

The Children Who Wait

Brian . . . He Likes to Cuddle

The children waiting for permanent homes who are the subjects of this continuing series have various backgrounds. They range in age from pre-school through early teens. Some are from minority races or are mixed racially. Some are siblings. Some are mentally, physically and/or emotionally handicapped.

This week, Brian is our center of attention. According to the Council of Adoptive Parent (CAP) listing:

"Brian is a fair complexioned, 4-1/2-year-old boy who has brown hair and eyes. He weighs 34 pounds and measures 37-1/2 inches. Brian is microcephalic with accompanying retardation. He is an appealing child who shows no physical signs of the microcephalic condition.

"Brian likes to cuddle, walks unassisted, feeds himself, is partially toilet trained and speaks a few words. He is a good eater and eats with family members at the table. Brian is an active child



BRIAN

who loves to explore. He enjoys playing outside as well as indoors and is very good at amusing himself with toys. Brian enjoys riding in a car. He sits in the car with the seat belt fastened.

"Brian is a healthy child who has had no serious illnesses. He seems resistant to colds. Brian is

tangible reminders of a lovely, hot summer.

Beets, planted for the first time, did not fare well as I neglected to thin them enough. I pulled enough for one meal and the only ones disappointed were my son and I, since we alone in our family share a taste for them.

Cucumbers also were disappointing. They do best when allowed to climb. But between my father and the neighbors we did just fine, the latter bestowing upon us some Indian cukes which are long, tender with edible skins.

I am already planning next year's crop and thinking of ways to repel the woody critters. Perhaps if I got up earlier than they do.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Sarah Child

With the exception of the pumpkins which we plan to leave on the vine a little longer, the harvesting of this year's bounty is about over.

In 12 years of having home gardens I can never remember a better summer for growing things.

We did so well we even attracted new varmints from the woods as the patch of Iroquois cantaloupes on the south side of the house attests.

At first we attributed the teeth marks to the pesky squirrel that rifles our bird feeders, strips the neighbors' magnificent oak of every acorn and has been seen boldly darting into the corn to tear-down an ear and husk it in one fell swoop.

But our friends to our left report they found a woodchuck devouring their tomatoes so perhaps that is what has been sampling our luscious melons.

It has always been our habit when buying corn from a farmer's stand to ask what variety. One of the first varieties we ever heard mentioned and one of the best was Gold Cup.

That's what we've planted the past two years. Last season it was excellent. This year it was better yet — sweet, tender and plentiful. We even put in a few short rows of popcorn now drying in the garage. I have less hope for the success of this venture, so tiny are the kernels on each small cob.

Ten quarts of green tomato relish and ten quarts of tomatoes are in the basement along with eight pints of peppers and a dozen quarts of green and wax beans that my mother put up for us. My father, nicknamed Mr. Green Jeans by a new daughter-in-law, has kept her busy processing everything from acorn squash to zucchini, which has tended to interfere with her golf games.

This winter when snow is halfway up our sliding glass door I shall go down to the cellar and goat over those lovely jars.

available for immediate adoptive placement."

Brian is one of more than 1,000 children registered with the New York State Adoption Exchange who are waiting for adoptive placement.

In addition, Brian and more than 200 other children are listed in THE CAP BOOK, a photo listing service of CAP.

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 to ease the financial burden of adoption, financial subsidies are available.

What is being sought are loving, caring, adoptive homes that can meet the needs of the child.

For general information about adoption, the following agencies should be contacted:

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

For further information about Brian, THE CAP BOOK office should be contacted at 436-5070.

OAR, ERA TOPICS

Auburn — The Christian Local Service of the Cayuga County Chapter of Church Women United will meet Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church.

Mary Monnet, drug counselor with the Narcotics Guidance Council and a volunteer with

Offender Aid and Restoration, will explain the OAR concept for helping county jail inmates.

Ms. Lynn Locher, ERA coordinator for the League of Women Voters, will make a presentation on the Equal Rights Amendment.

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Scout Named



JAMES SAUERBIER

Dansville — James R. Sauerbier, an Eagle Scout with Troop 38 sponsored by St. Mary's Church, has been selected as the Upstate New York 1976 Scout National Youth Representative. Scout Executive of the Steuben Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Lawrence R. Thibault, in announcing the selection, praised the youth for his outstanding performance as a Scout and community leader.

James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew P. Sauerbier. He will be a senior in Dansville Senior High School and is a member of the National Honor Society, French Club, soccer team, ski club and student assembly.

He is also active at St. Mary's as a lecturer and member of the parish human relations committee.

He is the junior assistant scoutmaster of Troop 38 and since earning his Eagle award in January has continued in his personal advancement program within scouting.

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