

Parish, Neighbors Celebrate Nation

The folks at St. Boniface Parish and their neighbors staged a gala bicentennial celebration last weekend with events ranging from demonstrations of Revolutionary Era household crafts through displays of memorabilia from the parish, through a giant parade, through an old-fashioned box lunch picnic, through a colonial supper-dance to liturgies celebrated in a Bicentennial theme.

On Friday evening all the school's classrooms were set up with displays and things one could turn one's hand at. Pupils of St. Boniface acted as hosts for the events which included butter churning, tin hammering, candle dipping and ice cream making.

More than 100 children from the school also presented a song and dance pageant tracing the history of American music that evening.

A parade with 12 floats made by parish neighbors, marching bands from various area schools, clowns and antique cars and fire engines marched through the area on Saturday and wound up at a family picnic at #12 School.

That evening an authentic colonial era supper was served to more than 200 guests dressed in

colonial garb. The menu featured such items as peanut soup, baked virginia ham with peaches, succotash, sherried sweet potatoes with pecans, corn bread and gingerbread.

Americana abounded at the Sunday liturgies with processions including children in colonial garb and scout color guards, with banners and flags and music in specifically American themes.

Of special interest to the parishioners, however, is the publication of a bicentennial booklet compiled by the seventh graders of the school under the direction of their teacher, Rick Walter.

The booklet includes information on Rochester suburbs, "Earth Shattering Events in Rochester," Weather Proverbs, American Slang and Home Remedies.

The 140-page booklet, which is available at St. Boniface Rectory also includes a section entitled "Well, as I recall."

This section of special interest to students of local history, includes 25 oral histories taken in interviews with older parishioners at St. Boniface.

Penfield Man Wins President's Award

Washington — Rep. Frank Horton (R-NY) met recently with Mr. and Mrs. John Marszalek, who are visiting Washington. Marszalek, a resident of Penfield, and a member of St. Stanislaus parish in Rochester, was the recent recipient of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Award of 1976 for WOKR-TV Channel 13 AM in Rochester. The award is given to an athlete who has qualified himself in a particular sport or athletic event. Marszalek was awarded first place in the category for Senior Citizens Exercise Programs.

A resident of Penfield for the past three years, Marszalek has been the recipient of another media-related award. Earlier this year he was awarded first place for a radio


ethnic program by the Public Broadcasting System. This program, which is broadcast in Polish on WXXI-FM, is a half-hour show of music and news and was chosen for the award from a group of 130 entries.

Marszalek and his wife, Ann, also have a two-hour bilingual radio show on WYOR-AM. Marszalek is a physical therapist at the Plaza Athletic Club.

"John Marszalek has made an invaluable contribution to the Rochester area through his work in the media dealing with senior citizens and disabled children," stated Rep. Horton.

The Marszaleks have two children.

IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

Label the Triple Crown of thoroughbred racing the most overrated set of prizes to dominate the sports pages. When a Citation or a Secretariat comes along, it's worth all the hoopla. One of them comes along every 25 years. In between, owners, trainers and jockeys ruin good 3-year-olds in the competition for super ratings and quick retirement for enormous stud fees.

The judgment of management of Bold Forbes and Honest Pleasure this spring was unbelievable. Even the lowest minor league racing people know you don't burn out a young horse in long races in the spring — especially by setting a killing, front-running pace. Preakness strategy of both those entries was a classic example of cardinal sin in racing. And two of

the world's most illustrious jockeys, Braulio Baeza and Angel Cordero Jr., were as gully as their trainers and owners.

This fact alone should, and does impress most stables. In the last 10 years, only one Derby winner managed to emerge as horse of the year, and that was the incomparable Secretariat. Call it hollow glory. By comparison, five of the last 10 Belmont Stakes winners have made that distinction. Because of the stakes scheduling, the five weeks between Derby and Belmont spell an enormous difference in development. Added jolting fact: Only two of the last 10 Derby winners managed to win honors even as 3-year-olds of the year.

Thoroughbred racing at a good level over any distance beyond a mile is a matter of pace, not speed, by consensus of most veteran handicappers. Speedballs break the clocks going three quarters of a mile, then gas out. Along comes a plodder to wing past the front runners in the stretch to win in relatively slow time.

The syndication wealth that made Secretariat famous and his owners richer, is poisoning the thinking of greedy horsemen, and blowing the Triple Crown image into a series of disastrous cavalry charges. Racing at the 3-year-old level is degenerating. All because of the demand for instant success through glamor breeding.

3 National Prizes for Courier

The Courier-Journal won prizes for photographic features, in-depth reporting and youth coverage in the 1975 competition of the Catholic Press Association encompassing newspapers in the United States and Canada.

Greeley Report Spurs Meeting On Schools

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — The National Catholic Educational Association, prompted largely by a controversial study of Catholic education completed by Father Andrew Greeley's National Opinion Research Center, will sponsor a symposium of distinguished scholars to discuss issues facing U.S. Catholic education.

The three-day symposium, in San Francisco June 7-9, will seek to formulate recommendations for the future of Catholic education, according to Father John Meyers, president of the NCEA.

"The recent publication of a major research work, Catholic Schools in a Declining Church, prompts us once again to invite a select group of distinguished educators to participate in this second symposium. In preparation for this event, NCEA has commissioned eight essays on Catholic education."

He said that while the essays are related to the chapters in the NORC study, "they are not based exclusively on this one research work."

GEM Sets Religious Freedom Celebration

The Genesee Ecumenical Ministries is organizing "an interfaith service of thanksgiving and supplication" for 1 p.m. Independence Day.

Leaders of all the religious traditions represented in the city have been asked to take part. They are expected to assemble in the Civic Center Plaza during noontime Sunday, July 4, and then march to St. Luke's Episcopal Church on South Fitzhugh Street.

The heart of the service will be the Bicentennial Mass which Dr. Samuel Adler of the Eastman School of Music wrote for the University of Notre Dame. It will be the first Rochester performance of the work, which uses the framework of the Latin Mass with scriptures from the world's great religions. Singers who would like to be in the chorus are asked to contact Melvin Butler at 325-4000.

The committee has invited every congregation to send a delegation of five to ten persons. Clergymen are asked to wear their most festive robes, and national groups, to come in costume for "a service which will witness to the great heritage of religious freedom we cherish as Americans."

Included was a first prize for Best Photo Story for a Jan. 22, 1975 centerfold, "Welcome to Life," photos by Susan McKinney, text by Bonita Baldwin. The photo feature, published on the anniversary of the Jan. 22, 1973 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court liberalizing abortion, contrasted the hope and promise of birth with the court ruling.

The CPA judges praised "Welcome to Life" as a "captivating photo story. It starts with a delightful cover picture of the newborn with her mouth open and continues to moving scenes of various aspects of the event."

For photographer McKinney, it was her second first prize of the year. In March she won first prize (for another photograph) from the New York Press Association in competition with secular newspapers from across the state.

Courier-Journal editor Carmen Viglucci won second place for best in-depth reporting for a series of reports on Rochester's inner city. Other Courier writers, including John Dash and Bonita Baldwin, collaborated on the series of which the judges commented: "In a superb series, the problems of Rochester's inner city are explored

in terms of what they mean to the Church, its schools and all its functions."

First prize in the category went to the national publication, The National Catholic Reporter, for a report on charismatic "Convenanted Communities."

The Courier-Journal's RapAround section captured third prize for Best Youth Coverage. The judges were impressed by its "appealing editorial mixture, information readers' comments and features." RapAround, edited by Joan M. Smith, covers the activities of the Catholic high schools in the diocese and was instituted last year.

The Church World of Maine and the Catholic Register of Toronto, Canada, were the first and second prize winners.

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