

Ann... the Other Buckley

By JOAN SMITH

On Tuesday, Sept. 14, while Republican Sen. James Buckley tackled New York State's primary, his wife Ann, calmly chatted with the Rochester members of the "Friends for Buckley" organization over lunch at the Americana-Rochester Hotel. She was a guest at the B. Foreman's annual fashion luncheon.

Mrs. Buckley said she was not nervous about the outcome of the day's voting and as far as the November senatorial elections were concerned she confidently added, "I think Jim will win but it will be hard."

Ann Buckley, a native of Rye, N.Y., and a graduate of Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart is an attractive, down-to-earth woman who has the knack of putting people at ease. Her patience was in evidence during the luncheon where she was kept busy moving from table to table meeting people and answering media questions. She is a woman with definite ideas — a major one being that the abortion law should be changed.

"It is after all, murder," she said. "It is the taking of a life which is not the mother's... no one has the right to do that."

She explained that basically the issue comes down to whether people believe a woman has total control over her body. If they believe she does then they are for abortion; if they don't they are



Ann Buckley

Photo by Ben Susso

against it. Though abortion has become a campaign issue, Mrs. Buckley indicated she couldn't foretell whether it would be a deciding factor in the November election results.

She does consider this year's national election as crucial for the country and nodded sadly about the surveys projecting low voter turnout. She blames this fact on "apathy" especially among the young. She recalled a recent article which stated that less than 50 percent of the new young voters would vote.

The Buckley clan, including six children, Peter, Jay, Priscilla, Bill, David, and Andy, along with nieces and nephews, are wholeheartedly involved in the campaign. "It's a great idea," Mrs. Buckley exclaimed, "they're learning that getting elected means hard work."

Did she expect any of the children to follow in their father's political footsteps? She answered it was too early to tell but admitted since they've been involved with campaigning they have become more interested in politics.

Before her marriage in 1953, Mrs. Buckley, then Ann Frances Cooley, held a position with the Central Intelligence Agency. All she would say about those days in

Washington, D.C. is that it was an exciting time.

Though at times Mrs. Buckley finds political life frustrating, she contended, it has exhilarating moments. One such moment was the July luncheon she and the senator enjoyed with Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip aboard the "Britannia" in New York harbor. Mrs. Buckley had the pleasure of sitting next to the prince whom she described as, "a most attractive, charming, and humorous man." She displayed her own sense of humor as she laughingly remarked, "My life has been downhill ever since."

Ann Buckley describes herself as not a "political person" in the sense of being highly visible; being everywhere and involved in everything for the sake of the political image. Instead, she sets priorities for her time and energies.

Now that the senator has won the primary, Mrs. Buckley will be busy campaigning. She admitted she doesn't give speeches "just a few words." Rather, her forte is projecting the Buckley image through her meeting and chatting with supporters. She considers her campaign duties an enjoyment. "But," she pointed out, "I'm not out ringing doorbells where I'm meeting the opposition."

Cathedral Offers 4 Adult Courses

The Sacred Heart Cathedral adult education courses begin next week. Bible, family, and moral values are the categories, and all of the teachers are repeaters in this well-established program which draws students from all over the city.

Father Sebastian Falcone will continue his bible course with a study of St. John the Evangelist. The class opens Tuesday, Sept. 28, and will meet regularly on Tuesdays, 8-10 p.m., in the rectory.

Family Service of Rochester again offers a study of family problems and resources, with Paul McVey, the associate director, as instructor. This course, on Wednesdays from 8 until 10 p.m. in the rectory, begins Sept. 29 and is limited to 26 couples.

At the same time on Wednesdays, in the small school hall, Father Terence Fleming will conduct a course entitled Exploring Moral Values. Father Fleming is chaplain at Mercy High School and Motherhouse, and teaches theology at the school.

Beginning Sept. 30, Patrick Fox will give a basic bible course, from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m. Thursdays in the rectory. Fox is religious education coordinator at St. Louis parish.

The fee for the evening courses is \$7 per person or \$5 per couple, and for the afternoon, \$2. Students may register at the first session or through Joan Winter, 235 Alameda St., Rochester, N.Y. 14613, telephone 647-3481.

BROTHER DAVIS

Ithaca — Brother Joseph M. Davis, executive director of the National Office for Black Catholics, will speak at Cornell's Sage Chapel at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 26. On the previous evening, at 8:30, he will take part in an open discussion arranged by Father Kevin Murphy's Catholic Ministry office.

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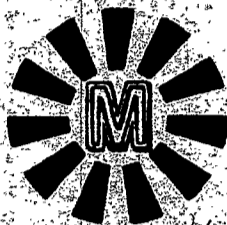
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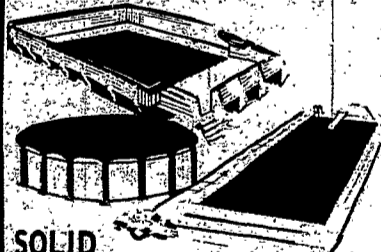
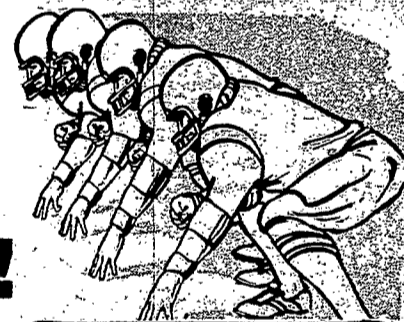


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