

Brian Is a Charmer

Rochester's Council of Adoptive Parents (CAP) is trying to find a home for little Brian.

In a photo listing CAP circulated earlier this year Brian is described as follows:

"Brian is 5 1/2 years old and Caucasian. He is blind and slow in physical development. He is a handsome boy, who is happy with familiar people at a school for blind and handicapped children, and in his foster home.

"He loves music and swimming, but most of all enjoys being with people.

"He is beginning to walk, and assists in dressing himself.

"Brian needs a family who will accept and help him with his disabilities, and toward achieving his potential. Parents must have



BRIAN

much patience, persistence, and accept his slow development and blindness.

"Brian is a charming and delightful boy!"

Brian is among many children in the state whom adoption agencies consider hard to place.

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.

Rev. Fassett Named PRO For Indian Policy Board

Washington, D.C. — Thomas M. Fassett, an ordained minister and radio and television personality, and former coordinator of urban affairs for the Xerox Corporation, has been named director of communications and public information for Congress' American Indian Policy Review Commission.

Fassett has worked for many years with the national American Indian interests, and was head of the Seneca Nation's Indian Manpower Planning Council. He attended both undergraduate and graduate school in Rochester, receiving a B.A. and B.D./M. Div. degrees. He is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, and works for the Senate and the

House of Representatives under a special appointment of Bishop Joseph H. Yeakey, resident United Methodist bishop of the Syracuse area.

Fassett, who has been a special assistant to the commission since Sept. 1975, commented that "if our report to Congress in 1977 is to achieve its goals, all Indian communities throughout the United States are going to have to give their testimony and recommendations to this predominantly Indian staffed commission. Unless every tribe and band and Indian organization in the country puts its weight behind the report, our recommendations will fall on barren ground."

'Aging and the Church' Focus of OHD Seminars

A series of seminars on "Aging and the Church" has been announced by Sister Judith Reger of the Office of Human Development. The seminars will feature talks by experts in the field of care for the elderly, and discussions. A special invitation is extended to older persons to participate.

Four seminars are scheduled for Rochester, and one each for Corning and Geneva. The series began May 4, and will continue Tuesday, May 11, at St. Monica's Parish Center, at 7:30 p.m. Three speakers will be featured: Pat Tanneyhill, Monroe County Office for Aging; Mary Corcoran of the Eastside Community Center; and Wende Sanderson of the Southeast Nutrition Center. The May 18 session, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Rita's meeting hall, West Webster will be

a public forum, providing an opportunity for all interested to express their views. Tuesday, May 25, also at St. Rita's, Kevin Cullen of the Office of Human Development will lead an examination of what the Church's response to the elderly should be.

In a separate series, on Thursday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Patrick's School in Corning, Sister Juliana O'Hara of the Chemung County Office for Aging will speak. The same group will meet again in St. Frances DeSales School in Geneva May 20 at 7:30 p.m. to hear the Rev. Gordon Curtis, manager of St. Mark's Terrace in Penn Yan.

Further information can be obtained from Sister Judith at the Office of Human Development, 328-6400.

Youth Ministry Conference Year-End Meeting Set at Watson Homestead

Father James J. DiGiacomo, SJ, chairman of the Religious Studies Department of Fordham Preparatory School, will be the featured speaker at the first annual Youth Ministers Conference Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8, at

Watson Homestead in Painted Post. The event is the first of its kind in the diocese. Areas to be addressed include Youth and Adult Apathy, Place and Content in Youth Ministry Activities, the Christian Community as Youth Ministers.

opener in college ball, Tuesday night, Sept. 7, and it's a good one: UCLA vs. Arizona State.

Odds Without Ends: Biggest upset of infant baseball season was the rainout in Dodger Stadium. There were 53,000 fans in the ballpark when the opener was postponed, the first in 724 games.

The Tom Seavers and Catfish Hunters get the money and the ink, but the best pitcher in baseball probably is a 26-year-old lefthander from no-man's-land, San Diego. Toronto may not have any big league baseball background, but it was host to a little bit of history. Way back in 1914 a 19-year-old rookie triggered his first professional home run for Toronto of the International League. The swinger: George Herman Ruth.

Quote and Unquote: Vancouver coach Phil Maloney on the Philadelphia Flyers: "Every time they skate past you, there's a hockey stick around the neck. This is not cry-baby talk. It's the honest truth." Texas-El Paso track coach, on a foreign prospect for a scholarship who spoke no English: "If he's good enough, there are ways of overcoming little obstacles." Handsome young giant Jim Fuller's first reaction to the new red-on-red Red Wing knits: "I feel like a tomato with legs." That reminded Times-Union writer Ray Buck of the time gigantic Boog Powell first donned new, bright red Cleveland Indian threads. "They said he looked like a huge blood clot."

IN THIS CORNER

George Beahon

Hopscothching The Sports Beat: Despite tradition and publicity, the Kentucky Derby is over-rated. Of the last 10 Derby winners, only two went on to be named 3-year-old of the year. One of them was super horse Secretariat, who last month became a father on two consecutive dates. The Belmont Stakes has produced more 3-year-old champions, probably because many horsemen consider the Derby test too long and too early. Pro football men insist defense is far more important than offense. When the new NFL expansion club in Seattle had first pick in the college draft, it passed up the glamor guys and took Notre Dame defensive tackle Steve Niehaus.

Before Irish alumni begin celebrating that one, take note that the pros selected 200 more players before the second Notre Damer was drafted. That's an upset trend. How about Tuesday Night Football? It's the ABC network



With Sister Margaret Mary Ganley at the piano McQuaid parents Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Palermo and Dick Kane rehearse for this weekend's play.

McQuaid Parents On Stage

The Parents' Club of McQuaid Jesuit High School will present an original musical production, "A Day in the Life of..." on May 6, 7, 8 at Mercy High auditorium, 1437 Blossom Rd.

Written by Father William O'Malley, SJ, and directed by Eugene Ragus, the cast includes parents, alumni, faculty, and friends of McQuaid.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. for all performances. Ticket prices are \$3 for adults, \$1 for students and may be purchased from cast members or at the door.

ST. JAMES FESTIVAL

The St. James parish council has planned this weekend's festival as a mixer, to get people within the parish and the neighborhood in general exchanging ideas for a better community.

The festival is scheduled for 6:30-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8, with a Saturday Special for children, 1-4 p.m., all in the church hall, 109 Brockley Road. The council's executive committee includes Francis E. Boon, Stella Beahan, Maurice Tette, Kay Kretschman, Richard Nicolay and Thomas Coughlin.

GeVa INVITED TO SCOTLAND

The GeVa theater company has been invited to play its bicentennial feature at the Edinburgh Festival, which takes place Aug. 23-Sept. 11.

The play, billed as the first comedy written by a citizen of the United States, is Royall Tyler's The Contrast. It is running at 168 S. Clinton, at 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, at 5 and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and at 5 p.m. Sundays, through May 16. Reservations may be made through 232-1363.

Msgr. Eckl Party June 4

Former parishioners, members of religious communities and friends are invited to make reservations for the Msgr. George Eckl Diamond Jubilee Dinner-Dance scheduled June 4 at the Mapledale Party House.

Reservations may be made by calling St. Andrew's Rectory at 342-8686 before May 15. Tickets are \$10 a person in advance.

Junior League Plans Benefit Show House

The Junior League of Rochester has scheduled a Decorators Show House from May 1 to May 23 at 65 W. Jefferson Road in Pittsford.

The house will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m., Sundays, and from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Wednesdays.

Proceeds from ticket sales will support Junior League projects, such as Children's Theater, the Women's Career Center, and other civic or community projects considered worthwhile by the league.

GUADELUPE PILGRIMAGE

A Liverpool parish is organizing a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. A complete itinerary may be obtained by writing St. Joseph the Worker Church, Sixth and Tulip Sts., Liverpool, N.Y. 13088, or calling 315/457-6060. The tour will run from Thursday, June 10, through Tuesday, June 15. Reservations should be made by May 14.

IFCA MASS

The Rochester Circle of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, IFCA, will sponsor a Mass on the feast of the Mother of Mankind on Saturday, May 8, Mary's Day, at Corpus Christi Church at 12:05 p.m. The public is invited to the liturgy which has been promoted by the group since 1928.

RETREAT

Elmira — Reservations for the weekend retreat at Our Lady's Villa in Mt. Pocono, Pa. May 14-16 are being accepted by Mary E. Fitzgerald, 729 W. Clinton St., Elmira (734-7439). All twin tier area ladies interested in making this year's retreat are asked to contact Miss Fitzgerald as soon as possible. Those in the Corning area may call Margaret Crane, 222 Dodge Ave. (936-4688).