Children Who Wait

Joseph — Pleasant, Outgoing

One of the thousands of "The Children Who Wait" is Joseph.

The Council of Adoptive Parents (CAP) says of him;

Joseph is a good-looking, 9 1/2 year old boy with brown hair and eyes, who was surrendered for adoption following his birth.

"He is thought to be a Rubella child and thus functions on a moderately retarded level. His highly distractible and restless nature is helped by medication. Joseph is a pleasant, outgoing young boy who has a great need to be liked and tries to keep attention focused on him. He relates well to his peers and

"Joseph is presently residing in an area instituion. His progress has been such that he now is ready for placement with a family. The home will have to be located in a school district which offers special education classes.

"Joseph needs a very special family who has the patience, understanding and flexibility to handle a limited and hyper-active child who responds well to praise and attention."

The Children Who Wait have various backgrounds, range in age

ALL IN THE

FAMILY

Sarah Child

After 12 years of excuses 1

finally took the plunge and prepared a dish that my husband

has repeatedly asked for. I try to steer clear of dishes that he remembers fondly from his

boyhood because obviously it is difficult to compete with nostalgic recall.

But with some advice from my

mother-in-law, some more from

my mother, a box of Bisquick, a

stewing chicken from my favorite

meat market and 27 pots and pans I produced a "credible"

chicken and dumpling as the New

York Times food critics are wont

My mate was gallant in his own

evaluation, and said the chicken

was just as he remembered it and

the dumplings only the slightest

bit leaden. That was good enough

for this cook who has few

We are both products of an age

when "Sunday Dinner" was a weekly event and chicken, and

gravy were star attractions. We varied only in the accompaniment. While he ate

dumplings, we were savoring light, fluffy, baking powder

bisquits which became less fluffy

as we spooned gravy over them

Anyway as he was enjoying the doughy delights on this recent

Sunday it occurred to me that as

good as the meal was, maybe the

pest thing about chicken and

dumplings is the way it sounds

but even more toothsome.

culinary pretensions.

JOSEPH

from pre-school through early teens, some are from minority races or are mixed racially. Some are siblings; and some are mentally physically and/or emotionally handicapped.

Joseph is one of more than 1000 children registered with the New York State Adoption exchange who are waiting for adoptive placement.

In addition, Joseph and more than 200 other children are listed

when you roll the word as well as the food around on your tongue. There's a kind of romance in them that words conjuring up wonderful images of an era which never heard of fast, food restaurants and when after dinner we retired to the parlor to take naps on an uncomfortable sofa. woke up with the imprint of starched doilies on our faces.

Recently we were leaving a family gathering to start the long trip home when an aunt came up with a square, aluminum foil package. She had wrapped up some blueberry buckle, a kind of coffee cake in which the yummy fruit has sunk to the bottom. The poetry of its name lies somewhere between that of blackberry cobbler and apple pandowdy Contrast them, say, with TV's much touted snackin'

I pulled out a molasses cookie recipe the other day titled "Joe Froggers" after a man named Joe who hunted frogs. I was going to serve them with Johnnycake and corn chowder. Compare that menu with the more current, prosaic steak, baked potato and green salad and it's easy to see we've lost something more than calories in our current style of

Our American dishes are as colorfully named as any exotic European dishes as witness red flannel hash, black-eyed peas, flap jacks, ham jowls, etc.

Such pictures as these kinds of food names paint is probably the reason some people read cookbooks the way others read fiction.

Obviously it's not necessary to consume the edibles in order to enjoy the music. Some sounds I love but whose foods I've yet to sample include such homey items as spoonbread, petticoat tails, (actually a corruption of a French word for cakes), comfort frosting, floating island and rum tum tiddy. And of course there's another bonus to savoring the sounds only. They'll add nary a fraction to the old waistline.

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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

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 Joseph, THE CAP BOOK should be contacted at 436-5070.

CAP Sets Conference

An all-day conference focusing on the development of the identity of the adopted or foster child will be held Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Booth Auditorium in the Graphic Arts Building of the Rochester Institute of Technology's Henrietta Campus.

Entitled ".... But You Don't Look Adopted!" The conference will feature Dr. Dennis Boike, Ph-D. A roundtable discussion and informative workshops will be highlighted by dialogue between adoptive parents, adopted and foster children and adults, agency personnel, psychologists, educators, lawyers, and other interested individuals.

The program is sponsored by the Monroe County Council of Adoptive Parents, Catholic Family Center, Monroe County Department of Social Services, Northaven Inc., and Rochester Institute of Technology's College of Continuing Education.

FUN TIME

Auburn — St. Francis will hold its third annual Oktoberfest-fiesta in the parish hall on Clark Street, Sunday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. Music

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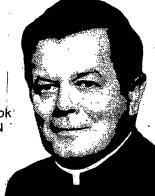
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