



Easter Program

Students in the released time program at St. John the Evangelist parish in Clyde took part in a special Easter ceremony. It began with a film on Easter followed by a special Seder supper presented by Father John Coonan, pastor. Father Gerald Hainer, associate pictured, then spoke to the children about the weight of the cross. An Easter party followed.

AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

It has been a while since I had turned the channel selector to "Today" primarily because I don't turn to anything that time of day other than the Cable Channel 5 weather station.

The first look shortly after 7 a.m. on a recent weekday morning was not promising. A bland faced, properly resonant voiced young man was giving the news. I did not recognize him. (Some day some media expert is going to make a great discovery and recommend hiring announcers with distinguishing marks — wart on nose, Clark Gable ears, etc. Until then we will all have to suffer along with the Peach Fuzz most stations harbor despite the fact that many of us never cared for callow youth even when so afflicted ourselves.)

But never mind that he is not identifiable. I soon learn he is but a substitute, no doubt for another young man indistinguishable from the herd.

There is no sign of Jim Hartz, the also bland, baby-faced young man hand-picked to complement the talents of Barbara Walters. For that matter there is no sign of Ms. Walters either.

I pour another cup of coffee and begin reading the morning paper while the Today staff and NBC offer various filler. More news, weather and assorted commercials, promotions and breaks for the local station. I am temporarily non-plussed to hear messages exhorting me to listen to CBS and Walter Cronkite. Maybe I got up too early. No, I look and discover it's WROC Radio now affiliated with that other network. Curiouser and curiouser.

Soon Jim Hartz makes an appearance. Then Ms. Walters. I pay more attention to how her hair is fixed and what she is wearing and the rings on her finger than what

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Family Life Leaders Hold National Meet

More than 300 Catholic Family Life directors and associates from throughout the nation, including Father Robert Collins and Mrs. Joanne Noonan of the Rochester office, gathered in Newark, N.J., April 1-3 for a national convention entitled "Focus '76".

According to Father John M. Morley, Newark Family Life director and convention chairman, "Focus '76" provided "an ideal opportunity" for religious and lay persons involved with Family Life to learn, share knowledge and exchange experiences. Twenty-two workshops on Friday dealt with

such topics as marriage preparation, ministry to divorced Catholics, engagement and marriage encounters, natural family planning, education in human sexuality, ministries to Black and Spanish families, and medical-moral issues facing the family of the future.

Special convention guests were Father Donald Conroy, Family Life representative for the United States Catholic Conference, and keynote speaker Clayton Barbeau, author-lecturer and specialist in marriage

and family living. Archbishop Peter L. Gerety, of Newark celebrated a special liturgy to open the convention on April 1.

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Local Man Wins Grant

Dr. James W. Brodman, a Rochesterian teaching at the University of Central Arkansas, will spend June and July in Spain, doing research on Christian-Muslim relations in the 13th Century. The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded him a \$2,000 stipend for this work.

The research, in Madrid and Barcelona archives, will center on two religious orders that ransomed Christians held by Muslims in Spain and North Africa — the order of the Most Holy Trinity for the Redemption of Captives and Our Lady of Mercy for the Redemption of Captives.

The ultimate goal of the project, Brodman told the Conway, Ark., newspaper, is "the first comprehensive picture of medieval redemptionism as an important example of frontier Christianity and as a significant factor in Christian-Muslim relations."

The 30-year-old historian will present a related research paper next month at the 11th Conference on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Brodman of Mapledale Street, a former parishioner at St. Ambrose and a graduate of McQuaid Jesuit High School. He was graduated with highest honors from Canisius College, Buffalo, and took his master's and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Virginia, where he was a Danforth Fellow. Before joining the UCA faculty in 1972, Brodman taught at St. John Fisher College.

CDA CONVENTION

"One nation under God, reconciled by Christ our Savior" is the theme of the Catholic Daughters of America state convention scheduled for May 10-14 at Stevensville Country Club, Swan Lake. Bishop Edwin B. Broderick of Albany will be the keynote speaker and principal concelebrant of the opening Mass.

District deputies and regents from this diocese are engaged in planning the 35th biennial convention.

she is saying. Finally it filters through. Her guest will be a Jewish gentleman, survivor of Nazi prison camps who later turned Nazi hunter and writer.

We have all come to understand that commercials are a TV fact of life. On no other program, however, is it more evident it is a matter of the tail wagging the dog. Ms. Walters cannot complete two full sentences without making reference to a sponsor's demand to be heard.

Since I turned in a few minutes later I am unaware of the plum in store. Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein of the Washington Post are trotted out to talk about their most recent sensations causing book "The Final Days".

They were compassionate to Nixon, they tell us, and yes, it was necessary to write that the Nixons were sexually alienated to show the degree to which the former president was a lonely man.

Just as I began to relinquish the hold on the morning paper, Woodward or maybe Bernstein is cut off in mid thought and there is a message and some breaks and the local news comes in and I wonder if that's it.

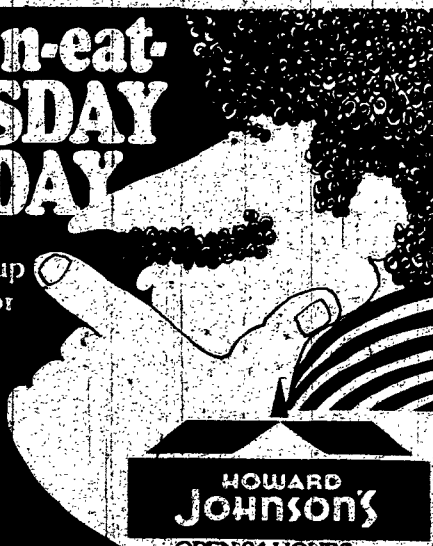
It's not. Five or six minutes later they are back to talk about David Eisenhower's role in giving them information, Kissinger's scorn for Nixon and the fact that the ex-president did not collapse but carried on to the end.

No, they will not tell us who Deep Throat is as Ms. Walters turns playful. I turn away impressed — by the quiet but firm manner both men exhibit. Ms. Walters is commendable. She is skillful in her interrogation. I can't remember if Hartz has said or asked anything. Ms. Walters has overshadowed him.

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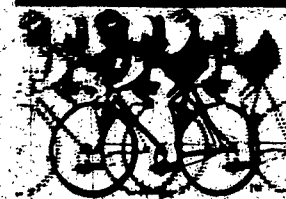
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