

Photo by Susan McKinney

#### A Close Look

Frank Callabro pauses to closely examine a painting at the Strasenburgh 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

## Honey Hungley

I've been reading the Foxfire Book and Foxfire II lately. One bunch of "unwanteds" writing about another bunch of "unwanteds." 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. Théodore 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.

their need to realize the fruits of responding to the honest guidance of an honest teacher.

The similarities between the two widely divergent age groups are as plain and as simple as a cotton puff on a cotton plant, yet they are rarely recognized in contemporary media circles or in the too-professional education community. The yearnings of youth are not unrelated to the reflections of age. The search for a crossing, though not a closing, of the generation gap; the goals of youth and the guidance of age; the encouragement of youthful needs in response to the reinforcement they share. Reflection, wit, dreams, and hopes. I suggest that this earthly communion can become the touchstone for the regeneration of America.

Oh, to the family planners, chronically short on sight and long on schooling, both age groups are costly and must be controlled; the youth must be trained to keep America's births at or below her present rate of 1.8 children per family, and the Appalachian aged could not, in many cases, be defined as "persons in the whole sense." A sizable portion of Foxfire's authors and subjects would be labeled unwanted, illiterate, poor or meaningless.

But the people of Rabun Gap, Georgia, are needed. They are rich in spirit. They are wise. They are educated, not schooled. They are beautiful. They do not run in ivory circles, and they do not sit in glum silence waiting for Motherstate to direct their lives. They live their beliefs because they know their God.

I have been sophistocated clergyman that this is a pluralistic society, and perhaps for him it is. Pity. But I salute the pure Christianity I have found in the Foxfire books, people sharing humanity, not with patronizing gestures and the silence of accommodation, but interest and tangible affection. For truly it is in sharing human life that we shall meet the demands of Christ and attain His ultimate joy.

His Cross was not a plastic burden. It was not fashioned by a well-groomed committee. It was hard and crude and heavy and redemptive:

I suggest we shoulder a portion

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### N.Y. Probes 'Dangerous' Abortion Clinics

New York [RNS] — An investigation by local officials of abortion clinics and socalled nonprofit 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

#### ARCHBISHOP NAMED

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