



Photo by Susan McKinney

A Close Look

Frank Callabro pauses to closely examine a painting at the Strassenburgh Planetarium. He was one of the 35 senior citizens from Charles Settlement House who toured the planetarium and museum recently. After viewing the star show they returned to Charles House for refreshments.

Life, Liberty and Law

Nancy Murphy

I've been reading the Foxfire Book and Foxfire II lately. One bunch of "unwants" writing about another bunch of "unwants." High school kids writing about octogenarians. And I'm spellbound! What grace, charm, poise and wit, not only in what the oldsters have to say, but also in the youngsters' reports. It is remarkable; and I am once again inspired by America's youth, once again fascinated by her mountain oldsters, and once again sparked by an imaginative American teacher.

Beyond the constant and awful awareness as I write each column, that somewhere human lives are being deliberately snuffed, the most difficult facet of my work is the stack of anti-life logic and redefinitions I must read every week. But this bunch, this beautiful bunch, of Appalachians has provided me with a waft of clear, cool insight into the truly human areas of humanity, and I am grateful. I am reading the art of America's proud alert minds who do not equate age with uselessness, who do not equate youth with cost, and I am grateful. For theirs are not the plastic families, and theirs is not the plastic world.

Eliot Wiggenton, of Cornell University, who headed the Foxfire project, saw so clearly the real hunger infecting our school kids' minds—a hunger of the spirit. He recognized their need to cultivate their inborn power for constructive leadership, and

Birthright

Names Prexy

Mrs. Donald Dacey was recently elected president of Birthright-Rochester, Inc.

Birthright is a three-year-old volunteer, non-denominational counseling agency that offers alternatives to abortion to pregnant women.

E. James Hickey was elected vice president, Father Robert Miller and John Dessauer were elected secretary and treasurer respectively.

Horace Gioia, George Cooke and Mrs. Louis Ehmann were elected to the board of directors. The election took place at the June meeting.

Other board members are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Boylan, Mrs. Joseph C. Wilson, Mrs. J. Barry Jesmer and Mrs. Theodore Trost.

RTL SPEAKER

Father Thaddeus Wojcik of St. John's Russian Orthodox Church will speak on Prayer and Social Action as part of the Responding Church Institute at St. Ambrose School, Wednesday, July 31, at 7:30 p.m.

N.Y. Probes 'Dangerous' Abortion Clinics

New York [RNS] — An investigation by local officials of abortion clinics and so-called non-profit referral services in New York City has uncovered "illegal, abusive or medically dangerous" practices. Consumer affairs Commissioner Elinor Guggenheimer announced at a special hearing here.

Noting that the investigation had been held up because women using the abortion services were "reluctant to come forward and give their names," Mrs. Guggenheimer said the hearing was arranged so that

people would have an opportunity to provide data and testimony.

Six women submitted affidavits to Cheryl Schwartz, an attorney who is conducting the hearing. She termed some of the experiences at abortion facilities as "grizzly and nightmarish."

Commissioner Guggenheimer said the investigation, conducted with the cooperation of the city Board of Health, began with a check of advertisements that did not disclose the full price range for abortion services. But she added that the situation was found to be "a lot more serious."

In one case, a woman investigator was told she was pregnant after she submitted a urine sample from a male colleague for a pregnancy test.

Also, two women submitted affidavits in which they swore

they were diagnosed as being pregnant at an abortion clinic, but found by private physicians not to be pregnant.

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ARCHBISHOP NAMED

Sydney [RNS] — Pope Paul has named Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Francis Little of Melbourne, Australia, as archbishop of Melbourne.



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