ground Rap Around Rap Around Rap Aro

A Time to . . . Learn, Play, Share

By JOAN M. SMITH

"Just to go here," was the way St. Ambrose sixth grader Chris Helbling put it when asked what he liked best about the vacation-Bible school at St. Ambrose parish.

When quizzed about what they learned from the Bible lessons another St. Ambrose pupil Bill Rosica promptly answered. "We learn about the spiritual energy crisis," and added, "I like what I learn about.

Though their lessons were religious, the project also introduced pre-schoolers and elementary age students to creative ideas and accomplishments.

Jack Calareso who is parish religious education coordinator described the program as a "balance between education and craft work.

"I like making things," declared Gus Markoulis, a sixth grader at the school. Sheri Haas, third grade, and chum Andrea Ricchueto who goes to school 11 agreed, and specified "making yarn pictures" was their favorite pastime.

Fourth grader Cheryl Mineo talked about the high school volunteer aides. She said they were friendly, fun, and they "take time to explain things."

The young adults who assisted the lay teachers with the activities made the first year of vacation-Bible school at St. Ambrose a success.

"We couldn't run the program without them," acknowledged Calareso, "it is really a commitment

According to what the the young adults said, it was an enjoyable commitment, and one which will carry over into their future plans.

Though only a junior at East High School, Mary Kay Anderson has thoughts of working in the future with handidapped children. She was delighted with her kindergarten charges at the Bible school. "I can't believe how smart they are. They're always coming up with something new.

Jean Schum, Bishop Kearney senior, also is planning a possible future in social services, "hopefully, with youngsters." Jean will continue her community service work this year as a member of BK's "Seniors Touching People" project.

Pam Hill who is looking forward to meeting new friends when she enters Our Lady of Mercy as a freshman this September devoted her summer to volunteer programs because, "I like working with the

Before vacation-Bible school started, Pam was a junior counselor at Camp SSJ (Sisters of St. Joseph) held at the Nazareth Motherhouse where she instructed youngsters in swimming and craft projects.

The high school volunteers agreed their involvement with the vacation-Bible school had been a challenge. In order to satisfy the rapidly changing interests of the youngsters, Pam observed, "We had to keep coming up with new things."



"Simon says, be a washing machine" so states Mercy freshman Pam Hill to her Bible school charges during recess.

CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR



lean Schum,

The excitement of finishing a creative project under the direction of teachers senior at Bishop Kearney High, and Tom Rosica a junior at Aquinas.

Room at Top Limited, Yankee President Says BY JOHN DOSER at Cardinal Mooney, or Monroe shortstop Tom D

New York Yankee President Gabe Paul, who climbed from hometown Red Wing shoeshine boy in 1928 to Yankee Chief in 1975, says the Yanks were lucky to get pitcher Catfish Hunter for \$3 million in the bidding war which resulted when Hunter was declared a free agent from the Oakland A's.

Now, with that kind of salary in mind, what are the chances of Rochester area high school and college ballplayers with big league dreams, making it to the major leagues?

In a word, from the Super Yank himself, "difficult."

It's always difficult to make it to the big leagues Paul explains, because the big leagues are the top of the profession — and there can only be so many at the top.

"It's always been hard coming through the minor leagues. I think conditions in the minors are much better, however, than they used to be," Paul says.

Some of the minor leagues, when there were many of them, were pretty tough operations they were underfinanced, understaffed, etc. But cream rises to the top and if a kid has it, he'll make it," Paul says.

It takes more than a good year

Community College for that matter, to make it to the majors.

Paul says it takes more than ability, too

"It takes dedication, determination, a willingness to work and pay the price and paying the price means withstanding discouragement among other plus the fact that things plus the fact that you've got to have the basic ingredient of talent."

There's no substitute for talent, according to Paul, and ballplayers who add to their talent the other characteristics he described are the type who make it to the big leagues.

There are very few boys playing organized amateur baseball that the Yankees don't know about, Paul says.

The Yanks, like 16 other big league teams, belong to a central scouting pool, a network of professional scouts who keep tabs on young players all over the United States.

The scouts moved in and out of Rochester frequently this summer, keeping eyes on ballplayers such as Dave Smith, ex-Greece Arcadia and MCC pitcher, who signed a pro contract with the Milwaukee Brewers last month; and they are watching others like ex-Marshall shortstop Tom DiMino who played with DiMho's in the Rochester Amateur Baseball Congress this summer.

Paul doesn't reduction in the number of minor leagues compared with 15-20 years ago hinders a youngster's

"The scouting is better and the opportunities are greater because there is so much more at stake. In the lower minor leagues there are only big legaue prospects. Once it is determined the players are not prospects, they're usually released or moved down."

Big league scouts prefer to sign prospects when they are ready for proball — whether they are graduating from high school or college, faul says.

Which is better? High school or college?

Paul says the decision is where is the boy's future?

"If a boy's got a future as a ballplayer, the sooner he can play, the better off he is. If there's doubt, he should go to college."

Paul believes youngsters should go to college anyway and cites the professional baseball scholarship program where a boy can play ball and still go to college — of course he isn't eligible for college sports after signing a pro baseball contract.

Gabe Paul, former Red Wing shoeshine boy and former D&C sportswriter, says his first newspaper assignment was to cover the Red Wings.

He also says, as far as he can read, baseball coverage today isn't much different than it was back in the 1920s and 1930s.

"You can go back in the files and use a lot of the same headlines today. They still fit.

"Baseball is all what you want to see and look for; if you want to look for the negative, you can find it; if you want to look for the positive, you'll find that too, "I still think baseball is the American pastime," Paul says.

CAR WASH

Scottsville - R.O.T.C., a young peoples parish group (grades 7 through 10) is planning a car wash to raise money for various charitable endeavors. The date is, August 30, at Merritt's garage beginning at 12:30 p.m.

History Instruction Center of Criticism

Historian's loudly are claiming a,"history crisis" in the classroom.

The Organization of American Historians recently released a survey of the 50 states and the District of Columbia which noted school authorities were replacing the traditional study of American History with specialized courses such as "women in history," that teacher-training programs en-couraged generalists rather then specialists and that instruction was tending to emphasize concepts rather then facts and dates, depriving students of a chronological "sense of history."

What historians see as a crisis. however, the educators see as taking it to its next logical step.

We teach history as a social sengicivith economics, political, social, behavioral and deogra-phical ramifications, said lames Van Zoeren, social studies consultant of the New Jersey Department of Education.

In New York State high school students are required to take a year of "American Studies" organized around five areas: the American people, economic system, political system of government, cultural institutions, and foreign policy. This follows a year of American history in a more chronological framework in the seventh or eighth grade, according to the State Education Department.

American History is still a required course for high school students though it may be packaged in different ways which has caused the flareup of the old argument made by historians that history is being given a back spat to other social sciences

Compiler of genner is sweening