

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School as it appears today. The center section is the addition built in 1955; the section on the left, originally a parish church, is now known as Bolger Hall and functions as the school gymnasium; the section to the right is the school constructed in 1916.

## Nativity School 100 Years Old

One of the oldest schools in the diocese, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport, is celebrating its centennial. The original school was built in 1857, and opened on Jan. 10, 1876, with three Sisters of St. Joseph as teachers.

The first event in the celebration is an open house Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. A reenactment of a turn of the century classroom scene and a slide and tape show on the school are two of the projects planned. The Men's and Women's clubs of the parish will be operating an ice cream stand, in costumes of the 1870's. One of the rooms of the school also will be set up as an archive, with old pictures and other memorabilia on display.

On Sunday, Nov. 23, the Sisters of St. Joseph's Chorale will celebrate the congregation's centennial of service to the parish by singing a Mass for all deceased alumni at 12:30.

The celebration will wind up

on May 16, when Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and others will celebrate a Mass for all alumni.

During November, all the parish bulletin boards have been decorated to make people aware of the upcoming events. Father John Phillips, pastor, has also printed old pictures of the school in the parish bulletin.

The original school building was constructed during the 51-year pastorate of Father Richard J. Story. It was replaced with what is now the old section of the school in 1916 by Father James B. Keenan. A fire on Nov. 16, 1944, severely damaged the school. Classes were continued in several locations throughout the community while repairs were being made. In 1955 a wing was added, connecting the old school to Bolger Hall, the old church building converted for use as a gymnasium. The school achieved its largest enrollment of 375 students in kindergarten through eighth grade in 1963; the present enrollment is 179 pupils in kindergarten through sixth grade.

daily feature. This should be interesting. What happens on the days when Anderson has no top secrets to share? Does he make them up to fill his time slot?

Another disaster area on the first show centered on a feature called "Face-Off". The subject: Should the federal government bail out New York City? After asking private citizens around the country for their opinions, the question was put to two political creatures, former Kennedy aide Frank Mankiewicz and Agnew, Goldwater aide Victor Gold.

The debate quickly deteriorated into a shouting match with neither letting the other finish a sentence.

There were some good aspects to the new show. The host, an actor rather than the usual newsmen, is one of them. Hartmann who first came to our attention as a medic in "The Doctors" segment of the series, "The Bold Ones" and later struck out in "Lucas Tanner" comes across as the kind of favorite uncle everybody remembers from his childhood.

The usual news reports dealt with the cabinet shakeup, Franco's condition.

There were some other newsy type features. One a tip on saving money talked about diet products and showed how many so-called diet items not only cost a great deal more but are higher in calories than their food counterparts.

I missed at least a fourth of the program in bits and pieces as I fixed breakfast, packed lunches and chased out the door with an overdue library book. Yet I would imagine the average viewer seldom sees the whole show on any given day.

The zinger, for me at least, was Erna Bombeck, who came across very professionally though she is a writer and not an announcer.

I doubt that "Good Morning America" will do anything to "Today Show" ratings but, with the exception of Rona, it was not unpalatable.

### AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

It is difficult to take seriously any news show which features Rona Barrett once during a two-hour stint. Twice in one show for the Dirt Dispenser is asking too much of any audience even if the majority of us are functioning with but one eye open at that time of day.

On the other hand, maybe Miss Rona's brand of garbage trickled out in her bird-like tones does not make everybody's skin crawl. Still ABC should be warned that this feature not only does not add any class to its new program "Good Morning America" but apparently puts host David Hartman on the defensive. He looked a little ill after each Barrett Segment during the premiere show in spite of co-host Nancy Dusault's chatter. The pair work against a setting that looks like a living room.

The new replacement for AM America is big on such features which tell us something about the kind of people it hopes to attract between 7 and 9 each morning.

For example there is Jonathan Winters as critic on the loose. In his first shot Winters gave us his impression of the movie "Jaws."

A still shot from the movie showing a girl in agony obviously being attacked, brought this explanation: "Her suit is too tight." Funny? To whom?

Jack Anderson was introduced as having secret intelligence data. His "Inside Washington" will be a

## Group Protests Tax Money For Abortions

New York State Right to Life is urging Gov. Carey to restrict the use of public funds for abortions on demand.

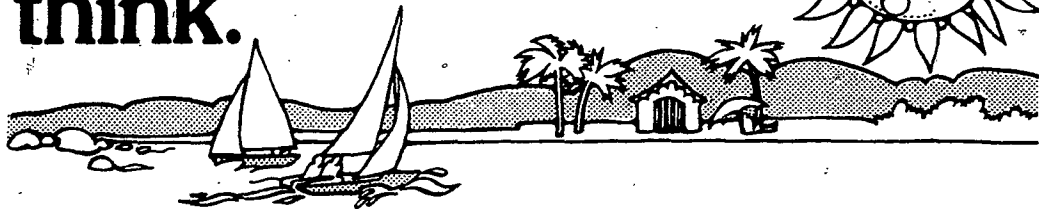
The Right to Life action follows a Court of Appeals decision upholding restrictive regulations on abortion payments in Connecticut. In that state, the nation's only woman governor, Gov. Ella Grasso, has issued a policy statement which allows the state to subsidize only those abortions where a medical need is established.

Regulations put into effect by the Connecticut Social Services Department require that a public funded abortion be recommended as medically necessary by the attending physician and the chief of obstetrics and gynecology in an accredited hospital; that written consent be secured from the patient and in the case of a minor from the parent or guardian, and that prior authorization for the abortion be secured from the Division of Health Services of the Welfare Department.

Speaking for New York State Right to Life, Chairman Johanna Jankowski said, "The use of taxpayer's money to pay for abortions that are not medically necessary is intolerable. We applaud the action taken by Gov. Grasso on behalf of the people of Connecticut and urge Governor Carey of New York to do the same. We are also pleased to note that during the Connecticut Court Case, the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare verified that federal law does not require states to pay for elective abortions."

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