prostaglandin/abortion research in at least one of our universities.

Family Planning, an attractively bound four part monograph distributed by the government in conjunction with the Westinghouse Learning Corporation, stresses "Children bring great joy... when they are wanted." Sixteen months later, the Supreme Court pampered our permissive society with an abortion on demand decree. The United Nations in a report prepared for the World Population Conference to be held in Bucharest this August, pondered the use of aggressive propaganda campaigns to enforce an officially designated 'ideal' family size, and the press remained silent. The 55 specific recommendations prepared for that conference by the government of the United States are unavailable for public scrutiny. When Senator Richard Schweiker (R-Pa.) requested a copy he was told that the report was an 'internal matter and would not be released.'

We have silently acknowledged that grants from the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation, Planned Parenthood, World Population, pharmaceutical companies, the Kellogg Foundation, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and the Health Services and Mental Health Administration (HSMHA) are available for such family planning services as counseling for abortion, sterilization, sex education, and premarital distress.

But hope springs eternal. And like the first refreshing warm Spring dawn, it may be upon us.

The American somnolence may end. Pro-Life letters are flowing. We can see this not in the headlines of our local press, but in the actions of Congress. Maybe somehow we have found the key to the dusty attic trunk. Maybe abortion and its towering partner Euthanasia have produced a rebirth, and the word 'moralist' will become once again a compliment instead of a hiss. There is hope.

Maybe the legal destruction of hundreds of thousands of unborn American children will serve as our awakening. And maybe the postage stamp will become the voice of America's ungeneration. And maybe we will win the good fight.

Maybe.

I urge you to prod the men you have chosen to represent you in Washington. It's an election year. Write again and again. A man is either for life or he is against it, and he should have the courage to make that stand known to his country. The emptying Kindergarten classrooms will stand as painfully graphic reminders that ours was one of the first states to encourage permissive abortion... not by vote but by veto.

From the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp the voice should haunt us all: "The worst crime you can commit against yourself or society is to forget what happened and sink back into indifference. It was the indifference of mankind that let it take place."

Only the coward can afford silence.

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.

Senator Jacob Javits; Senator James L. Buckley, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

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### Society Elects Courier Editor

Carmen J. Viglucci, editor of the Courier-Journal, has been elected vice president of the Rochester Professional Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi Journalistic Society.

Terry Dillman of the Times Union was elected president and Jeannie Williams of the Gannett News Services will continue as secretary-treasurer. Program chairman will be Tom Williams of Sybron.

### Chemung Telethon To Raise \$12,000

Elmira — The Chemung County Dollar for Scholars program is aiming for \$12,000 in its radio and television fund raising telethon slated for Saturday, June 1, from noon to 5 p.m. Students from participating schools will be soliciting pledges on Channels two and eight and over all county radio stations.

Elmira Free Academy, Horseheads High School, Notre Dame (4-5 p.m.) Southside High School and Thomas Edison have each been assigned an hour to perform in the telethon. The broadcast will come from the Elmira Free Academy auditorium.

Pledges made by calling 734-3806 will be used for scholarships for students graduating from the five area high schools in 1975. The schools will be awarded scholarships based on the amount of money each raised through the telethon.

### Birth Rates In New Drop

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — For the second straight year, birth and fertility rates in the U.S. disclosed record lows, according to a report for 1973 by the National Center for Health Services.

The 1973 birth rate was 15 births for every 1,000 persons — 4 per cent lower than the 1972 rate, which was also a record low.

Because of the decline in births, the national fertility rate dropped to 1.9 children per family. This is considered substantially below the population "replacement level" of 2.1 children per family.

Figures of the National Center — a unit of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare — showed 3,141,000 births in the U.S. last year. This is the smallest number for any year since 1945 when 2,858,000 births were recorded.

Population experts predict that if the current downward trend continues, the U.S. would reach

the stage of "zero population growth" sometime in the first half of the 21st century.

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