



Photo by Bob Tripicano

Oh, You Kid!

A performance of the Charleston, an impersonation of Al Jolson, and a variety of Vaudeville acts of the 1920s were part of the program for Blessed Trinity School's Spring Open House last week. More than 600 parents and friends attended the event which included science displays, a basketball game and reminders of Colonial days. The Auburn school was established in 1973.

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

The children and their father were discussing "Mother's Day" about a week before the actual event, trading ideas on what would be a good present for Mom.

I mentioned how much I loved the French blue hybrid lilac with which I had been gifted two years ago and which this Spring is just loaded with buds. If anybody wanted to go the same route this year with a pink hybrid, I said pointedly, it would be fine with me.

One of the kids thought something for the house would be nice and someone else thought taking "Ma" as I am

known in some quarters out to dinner would be better.

Their father spoke up: "What your mother would really like I think is a day off." To which our eldest replied: "But she already had one of those once."

The subject was dropped until a couple of days later when our second grader, ailing with a sore throat, discovered he was too sick to go to school; too well to stay in bed. TV and books soon palled so I told him to get out the old typewriter and write me an essay on Mother's Day.

Here it is just as he typed it:

Why We Give Honor to Are Mothers.

because they help us do stuff. like wash are clothes, make supper, lunch and breakfast. and help us on are commu-nion. also help us do are homework. she makes stuff for us to. My father loves my momm because she helps him rake up xxxxx the old grass.xx my mom h-elps my big sister cook and get a girl scout badge. my mom doesn't help my litter sister do anything except change her sneakers to the right feet. thend

Hospital Week Celebrated At St. Joseph's

Elmira — St. Joseph's Hospital volunteers will be feted in the Mark Twain banquet room tonight, midway through the celebration of National Hospital Week.

The volunteer workers themselves opened the week's festivities, distributing roses and baby bonnets in the maternity section on Mothers Day. They also served refreshments from a van that carried medical information through the county on a three-day tour.

The tribute to the volunteers continues Thursday. Earlier "appreciation days" focussed on employes and students at the hospital.

Judge John D. Frawley will speak at the alcoholism seminar Thursday noon in the doctors' meeting room.

A tribute to the Sisters of St. Joseph is planned for Friday. Also on Friday, the last day of the celebration, the West Elmira Fire Department will take children from the Southern Tier Institute of Rehabilitation for rides on a new fire truck and entertain them at lunch in the fire house.

Answers to Church Quiz

[Questions on Page 2.]

1. True. Membership in the U.S. Catholic Church rose by 236,397 in 1974 to reach a total of 48,701,835.

2. True. The number of students in Catholic colleges was 422,243 in 1974, up from 407,081 the previous year. Enrollment in Catholic high schools was 590,495 in 1974 compared with 576,857 in 1973. A major decline, however, continued in parochial elementary schools. The number of schools declined from 8,312 to 8,199 and their pupil enrollment from 2,659,052 to 2,535,406.

3. True. The directory reports a 1974 increase of 2,197 in the number of clergy, bringing the total of 58,909. However, this increase derived primarily from including for the first time religious order priests on missionary duty abroad.

4. False. The directory shows 135,225 Sisters in 1974, a decrease of 4,738, and 8,625 Brothers, down 608.

5. True. Now there are 3,959,788 students in Catholic educational institutions compared with 2,590,660 in 1945. The number of institutions was higher in 1945 when there were 10,912 compared with 10,839 today. The figures are deceiving, however, because the zenith was reached in 1965 when there were more

than 6 million students in 14,296 institutions.

6. False. The number of public high school students receiving religious education in 1974 was 1,093,184, a drop of 78,138; the number of elementary pupils 3,988,950, a decline of 93,466.

7. True. The U.S. Catholic Church baptized 75,123 converts in 1974, an increase of 382 over 1973. The figure, however, was down sharply from the 126,209 of 1965. Infant baptisms in 1974 were down from the previous year, from 916,564 to 876,306.

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Board Downs Budget Cuts

Elmira — The Chemung County General Education Board, following five hours of discussion and debate, last week approved a \$551,000 budget for 1975-76.

The budget is in fact \$5,200 higher than the official listed figure since recommended cuts by the board's finance committee were not totally accepted by the 22 members.

The board by a narrow margin of 12 to 10 agreed to continue the position of regional superintendent. That post is held by Sister Mary Agnes. The board did eliminate the position of a central office secretary, whose salary was \$4,500 a year.

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