

## The Children Who Wait

# Keith is Waiting

Keith is a special child, a child without a home, a child who is "hard to place."

A local group, the Council of Adoptive Parents (CAP), is trying to find a suitable home for Keith. They have published his picture in their photo listing, The CAP Book. They say of him:

"Keith is a 10-month-old baby boy with Down's Syndrome.

"He is an alert, smiling, happy child who loves attention and being played with. His health is excellent with no evidence of pulmonary disorder or a hart murmur.

"Keith rolls over, says 'Dada,' pulls himself into a sitting position and is just beginning to crawl.

"Keith loves to laugh and play with adults and children."

Children are considered hard to place for a variety of reasons. Some have mental, physical and/or emotional problems, some are older. The age range for The Children Who Wait runs from infancy through early teens. Some children are from a minority race and some are racially mixed. Some are sibling groups who should not be separated.

The one thing they all have in common is the need for an adoptive family.

In years past there was a great emphasis on placing healthy infants in adoptive homes. Today however, a special drive is underway to find loving and secure homes for children like Keith.

Persons considering adoption of The Children Who Wait should know of the dramatic change in



adoptive patterns in recent years. Today both couples with large families and singles are taking these children into their homes.

Children are being placed across religious and racial lines. Financial subsidies are available to ease the burden of adoption. The basic requirement is a loving, caring environment that can meet the needs of the children.

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 Keith THE CAP BOOK should be contacted at 436-5070.

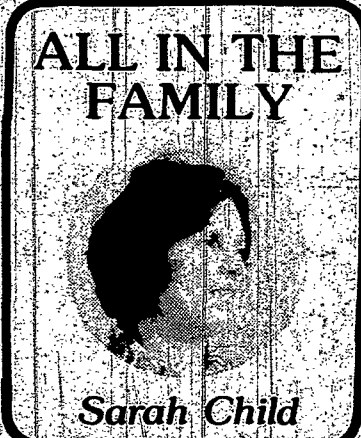
\* And thank you for the apples we finally bought. And for the ones we didn't. I'd like to go to the farm just to see the different varieties basket-ed together, red here, yellow there and names like Winesap and 20-ounce and Jonathan and Mutsu and Rome Beauty and MacIntosh and MacCoun and Empire. Thank you mostly for the last for that is what we came home with crunching them in an impromptu lunch so fresh and crisp and sweet surely it must have been harvest time and not the dead of winter.

\* And thank you Lord for the 33 seconds of sunshine shortly after noon today. It has reaffirmed my faith in the heavens, gladdened my heart ever so briefly and reminded my nose that the tan it got last summer did not come from a lamp.

\* Thank you too for the wax begonia. The pink tiny blooms have never stopped once since we bought it at the Baptist Church bazaar in October.

\* And thank you for all the smiles exchanged today, for kind greetings and warm thoughts and all those expressions of our human-ness and humane-ness.

\* And finally, dear Father, thank you for the snow and ice and mean winds and dampness. For what else would make me so appreciative of the Spring ahead?



Sarah Child

### A Housewife's February Prayer

Dear Father, Sub-zero temperatures and bleak, sunless days compel me to look elsewhere than the atmosphere for cheer and warmth. For a while it seemed as if there were none. But, I only had to open my eyes.

\* Thank you for the little white and Austrian pines against the backdrop of snow. The touch of green against the back boundary line reminds me spring is less than two months away. They are the first thing I see in the morning as I raise the kitchen blinds, the last thing before I lower them at night.

\* Thank you for the red barn we passed on the way to the apple farm this Sunday morning after Mass. Who dare call the farmer a prosaic man with his homestead a gleaming white, protected by evergreens to the left, a split rail fence to the right holding frisky ponies at bay?

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## Orthodox Host Meet

Auburn — A large congregation, ignoring bad weather conditions, gathered at St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church, Jan. 21, to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Christians of many denominations joined the parishioners of St. Nicholas as the Rev. Vladimir Soyvda celebrated Vespers in the traditional rite of his Church. After the liturgy he gave an explanation of the service.

Father James Enright, president of Auburn Interfaith Ministries, said, "This gathering together at St. Nicholas, putting aside our denominational and confessional differences, to come to an appreciation of the richness of the Eastern Orthodox faith, is the first step in our outreach to one another."

Father Enright continued saying it was good for community organizations like AIM to take time from their busy schedules to come together as it awakens Christians to the reality of the tragic disunity among Churches.

## Communications Seminar Scheduled

The Communications Committee of the United Community Chest for Greater Rochester will sponsor communications 76, a seminar for volunteers and staff of human service agencies, Monday, Feb. 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Nazareth Arts Center.

Ronald L. Bittner, UCC Communications Committee chairman and district manager of sales and marketing of Rochester Telephone Corp., has announced that the objectives of the seminar are (1) to develop and improve communications skills and knowledge, and (2) to promote year-round communications programs.

Joseph M. Valerio, senior vice president and general manager of the Rochester office of Rumill-Hoyt, Inc., the area's largest advertising and public relations agency, will be the featured speaker. His topic, "Marketing Human Services," a former account executive and newspaper reporter, he will discuss how human service agency can design effective communications programs.

## Business In The Diocese

Security Trust Company president, Arthur M. Richardson, announced today the election of Katherine R. Woodard to vice president. Woodard is manager of the bank's Trust Tax Department. Woodard began her career with Security Trust Company in 1952 as a tax accountant. She served as supervisor of the fiduciary section from 1968 to 1970 and in June 1970 was named manager of the Trust Tax Department. She is a graduate of Nazareth College. She is presently serving as treasurer of Zonta Club of Rochester and is a member and past treasurer of the Rochester chapter of the National Association of Bank Women.

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## GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hotto of Keystone Drive will have a two-day celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, which occurs Feb. 6. On Saturday, Feb. 7, friends and relatives will assemble for Mass at St. Joseph's, Penfield, and lunch at the Penfield Tavern. On Sunday, nieces and nephews will give an open house party in Lyons, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hotto. Among the guests will be Mrs. Ross Salladin, who was her sister's bridesmaid 50 years ago.

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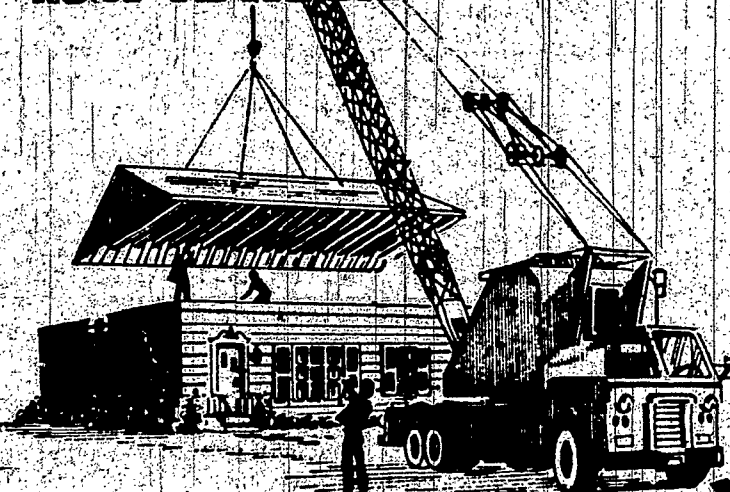
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