

The Children Who Wait

Brian — Happy and Loveable

Brian is a brown-haired, brown-eyed 6-year-old Mongoloid child. He is a very happy and lovable youngster. Within the past 1 1/2 years Brian has learned to walk. He feeds himself, brushes his teeth, walks up and down stairs with assistance, but does not yet talk.

His inability to speak is thought to be connected with a hearing impairment. He is presently going through a series of tests to determine this factor. Brian is not toilet trained and therefore requires a great deal of care.

He has been attending a special educational facility affiliated with the BOCES program for the past two years. Brian is doing extremely well in this program.

Brian has been with his present foster parents since birth and would relate well to any equally loving and concerned parents.

The Council of Adoptive Parents (CAP) uses these words to describe a member of a very special group, a group we call The Children Who Wait. These children, for one reason or another, are considered by



BRIAN

adoption agencies to be hard to place.

CAP regularly updates The CAP Book, a photo listing service of more than 200 hard-to-place children across the state.

The book is circulated to more

than 100 agencies in the state and to more than 20 other states.

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 siblings 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 Brian.

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

pot roast and New England clam chowder are lasagna, chicken and matzo-ball soup, tacos and Swedish meatballs. Other "American" favorites which should have been contenters: kuchen, baklava, crepes, to name but a few.

If you ever doubted that it takes time to accomplish something of value just think about all the writers who have reminded us it is so. A sampling: Lucretius (55 BC) discussing the training of children. "Continual dropping wears away a stone." John Heywood (1546) in his Proverbs pointed out that "Rome wasn't built in a day." And Shakespeare in King Henry VI noted: "And many strokes, though with a little axe, Hew down and fell the hardest-timbered oak."

So next time you begin to despair your kids will never learn to hang up their clothes.

The muse seems to have settled in affecting at least two members of the household. To wit this: Letter written by the eight year old: Grandma, two of our grandmas just left and I'm sorry, I wish you could come some times. I really do think you can some day. I know I can come down next time and give you lots of big kisses. We had pancakes for breakfast BUT they went as good as yours.

And the six-year-old has been composing on the guitar. One of the family favorites is this one, only a little grisly: "I'm me, I'm me, I lost my knee. Oh, no, oh, no, I lost my toe."

The youngest has also finally been able to identify the hero of Glen Campbell's current hit. She'd been trying to figure out just what or who he was when she spotted a cover of the magazine which comes with the Sunday New York Times. Adorned by a rather unkind caricature it featured Republican Presidential hopeful Ronald Reagan dressed in a western suit style all asparkle. She asked what the glitter was and when told cried enlightened: "Oh, he's the Rhinestone Cowboy."

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

In celebration of the bicentennial, Woman's Day Magazine recently included a small cookbook of what it termed, "New All-American" recipes.

Right next to the fried chicken, **Hillside to Merge With Northaven**

Two child welfare programs serving the greater Rochester area will soon be combining their services. The boards of directors of Hillside Children's Center and Northaven, Inc., have voted for a merger of the two agencies.

Announcement of the merger was made jointly by the presidents of both boards, Hillside's Mrs. James F. (Nancy) Mangan, and Northaven's Robert W. Warren. Mrs. Mangan explained that the two agencies had been negotiating for almost a year. "We began working together when Hillside leased Northaven's residence for one of our Group Homes. Since then, our cooperative relationship has grown in many ways."

"Our board and the Community Chest have been increasingly concerned about the economic viability of a one-service agency such as Northaven," Warren added. "We feel our merger with Hillside, an agency which shares our commitment to child welfare services, will provide us with a stronger base of operation, insure the continuance of the adoption program, and permit the delivery of service at a reduced cost. In addition, the merger has advantages for Hillside in that they will gain a new service, the expertise of the Northaven staff, and the continued support of our board and membership."

The merger of the agencies must now be approved by various departments of New York State before it can become effective. It is expected all approvals will be completed by mid-1976.

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On March 17, Father Sebastian Falcone will discuss The Life of Christ as a Jew. The adult education

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