

'The Children Who Wait'

Meet the "Children Who Wait." They may be school-age and older, they may be of a minority race or mixed racially, they may be a sibling group of two or more, or children who are mentally, physically and/or emotionally handicapped. But they all have one thing in common — they are all waiting for adoptive families to call their own.

The adoption scene has changed in recent years. While there were once many healthy infants available for adoption, today the emphasis is on finding homes for the many children who were once considered "hard to place" by adoption agencies. While at one time most adoptions were undertaken by childless, married couples, today, families with six or more children are adopting, single men and women have become adoptive parents, children are being placed across racial and religious lines, and medical and general adoption subsidy is available to ease the financial burden of adoption. The primary concern is in finding a loving, caring adoptive home that can meet the needs of the child.

Each week we will be featuring one of the many "Children Who Wait." Currently, more than 1,000 children are registered with the New York State Adoption Exchange who are ready for adoptive placement. More than 200 children are listed in THE CAP BOOK which is a photo listing service of waiting children operated by the Council of



CHARLES

Adoptive Parents of Rochester (CAP).

Charles has been listed in THE CAP BOOK for 1 1/2 years. The following description is from the book:

"He is a shy, polite 11-year-old. He has brown curly hair, brown eyes, and a dark complexion. He responds readily to the attention and interest of others. He loves animals and plays fairly well with other children. He enjoys music and seems musically inclined.

Charles does well in a special

BOCES primary program for non-readers. He needs a stable, accepting home as he is easily frustrated. He wants a family of his own very much."

For general information about adoption contact:

Catholic Family Center 546-7220; Monroe County Dept. of Social Services 442-4000; Northaven, Inc. 266-4330; The Council of Adoptive Parents (CAP) 288-7989.

For further information about Charles contact: THE CAP BOOK Office 436-5070.

'Reach Out' Set to Roll In September

"Reach Out," a new program to help high schoolers develop their leadership potential, will swing into full stride this September at Camp Stella Maris.

Reach Out is a project of the CYO. Its objective, according to the organization, is to provide a weekend experience "from which youth will attain a clearer perspective for involvement in a leadership position in a parish or neighborhood based program."

The weekends will be under the direction of the CYO Youth Development Staff. Youth Group advisers and college students will serve as small group enablers.

Expenses for the weekend, which include program cost, six meals, two nights accommodations and bus transportation, will average around \$14 per person.

The Fall schedule is: NE Region, Sept. 12-14; SE Region, Sept. 19-21; North Region, Sept. 26-28; SW Region, Oct. 4-6; NW Region, Oct. 10-12; Inner City Outreach, Oct. 17-19; Project Poder, Oct. 24-26.

Further information is available through the CYO, 454-2030.

TIME TO THINK

Soyata, Mexico [RNS] — Father Arturo Manduajano has been given "time," courtesy of local police, to reconsider the depth of devotion of the people of Soyata toward St. John the Baptist.

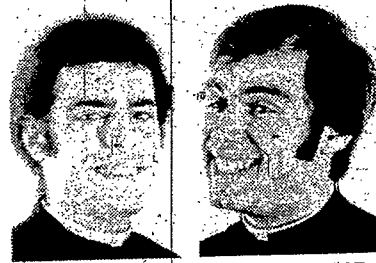
When he tried to dispose of a battered, time-worn statue of the saint from the parish church, he was set upon by a mob who beat him and threatened to hang him. Police took him to the local jail for his own protection.

Two from Area Join Brothers

Twenty-nine young men were admitted to the Congregation of Christian Brothers in St. Joseph's Church, Kingston, on Sunday, Aug. 10.

Msgr. Robert B. Loftus, episcopal vicar of Ulster County, presided. Brother Harold M. Delaney, new provincial of the Christian Brothers, received the vows of the 14 newly professed and gave the religious habit to the 15 new novices.

Two of the newly professed are from the Rochester Diocese. Graduates of Bishop Kearney High School they attended Iona College in New Rochelle prior to commencing their novitiate. They are Brother Raymond J. Vercruysse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Vercruysse of Fairport and Brother Michael F. Patella, son of Mrs. Anne Patella of Rochester. Brothers Vercruysse and Patella are returning to Iona where they will continue their religious formation and college studies.



PATELLA

VERCRUYSE

NURSERY SCHOOL

The AAUW Cooperative Nursery School will hold open house Tuesday morning from 10 until 11 for interested parents of three- and four-year-olds. The school, at 494 East Ave., is non-profit and non-sectarian. A child may be registered for two, three or five days a week. Additional information may be obtained through 654-8393 or 288-9366.

BOCES PROGRAM

A federal grant for \$34,712 has been awarded to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (1) for a project entitled "An Early Intervention Program for Handicapped Pre-school Pupils and their Parents." The grant will provide for special classes at the Foreman Center in Fairport, beginning Sept. 3. A total of 36 children will be accommodated. Bus transportation will be provided. Social workers, psychologists, speech and hearing therapists and teachers will work both with the youngsters and their parents, as required.

Referrals are being accepted at the Foreman Center from agencies, pediatricians, school personnel and parents. Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. David Moran at the Foreman Center, 377-4660, ext. 224.

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Sarah Child

I bought a copy of "Pride and Prejudice" the other day at a garage sale for 12-1/2 cents and settled down for still another reading of Jane Austen's classic.

Had thought perhaps I was establishing some kind of record in the number of times I'd read the masterpiece but after this last perusal I found an introduction by Somerset Maugham which included the information that Disraeli had read Miss Jane's first novel 17 times. (That's at least seven more than me so obviously I'm going to have to find some other way of making the Guinness Book of Records.)

After calling it one of the greatest novels in the English language, Maugham finds a few faults with it, with all of which I concur.

For example, the characters of Lady Catherine and the Bennett cousin William Collins are so heavily, if deliciously drawn, as to trip dangerously on the edge of caricature.

Then, too, Maugham wonders how such chuckleheads as the mother and the three younger sisters could have such sensible persons as Eliza and Jane in the same family.

More than balancing out these minor blemishes, however, is the picture of 19th Century English village life Miss Austen gives us, the magnificent characterization and absolutely delectable wit. Speaking of wit, some of which emanates from Mr. Bennett, some of which derives from the narrative but most of which is mouthed by our young heroine, I find another discrepancy, more serious than that of a family of varying sensibilities, but equally forgivable. At the tender age of "not yet one and twenty" Lizzie

possesses a tongue so keen, a mind so sharp and power of observation more likely to be found in a matron of 50 than a young woman. Yet the author herself wrote the masterpiece at the same age as is her fictional counterpart so, the difference between the verbal retort and the written word notwithstanding, there would seem to be no room for my nitpicking.

But back to the novel's virtues. Maugham says that all of the book's other good points must take a back seat to one overriding plus. It is, he says, eminently readable. Amen. Amen.

Before getting to this introduction I had come to the same conclusion myself in wondering why I keep coming back to this work. There was the fact that it is a good romance and I always have been inordinately fond of love stories. There was the wry dialogue and well rounded characters. But mostly "Pride and Prejudice" just flows with no need to wonder what the author meant; here or what obscure symbolism she intended there.

There are no flashbacks to interrupt the progression, no revolutionary twists in style or story, no haphazard presentation of plot or person. Nothing to heed the march forward.

BICENTENNIAL CHARITY BALL

Elmira — The Ladies of Charity are planning a Bicentennial Dinner Dance for Nov. 15 at the Elmira Holiday Inn, an event designated "official" by the Chemung County Bicentennial Commission. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kalec and Mrs. Mary Ferguson head the committee.

The group sponsors a Charity Ball each year for the benefit of various Chemung County programs, including projects at St. Joseph's Hospital and New Horizon House, a senior citizen center.

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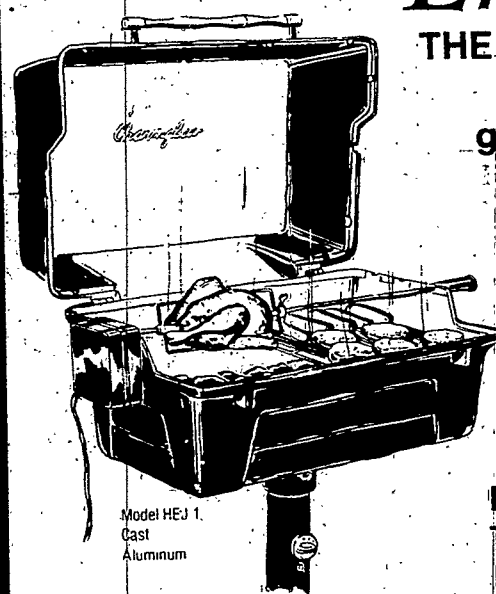
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