

COURIER-CALENDAR

Bicentennial Festival — At St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Paul Boulevard, West Irondequoit, 6 p.m.-midnight, tomorrow through Saturday, June 24-26, with Strawberry Social Thursday, Friday, 6-8:30. Craft booth stocked by parishioners, games, food.

Festival and Chicken Barbecue — Saturday, June 26, at St. Rose, Lima, starting at 5 p.m.

Opera Under the Stars — Howard Hanson's Merry Mount, 8:40 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday, June 24 and 26, Highland Park Bowl, free. Rain dates: Friday, June 25, and Sunday, June 27.

Eastman Summer Chamber Series — Bonita Boyd, flute, and Maria Luisa Faini, piano, 8 p.m. Monday, June 28; Hubbell Auditorium in Hutchinson Hall, U of R campus, free.

I Love America Bicentennial Cavalcade — Traveling musical multi-media show, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, St. Ambrose Church, Culver and Empire, free.

Boxing at the Beach — AAU boxing card, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 27, opening day at Ontario Beach, sponsored by Monroe County Parks and St. Martin's Boxing Club. Free.

Junior Tennis Tournament — For boys and girls 8-18 years, opening Monday, July 5, University of Rochester tennis courts, sponsored by Rochester Jaycees; entry blanks at neighborhood recreation centers, tennis clubs.

Autograph Party — Leo and Diane Dillon, illustrators of 1976 Caldecott Medal book, Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears, 3

p.m. today at Light Impressions, Midtown Plaza-Seneca Bridge. Children and parents invited.

Southwest Golden Age Group — Meeting at 34 Monica St., 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 25.

Collectors' Show and Sale — Fifty dealers in coins, stamps, antiques, Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 10-6, at Building 2, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Calkins and E Henrietta roads.

Summerstage — Theater training for students in grades 8-12, June 28-July 30 at Harley School, 1981 Clover. For details: Michael Lasser, summer session director; 442-1770.

Musical Day Camp — For teenagers. Music lessons, swimming, field trips, July 5-30, Barley School, W. Church St., Fairport. Details: 223-9474.

Elizabeth Clark Dance Ensemble — Noontime today, Crossroads Park, June 30, Flower City Ramblers. Free. (In case of rain, at Hochstein School, 50 N. Plymouth.)

Intercultural Luncheon — Tomorrow noon, YWCA, 175 N. Clinton. Hosts and hostesses are youngsters from 14 city schools and 19 countries, who take part in English-as-a-second-language program. For reservations: 546-5820.

International Folk Festival — Saturday, June 26, noon-6 p.m., Rochester Museum grounds, 657 East Ave.

Deadline

Calendar items should be mailed to the Courier-Journal Calendar Desk, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604. Deadline is Wednesday noon, one week ahead of the publication date.

Henry McDonald Dies, Athlete, DeSales Coach

Geneva — Henry McDonald, one of the outstanding athletes of the first half of this century, and the first football coach at DeSales High School, died June 12, 1976, in Geneva General Hospital at the age of 85.

In 1973 McDonald was inducted into the Black Hall of Fame, along with Willie Mays, Jackie Robinson, Jimmy Brown, and Buddy Young.

McDonald, once a teammate of the legendary Jim Thorpe, was the first black man ever to play professional football, joining the Rochester Jeffersons in 1911. During the 1920's, he also played in the Negro Baseball League. After ten years as trainer for the Hobart

football team, from 1919-29, McDonald acted as coach for the first DeSales football team.

After retiring in 1956 from his job at the American Can Company here, he became a Little League umpire.

McDonald was a parishioner of St. Stephen's Church, and a member of the third and fourth degrees of the Geneva Council Knights of Columbus.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Ronald Antinorelli Tuesday, June 15, at St. Stephen's. A delegation of DeSales students attended the services.

Deaths

Sr. Georgetta

Sister Georgetta Nier, a Sister of St. Joseph for 69 years, died June 4, 1976, at the age of 84.

The Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated in the Motherhouse chapel by Msgrs. John M. Duffy, Joseph Sullivan and William Roche, and Fathers Joseph Reinhart, William Flynn and David Simon.

Sister Georgetta taught for more than 60 years, chiefly at Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart and St. Augustine's. She remained active until two weeks before her death.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Clarence G. (Elvira) Heininger and Mrs. John T. (Miriam) Nothnagle; a brother, Edward F. Nier; ten nephew and three nieces. One of the nieces is Sister Anne Nothnagle, SSJ.

Mrs. Rombaut

Mass of Christian Burial for Dolores J. Rombaut was offered Friday, June 18 at Our Lady of Mercy Church. The Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Fathers John Whalen, Elmer McDonald, Gerard Hafner, T. Paul Mürley, and Michael Conboy. Fathers William Amann and Charles Latus, co-pastors of Our Lady of Mercy, delivered the homily. In attendance were Fathers Louis Hohman and Paul Wohlrab.

Mrs. Rombaut, of Armstrong Road, died June 15, 1976. She is survived by her husband, Paul G. Rombaut, who is active in the Knights of Columbus; a son, Gregory, and a daughter, Louise; her parents, Henry and Louise Milatz; and a brother, Richard Milatz, of California; also, several nieces and nephews.

listed as contributions. The track's entire share of parimutuel betting profit would go to the fund. Many of the track employes donated part or all of their day's wages. Concessions profits also went into the pot.

The State of New York went along with the show. That is, the state okayed the special day of racing, and the state grabbed its entire share of the parimutuel play. What else would you expect of Big Brother?

The net result was that St. Peter's realized about \$20,000 toward its restoration fund. That plus insurance money and other fundraising deals will get St. Peter's back up off the ground.

A man who was on the scene wrote about the special day for Hoofbeats Magazine, a harness horse publication that is way out in front of any other periodicals in either flat or trotting areas.

Two nuns wearing what nuns think are street clothes, wrote Charlie Leerhsen, were on the scene. In the feature race, an 8-year-old pacer that had been distanced in a race that went in 2:05.2 the week before, paced to victory in — you guessed it — 2:05.2. Having just witnessed a miracle, the nuns applauded politely.

To complete the fund raising, reported the author, the people of St. Peter's will take it themselves with their own promotions and auctions.

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Rochester Host To VFW, Auxiliary

For the first time in 10 years the State Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their annual convention in Rochester, June 23-26.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 24, at 9:30 a.m. in the Rochester War Memorial.

According to Vincent Guadagnino, commander of Patchen Briggs Post 307, which is hosting the convention, dignitaries

attending the event include William Jennings Bryan Dorn, former congressman from South Carolina, and Thomas C. Walker, commander-in-chief of the VFW.

Also scheduled for the convention are a bicentennial parade through downtown and a fireworks display at Crossroads Park at 10 p.m. Friday, June 25.

EDUCATORS HONORED

Dryden — Holy Cross Church recently honored the members of the 'Religious Education' staff, at a special Mass. Members of the staff shared in the readings and music and prayed for a more active involvement by parishioners.

Recognized for their many hours of devotion and teaching: Eleanor Hammond, Ellen Fagan, Donna Fris, Virginia Fleszar, Chris Williams, Winnie Kiley, Cheryl Hemmelgarn, Theresa Morria and Pat Seewald. Team teaching couples were Jim and Rosemary Bobnick, Kaz and Lois Machukas, Guy and Josephine Cilento, Fran and Sharon Lisi, Roger and Jeanne Pellerin. Mini course couples were Ed and Bev Maynard, Tom and Jan Frutak and Jim and Barb Ivers.

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George Beahon

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church is, or was, a country stone church at Broadway and Liberty Streets in the bustling borsch belt of Monticello, Sullivan County, New York State. It has, or had, about 500 parishioners if you did a head count on Christmas or Easter Masses.

Which it did not celebrate last Easter or last Christmas because the 102-year-old church was gutted by fire last Dec. 14.

The sport/business of horse racing has been eligible for, and subjected to a good deal of, knocking in this space from time to time, mainly because said knocking has been warmly deserved.

So it is good to report something nice about the sport of harness racing, and Monticello Raceway in particular. That's where St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church of Monticello, Sullivan County, etc. comes in.

Last month the track promised the pastor of St. Peter's a benefit program of racing. The posters were headlined "Racing to the Rescue" and specified that all proceeds of this special day would go toward the restoration fund of St. Peter's. No passes would be honored, admission fee of \$2.50 would be