

The King's Table

At Pauper's Prices

By JOHN DASH

What with last week's state tax hike, a lot of budgets are getting rearranged again; but there's no reason the partner in the kitchen can't look forward to an evening away from the stove.

Believe it or not, there's a restaurant in Rochester where a family of four can eat all they want for less than eight dollars.



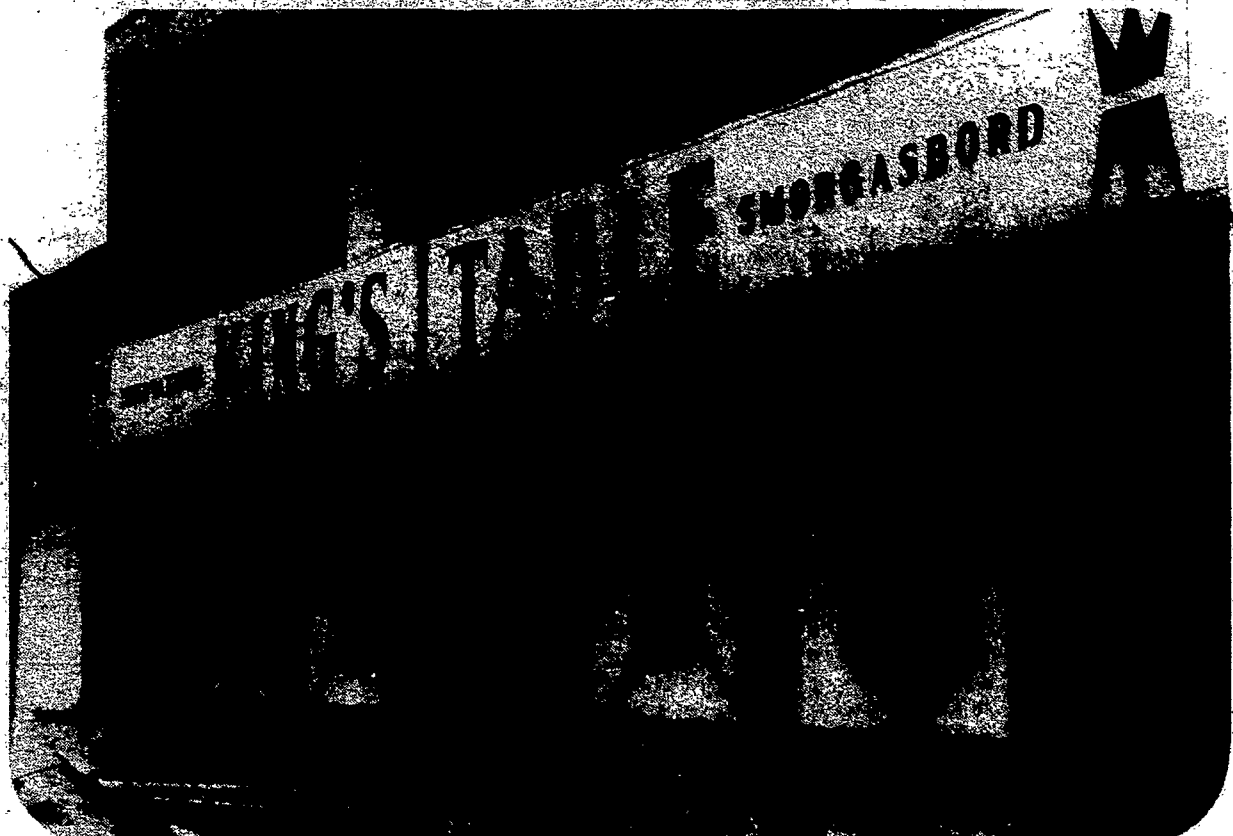
The place is the International King's Table

American Smorgasbord at 3159 South Winton Road, the first Rochester outlet of a chain that encourages its patrons to sample from a table of more than 40 items, then dive in again for seconds, thirds.

Manager Don Thorpe explains that his supper price is \$2.99 each for adults and 15 cents, per year, for each child 10 years old or younger. The lunch price is \$1.89 for each adult.

And at those prices the diner can choose from among nine salads with a variety of dressings, six vegetables, four or five entrees and desserts.

Thorpe is proud of the fact that, unlike other chains, not one of his offerings is prepackaged. All



food is prepared at the restaurant, following recipes provided by the Eugene, Ore., based group. And those recipes are good.

We stopped by one lunch hour recently and loaded up on three-bean salad, a crisp green salad lathered with blue cheese dressing, kidney bean salad, pickled bean sprouts, green beans, a raisin confection, corn, sausage loaf with sweet and sour sauce, and bread pudding laced with nutmeg.

Despite the variety, there wasn't a single item below par; and the only reason we didn't try the fried chicken or the fish was that once we had first cleared our plate, our gustatory capacity had surrendered itself to satiation.

The restaurant is decorated in a pleasing Old English manner, and

HOLY FAMILY DANCE

Auburn — Holy Family Men's Club will sponsor a dance in the Holy Family parking lot, Friday, Aug. 9, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. featuring the Soda Ash Six. Rain location will be the auditorium.

Thorpe noted, the soothing background music is provided by the chain's own tapes.

Lunch hour starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. Dinner is served from 4:30 p.m. Group accommodations are available by calling 461-3590. The restaurant also provides a carry-out service.

"We're aimed at the family," Thorpe told us, "and the businessman."

A curiosity, perhaps, that distinguishes the restaurant is that neither alcohol nor tobacco is sold on the premises.

Seems that 20 years ago when Willy Houmes founded the chain, the thing he wanted to do was provide the American family with good tasting and inexpensive food.

And at that the Kings' Table succeeds very well indeed.

Basilians Plan New Center

Toronto, Ont. [RNS] — The Roman Catholic Basilian Fathers here announced that they are considering the establishment of an international center in Canada that would address itself to world hunger through the coordination

of relief projects in underdeveloped nations.

Father Gerald McGuigan, an economist member of the order, disclosed that he has received some financial support from the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP), from several other religious communities and from the Canadian government.

He said the center, primarily aimed at fighting hunger and malnutrition throughout the world, may be called the Institute for the Study and Application of Integrated Development (ISAID).

The Basilian priest contended that many long-range effects of development efforts are dissipated by "piecemeal" action in areas of great need and deprivation. "The drought-stricken Sahel (sub-Saharan) region in West Africa is a perfect example of this," he said, "where lack of foresight in wholesale drilling of wells has resulted in a disastrous situation."

HOSPITAL APPOINTEE

Hornell — The appointment of Dr. Janis Conklin as department head of in-service education at St. James Mercy Hospital here, has been announced by Sister Mary Rene, administrator. Dr. Conklin will be responsible for development and coordinating in-service, continuing education and community education. A native of Wilmington, Ohio, she is a 1947 graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and received her Masters in education in 1952 at Teachers College, Columbia University and attained her doctorate in education, administration and supervision, in 1968 at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

'The Odd Couple' A Jubilee Gift

The Holy Family Theatre takes a new lease on life this weekend in honor of Msgr. George Schmitt. Three performances of The Odd Couple will be the players' offering to their former moderator, in commemoration of his 60th anniversary of ordination.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. Aug. 8, 9 and 10, in the school auditorium, at Jay and Ames streets.

Father Schmitt, who had organized a theatrical troupe at St. Anne's was moderator of the Holy Family performers from the mid-fifties until 1968.

Some longtime members of the original Holy Family group will be taking part in this production. Among them is Inez Ringholz, director of the Neil Simon comedy. Paul Ritzenthaler will play the role of Felix Unger and George Ringholz will be Oscar Madison. Joe O'Connor is behind-the-scenes coordinator. The production crew consists largely of Youth Council members.

The price is \$1.50, plus 25 cents for a reserved seat, which may be obtained through 328-4370 or 328-2820.

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