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John W. McDevitt, chief executive officer of the Knights of Columbus has been elected to a 13th term as supreme knight. He is the 11th supreme knight in the 93-year history of the K. of C. . . . Pope Paul VI has named Bishop Kenneth Povish to head the diocese of Lansing, Mich. . . . About 100 persons representing 24 religious, professional service, labor and citizens groups participated in a march around the Capitol in Washington, D.C. to support the banning of handguns from private ownership. . . . Father Don Murray, the "Flying Padre" who founded the Sky Ranch for Boys in Camp Crook, S. Dak., a rehabilitation center for juvenile delinquents, died in a plane crash last week along with one of his boys while trying to land in a fog at Baker, Moht.

Vatican City's post office will issue a new series of stamps on Nov. 27, commemorating the U.N.-sponsored International Women's Year 1975. . . . One of the largest rallies in Britain since World War II took place when 80,000 opponents of abortion gathered at Hyde Park in London and marched silently three miles to 10 Downing Street.

Local Woman A Maryknoller For 50 Years

Sister Marie Pierre Semler, an artist trained at the old Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute, recently celebrated her 50th anniversary as a Maryknoll Sister.

She is the former Bertha Semler, daughter of the late Anthony and Lena Semler of Chili, and has two sisters in Rochester, Sister M. Laurentina and Mrs. Mary Wehner. She entered the mission order from Ss. Peter and Paul parish.

The jubilee observance took place at the Maryknoll Sisters' Center in Ossining. The announcement of the event said that Sister Marie Pierre's 50 years of service had been devoted entirely to "praising God through the medium of art," and that the sale of her sculptures had provided continuous income for the community.

Boys Town Cites Dr. Bichsel

The 1975 Boys Town Choir Medal of St. Cecilia has been given to M. Alfred Bichsel of the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music. Dr. Bichsel received the award from his friend, Msgr. Francis Schmitt, music director at Boys Town in Nebraska.

Dr. Bichsel retired in May as professor of church music and chairman of the department. He remains an advisor to graduate degree candidates. He joined the faculty in 1960, founded the Eastman Polyphonic Choir and also taught at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. An ordained minister of the Lutheran Church; he is assistant pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Penfield. His home is in Irondequoit.

The Boys Town Choir Medal recognizes Dr. Bichsel's contributions as teacher and church musician "for his singular contribution to our ecumenical adventure."

BAKE SALE

Ithaca — A bake sale, sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Youth Group, will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2. Proceeds will be used by the group for future activities.

Dr. Wortman Chosen for Wilson Award

A leading figure in the international crusade against hunger has been selected as the first recipient of the Joseph C. Wilson Award for achievement in international affairs.

The recipient, Dr. Sterling Wortman, vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation, is credited with leading in the creation of a world-wide network of agricultural research institutes that has already begun a "green revolution" in many underdeveloped countries of Asia and Africa.

He has received an award of \$10,000, funded by Xerox Corporation and administered by the Rochester Association for the United Nations, with the participation of the University of Rochester. It is granted in honor of Joseph C. Wilson, late chairman of Xerox, who was also a founder of RAUN and a University of Rochester alumnus and long-time trustee.

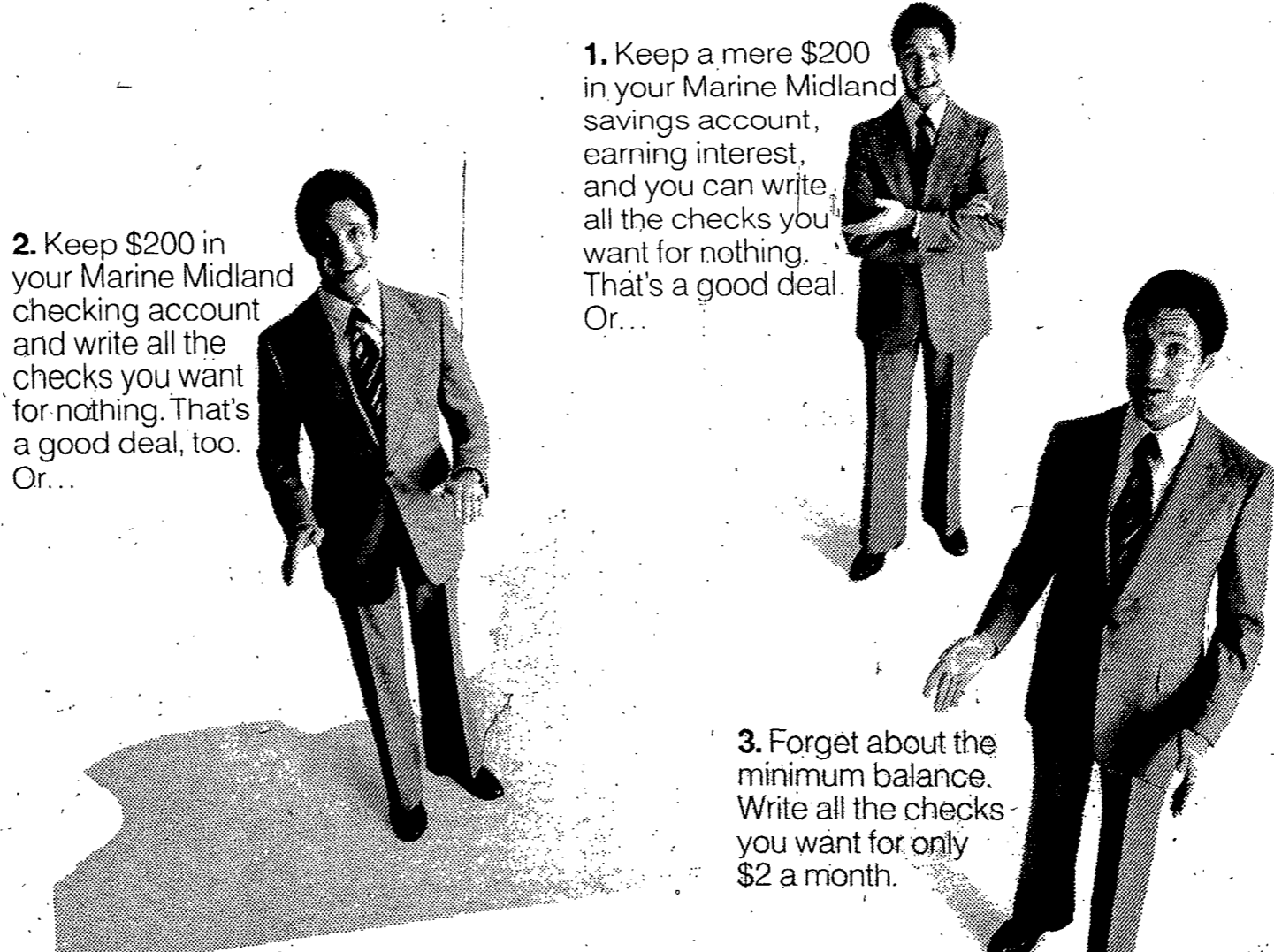


Sister Skier

Showing perfect style, Sister Carolina enjoys skiing on the slopes of Mount Stelvio in the Italian Alps, where the snow remains all year. (RNS)

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