

**'The Children Who Wait'**

**Wanted: One Loving Family**

This is little Mark — one of The Children Who Wait. He is a member of a group of preschoolers, youngsters school age and older, of minority races or mixed racially, a sibling group of two or more, who may be mentally, physically, and/or emotionally handicapped. He is a member of a group which has one thing in common. They are all waiting for adoptive families to call their own.

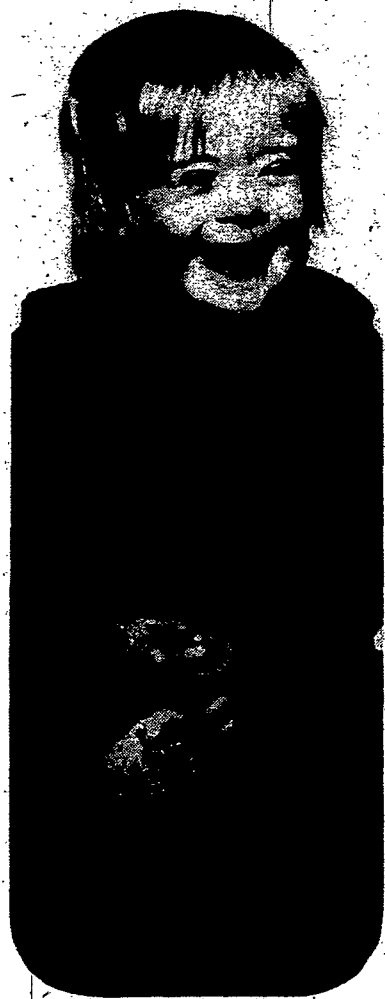
Adoptive patterns have changed in recent years. Once there were many healthy infants available for adoption. Today, however, a great emphasis is being placed on finding homes for children agencies once considered "hard to place."

Once adoptions were done by childless couples. Today, families with six and more children are adopting. Even singles are becoming adoptive parents.

Children are being placed across racial and religious lines, and financial subsidy is available to ease the financial burden of adoption.

What is being looked for is a loving, caring, adoptive home that can meet the needs of the child.

Each week the Courier-Journal is featuring a child like Mark. He is one of the more than 1000 registered with New York State Adoption Exchange who are ready for adoptive placement.



MARK

He and more than 200 other children are listed in THE CAP BOOK which is a photo listing

service of The Children Who Wait, operated by the council of Adoptive Parents of Rochester (CAP).

Mark's listing in THE CAP BOOK is as follows:

"At 3-1/2 years old Mark is an active, affectionate, imitative child afflicted by Downs Syndrome. He can walk, climb, feed himself and dress himself (with some help). He is not toilet trained nor is he talking yet.

"He has a sensitive, gentle nature and is inclined to follow the lead of other children. He enjoys people very much and is fairly responsive to discipline. He has no fears and will attempt anything he feels able to accomplish. He is susceptible to respiratory problems and his health must be carefully watched.

"Mark is an appealing, winning child who could respond beautifully to a lively, loving and patient family."

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 Mark contact: THE CAP BOOK Office 436-5070.

**ALL IN THE FAMILY**

**Sarah Child**

Our kids have a picture book which I have read to all three in turn. Only one has not yet outgrown it. The word "Summer" is in the title and it details the pleasures of warm weather in narrative and painting. It evokes pleasant feelings any time of the year but I think I enjoy it most in Winter. The sight of youngsters cavorting in the surf, eating red slices of watermelon and walking in a leafy glade of trees is an overwhelming sight when outside your own door, the snow is threatening to pile up to the doorknob level.

So for my own reading pleasure, say next Feb. 1 jot down the following.

Summer is: Checking each morning on the south side of the house to see how the first melons we've ever attempted to grow are progressing. It is bending down to retie the huge, burgeoning tomato plants to the stakes and getting the fresh, pungent aroma of the fruit.

Summer is: Watching the tiny six-inch oaks my sister sent home with me from Rockland County last summer finally getting over the shock of being transplanted from their yard to ours. It is the buzz of insects from the nearby woods and new strawberries sending out runners and the beautiful African daisies planted by our neighbors to the east out by the boundary rock.

Summer is: The pleasure of having access to a pool for the first time since our son was a darting infant. It is putting sweaters in a bottom drawer and leaving them there. It is the incredible simple pleasure of

ending a very hot day with a cooling, tepid shower, applying powder and donning a cotton night gown.

Summer is: No school bed-times and staying up late on a warm, beautifully clear night to catch sight of a falling star or two. It is blue skies and fluffy cumulus clouds and a carpet of green (well pretty green) grass to rest the eye and cushion the feet.

Summer is: Walking in the fields behind the house which are dotted with white Queen Anne's Lace and golden Black Eyed Susans and purplish blue thistle, and a variety of other wild flowers whose names I do not know but whose beauty does not require identification to appreciate. It is watching the multi-colored candy tuft bloom in spite of the poor soil by the rocks.

Summer is: The bowing and feverish dancing of the sycamores to the uneven rhythm of thunder and lightning, it is the steady beat of the gentle rain that follows and, yes, it is the heat wave, of day after day of scorching, breath-ditching temperatures.

Summer is: Neighbors who have quit their houses for the warm spell, relatives converging from points southeast and southwest. It is camping out and eating breakfast al fresco.

Summer is: Freedom. It is a time of relaxation, of gliding, of letting the weather dictate one's schedule.

And how I pity those in other climes whose appreciation of this season must be necessarily limited by never having to wait out winter's fury to enjoy summer's bounty.

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Father Conboy has resided at St. Margaret Mary rectory, Irondequoit since his appointment as Bishop Hogan's secretary in December 1969. In addition to his duties as secretary, Father Conboy is information

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