



Seeking Members

The St. Thomas More Women's Guild is conducting a membership drive. Goal of the campaign, which opens with a 7:45 p.m. meeting Monday, Sept. 20, is to get all women in the parish to join the guild. A plant display and demonstration by Chris Henry will highlight the meeting. Mrs. George Scardetta is chairman of the membership drive, assisted by co-chairman Mrs. Sam Vasile. Mrs. Fred Costello and Mrs. Joseph Brock head the committee. Coffee and dessert will follow the meeting.

AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

There is good news for homemakers and those sick abed who cannot stand the usual daytime fare of soap operas and game shows.

Cable subscribers — and their number is ever on the increase as the company expands to new towns — should take a look at Channel 9 in New York at 11 a.m.

I discovered "Straight Talk," an hour-long talk show, about a month ago as I was looking for something to fold clothes by. On that particular morning I tuned in about 10 minutes after the hour to discover someone talking articulately, cogently and fascinatingly about a man. Moreover two women co-hostesses of the program were asking extremely intelligent questions about the man, his relationship with his mother, with his father, his wife, all those around him. But what man?

I soon learned. The first woman who had been speaking when I tuned in, the guest, was Doris Kearns, an associate professor of government at Harvard, and author of "EBJ" and the "American Dream." The co-hostesses, Phyllis Haynes and Mary Helen Phillips.

At the end of a half hour I'd decided it was the best 30 minutes I'd seen on television since last winter's "Franklin and Eleanor" and immediately made a note to call the library to reserve the book and if that failed to produce the volume then to order it at the bookstore.

For those as uniformed as I on the subject of "EBJ" and the "American Dream" Ms. Kearns spent four years at the EBJ ranch on and off ostensibly interviewing the 36th president. Very obviously she also spent a good deal of the time

placating, entertaining and otherwise occupying his time so Ladybird could have some free time to herself. The picture Kearns drew was objective. One got the feeling that she, second only to Ladybird, knew the man better than anyone. Saw what he was, and why he was that way. Obviously she came away from the experience with a certain respect and visible affection for a man with a lion's share of faults.

Uninterrupted but for a pertinent question now and then, the show rolled on and on. Thinking that I must have hit an unusual day I was in no hurry to tune in again. The second time was almost as good. I cared little for the subject matter — feminists vs. male chauvinist language — but so well done was the questioning, the presentation of the protagonists' case and the rebuttal that I left the TV set again believing I'd heard something of value.

The third time I spent the entire hour listening to a discussion of the plight of foster children in New York State. The first half of the show was given over to foster parents explaining their views and the remainder to an attorney working on behalf of foster children and two welfare program officials.

Whoever selects the guests must get top credit for choosing people who have a cause or subject of interest and who can articulate. But the hostesses and I do not know which is which — one is an attractive young black woman and the other an older white woman — are to be commended upon doing their homework. In addition to being well-versed neither has the need to cut a guest off à la Merv Griffin or Johnny Carson and station breaks are few and far between. For those able to tune in, "Straight Talk" is highly recommended.

Monastery Fete Set for Sunday

Elmira — Mount Saviour Benedictine Monastery will hold its 23rd Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 19. This is the institution's 25th anniversary year.

The annual event commemorates the dedication of the chapel of Our Lady Queen of Peace and the monastery's foundation. Each year

Nursing Home Gets Chaplain

Elmira — Father Thomas Corbett, associate pastor of St. Mary's Church, has taken on the duties of Catholic chaplain at the Chemung County Nursing Facility, Heritage Park. He will provide 24-hour coverage and will celebrate an afternoon Mass once a week on First Fridays, and otherwise on Thursdays.

Father Corbett will work with the Rev. Jay H. Parker, Protestant chaplain, and Mrs. Jean P. Hurley, activities director, in caring for the spiritual needs of 200 residents. His first Mass Aug. 27 was followed by a reception.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council of St. Boniface Church will resume sessions this month. Re-elected to the council are George Rennie, Thomas Enright and David Foley. Newly elected to the 21-member council are Marion Kinsky, Thomas Cole, Robert Kaseman and Eileen Gaffke. Rennie serves as president of the council.

Business in the Diocese



Thomas M. O'Malley, RN, has been appointed assistant administrator for nursing service at St. Mary's Hospital. He formerly was administrator of a rehabilitation hospital in New Jersey and earlier had been associate executive director of St. Mary's Health Center in St. Louis. O'Malley received his RN from Alexian Brothers Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago in 1964. He was awarded a BA in sociology from DePaul University in 1967 and a master's degree in hospital administration from St. Louis University in 1969. At St. Mary's, he will be responsible for coordinating all patient care activities. He lives in Fairport.

thousands from the southern tier are attracted to the monastery located off Hendy Hollow Road in the town of Big Flats. Festival profits help support the monks.

Co-chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. T. Curran Sekella of Elmira and Brother John Brown. The festival will open with Mass sung by the monks at 10 a.m. and close with Vespers at 6 p.m.

The street of shops will feature a bake shop, Christmas booth, odds and ends, jams and jellies, hand-made items, plants and flowers, a mitten tree, and a try-and-buy booth run by the sisters of St. Mary of Namur from Buffalo. Stanley Douglas will be master of ceremonies.

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