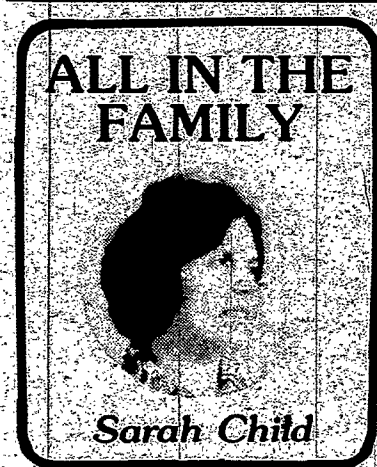




**Century Club**

Robert Roth, president (center), Frank McAlpin, publicity chairman, (right) and Brother Edward O'Connor, moderator, meet to plan the Century Club Dinner-Dance. A committee of Bishop Kearney parents and friends of the school have opened the annual drive for membership in the B. K. Century Club. The Dinner-Dance will be held on Friday, Feb. 25, at The Party House on Beahan Road. Special events are being planned for the 10th Anniversary Dinner of this group. Information is available from Roth (342-9551) and Brother O'Connor (342-4000). The proceeds will be used to hold down tuition costs.



Sarah Child

We were rearranging the dust the other day preparatory to something or other when the head of the house unearthed the large paperback edition of "Grandma Moses" he had purchased for me while we were browsing in a Washington, D.C. bookstore last spring.

I had spent many hours poring over the more than 100 reproductions of her paintings shortly after the acquisition, reveling in the warmth, the color, the joy embodied in each of them. And then the book was piled unceremoniously with a group of other pamphlets, books, souvenir material we'd picked up on the trip and forgotten.

The rediscovery of it was like a breath of spring on a dreary November weekend and the two of us (the dust momentarily forgotten) took turns leafing pages, exclaiming over the artistry, choosing favorites and vowing to make a trip to The Grandma Moses Gallery of the Bennington Museum the next time a short vacation was in order.

Rereading the accompanying printed material I was reminded all over again what a lesson Anna Mary Moses' life is for all of us, particularly for those of us who think because we haven't accomplished what we set out to do by age 30 or 40 or 50 — even 60 that we have failed.

Grandma Moses, as most people

know, started painting seriously only in her old age although obviously the desire to do so had begun much earlier with her.

She wrote: "When I was quite small I had to have pictures and the gayer the better. I would draw the picture, then color it with grape juice or berries, anything that was red and pretty in my way of thinking."

Since she did not have the leisure to develop her talent, either in her early youth or as a housewife, her artistic urge was often expressed in decorating objects of daily use around the house.

It was not until her children were grown and married and her husband dead that she began a new path. "Leaving me unoccupied, I had to do something, so took up painting pictures in worsted, then in oil." She was 67 at the time. She was to achieve world renown and deservedly so.

Because her endeavor did not take great physical exertion she was able to continue working at it until a few months before she died at age 101.

It is something of a national disease, the attitude that youth is a requirement for fulfilling dreams. Granted a man who waits until he is 60 to begin trying to run the four-minute mile has a problem. But for too many of us the only limitations are those we place upon ourselves — those of attitude.

Getting a college degree at age 70, taking piano lessons for the first time at 45, learning to type at 60, inventing household gadgets at 59, taking up photography at 80, writing a family history at 85. Scientists tell us now that mental powers need never wane. An active mind in somewhat less active body can be a passport to a second career, new directions, even high adventure.

And, as Anna Mary Moses noted it is only our willingness to remain unoccupied that will keep us from varying degrees of success.

**Repentance  
Advent Theme**

Repentance has been chosen as the theme for the Advent programs of the Rochester Catholic Charismatic Renewal Coordinating Center.

On Dec. 10, there will be a charismatic Mass at 8 p.m. followed by the first of a two-part teaching on Repentance. Martin F. Lynch will develop the thought that repentance is for everyone and that repentance and healing are very closely related. Lynch is the coordinator of the recently established Center and has served as the first coordinator of the Greater Rochester Area Charismatic Renewal Leadership Group.

He is a member of the Advisory Committee of the Midwestern Regional Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He is also a member of the Association of Christian Therapists, a national group of doctors, nurses and other professionals involved in Christian healing.

The second part of the teaching on Repentance will be given by Father Paul J. McCabe on Dec. 17. A Charismatic Penance Service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

All programs are held at St. Augustine's Church, 410 Chili Avenue, Rochester.

**Sisters Council  
To Consider  
'Detroit Papers'**

During the Dec. 11 meeting of the Sisters' Council there will be a special segment (11:20-12:20 p.m.) on the "Detroit Papers."

Two delegates who attended the November "Call to Action" conference, Sisters Molly Brown and Patricia Frisk, will read papers dealing with "Personhood" and "Family." All sisters are invited. The meeting will be held at The St. Joseph Motherhouse.

**ADVENT SERIES**

Two Friday evening Advent Seminary will be guest speaker. The programs will begin at 7:45 p.m. Dec. 10 and Dec. 17. The focus on the significance of Jesus. Dr. Joseph Torma, director of field education at St. Bernard's family education committee.

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