

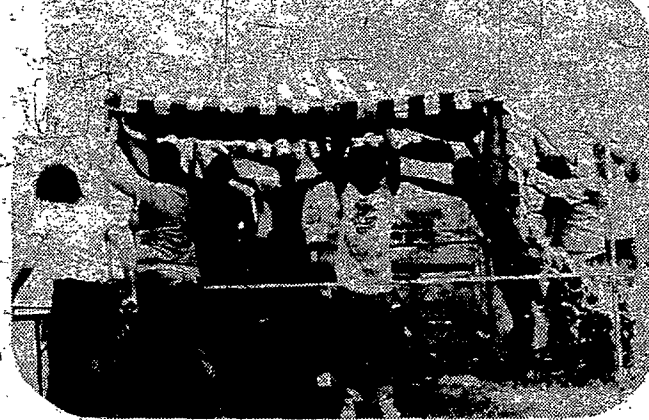
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## Going, Going, Gone!

Last Sunday's sudden thunderstorms caught the merry-makers at a fair to benefit the School of the Holy Childhood by surprise. In the sequence above, a crowd masses for shelter in one of the concession booths, starts to flee as the high winds work their damage on the shelter, and vanishes altogether as the

storm completes its destruction of the booth. Undaunted, the fair organizers, headed up by Mrs. Ruth Streb, reconstructed and booths and carried on. Although the fair closed in the red, after three such reconstructions, Mrs. Streb said "I don't know what God had in mind, but this really drew people together."

Photos by Bruce Genut

## Mercy Sisters Begin General Chapter

The General Chapter of Affairs of the Sisters of Mercy will meet from Aug. 11-15 at the Motherhouse on Blossom Road. The last chapter was held in 1971.

Thirty delegates, elected by the congregation, will meet in general assembly to deal with attitudes, values, and general policy basic to the Congregation and its mission.

Father Richard Allard, CSB, secretary general of the Basilian Fathers, was selected by the delegates to preside as general chairman.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will celebrate the closing liturgy on Aug. 15.

A General Chapter is the highest governing body of the congregation while it is in session. It meets every four years.

This week, Aug. 4-9, chapter delegates are meeting in work sessions to react to proposals, position papers, and other chapter documents. They are listening to panels on the Sister's role, ecumenical unity and cooperation, Sisters of Mercy in ministry, theology of liberation and concepts of poverty, and the educational ministry of the Church.

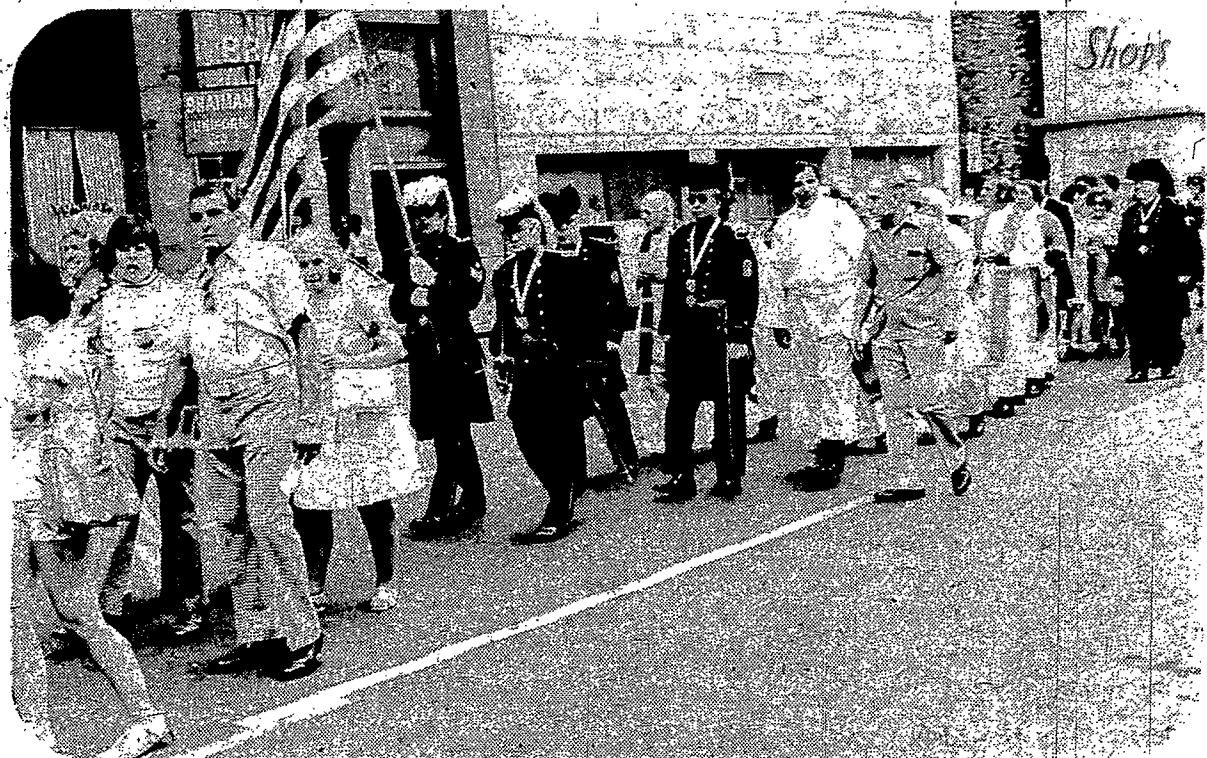
Next week the Chapter in General Assembly will consider areas dealing with person, community, membership, apostolic mission, social justice, leadership, and reconciliation.

"I see among us a strong call to serve the Church; to be concerned about the social issues of our times, to be leaders in positions beyond Congregational leadership," stated Sister Mary Judith Heberle, superior general of the Sisters of Mercy here.

She sees these areas as chapter issues as well as matters dealing with a deeper prayer life and a fuller life together in community.

The statement of thrust adopted by the Chapter delegates calls for an examination of "attitudes and actions, our values and the ways we live them out, in order to build justice in the world through mercy — a mercy that includes both covenant love and kinship love, bringing to good human relationships and to the institutions with which we are associated a kindness above and beyond the minimum duties expected of us — so that we will truly live out the call that we received in our human birth, in our baptism and confirmation, in our religious profession."

Sunday, Aug. 10, has been designated as a day of private prayer in the Congregation for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the deliberations of the Chapter. It will be held both at the Motherhouse and in the local communities. Chapter delegates will gather at the Motherhouse for communal prayer from 2 to 3 p.m. All members of the Congregation are invited to join them.



## Mass Procession

A procession moves down St. Paul Street toward the Genesee Crossroads Plaza bridge where an Italian language Mass was celebrated last Sunday. The Mass was a highlight of the area's first Italian Fair, sponsored by the Downtown Promotion Council. The fair will go on all week.

## Cemetery to Open Shrine Section

A contemporary concept in burial plots will be formally introduced to the traditional settings of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Friday, Aug. 15 at 2:30 p.m. when Bishop Joseph L. Hogan blesses the single memorial of the cemetery's new Queen of Heaven Shrine Section.

According to E. Robert Vogt, director of the cemetery, the new section represents one more step in an attempt to "become an all service facility for the people of Rochester."

The "burial park" concept has proven successful, Vogt says, around the country. In a burial park, one memorial dominates the landscape and individual graves are marked by a ground level stone.

The Queen of Heaven Shrine incorporates a massive marble cross carved in relief with a figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On the reverse side of the memorial, quotations from both the Old and New Testaments on the resurrection are incised.

Surrounding the monument, shade trees and shrub groupings create an atmosphere "as park-like as possible," Vogt says.

He recently extended an invitation to the Catholic community to visit the new section for its dedication ceremonies.

In the little more than two years since Vogt was named director of Holy Sepulchre, the cemetery has been undergoing major restoration and renovation programs.

Included in these programs has been the levelling of graves and stones in older sections, an exacting schedule of maintenance, the construction of new maintenance facilities, tree removal and the publication of new rules for plantings.

Also new this year is a specially planned "garden section" which features monumented and non-monumented lots in a landscape designed by architects Grever and Ward.

The cemetery is trying to fill the needs of "all the community," Vogt explains, by providing areas for monuments, and plantings, and areas where monuments and plantings do not dominate the landscape.

The advantages of burial in a shrine setting, Vogt says, are both esthetic and economic. Maintenance costs for such groupings are considerably reduced, he notes.

On the drawing boards for the next few years, he says, is continuing the extensive restoration and renovation program already underway, a re-landscaping of the "Lake Section" in one of the older corners of the cemetery, and construction of a mausoleum.



The new shrine section at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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