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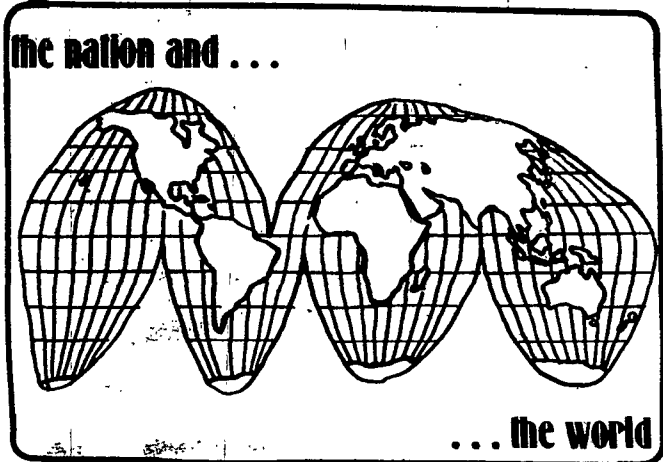
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John Bunce, left, presents a check for a thousand dollars to Sister Mary Daniel, principal of St. Augustine's School, while Roger Case, next to him, gives an equal amount to Sister Clare Francis Mogenhan, principal of St. Monica's School. Looking on are Father David Simon and Sister Sheila Walsh. Last year, young people from the two parishes put on a musical review of the Broadway stage that earned the money. This year on May 6, 7 and 8 at St. Agnes High School the youth will present an original show, "Good News," based on scripture. The lyrics and music are being written by Anthony Falzano.

Food Skills? . . . Mmmm!

The seniors in the Management program get Rochester Institute of Technology's Food skills by planning,

preparing, and serving dinners at the college. The dinners have been sold out weeks in advance, and if the meal served 80 persons Jan. 27 is any indication, will continue to be sold out in the future.



From Courier-Journal Services

The South African Roman Catholic Church said it would continue to enroll non-white pupils in its previously all-white schools, despite government threats to close down the schools. The Anglican Church, meanwhile, gave notice that it planned to follow the Catholic example and open its now-segregated schools to all races. Top officials in the Transvaal and the Cape, the country's largest provinces, ordered Catholic schools to expel the non-white students they had recently admitted. The order was coupled with a threat to "de-register" the schools and prosecute the parents of the children involved if the schools do not comply. The Italian Catholic Bishops Conference denounced parliamentary approval of legislation to legalize abortion as a "very sorrowful event in Italian history and life." Roman Catholic organizations, including the Italian Christian Association of Workers, joined in an outcry against the measure, approved by the Chamber of Deputies, 310-296. The bill would permit women over 16 to decide, with or without authorization by a doctor, to terminate pregnancies during the first 90 days. The present law holds that abortion is a "crime against the human race."

World Jewish population is estimated at 14,145,000 (down 85,000 in a year) and U.S. Jews number about 5,485,000 (up 116,000), according to the 1977 edition of the American Jewish Year Book. The United States continues to have the most Jews. Next comes Israel with 2,953,000, then the Soviet Union. A New York State Supreme Court justice has ruled that the state's flat denial of alimony payments to men is unconstitutional and that women may be called to support needy ex-husbands. Ruling in the case of a Long Island couple, in which the wife had sued for annulment, Justice Bertram Hartness said the state's alimony statute "excluding women from ever paying alimony rests on an assumption impermissible." . . . Citing "certain weaknesses" in a U.S. Catholic Conference proposal for a national communications collection, the Catholic Press Association has declined to participate in the effort and warned that the collection — aimed principally at electronic media support — would be "extremely harmful to the Catholic press." . . . While President Carter was holding a reception in the White House for the diplomatic corps, a pro-life rally, the first major all-day demonstration of his administration, was held on the Ellipse, across the street from the Executive Mansion. Police estimated that 40,000 marched down Pennsylvania Avenue but Nellie Gray, founder and president of the march, told the crowd "there must be 100,000 of us here."

Sen. Bob Packwood, Republican of Oregon, called the anti-abortion stand of Joseph Califano, the new secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, "extremely disturbing." Packwood, a staunch advocate of abortion, was the only member of the Senate Finance Committee not to vote for Califano's confirmation to the job. A court in Rhodesia has sentenced a Swiss Roman Catholic missionary priest, Father Paul Egli, to five years in prison for his failure to report the presence of black nationalist guerrillas in his mission territory.

The dinner had a New England theme, and led off with New England Fish Chowder, which turned out to be a highlight of the meal. Lemon ice, served in a lemon rind, and excellent dark bread preceded the main course, marinated crown lamb served with red wine. A dessert course of raspberry pie and liqueur made for an excessive taste contrast, but each was excellent.

At the end of the meal, the appreciative diners applauded the class' work. Their skills should be well received when they move into area food establishments after graduation.

—Toombs



Good Scout

George Manning, who has been in the Boy Scout movement since he first joined in 1928, is the new chairman of the Great Northern District's Cub Packs. He has worked at the district level in the same Irondequoit area for the past 23 years and has been associated from time to time with troops at St. Francis, St. Andrew's and St. Salome's. His wife, Joan, has been a Girl Scout leader for 15 years, and all of their four daughters and five sons have been high achievers in scouting.

Archbishop Bernardin

Seek Other Means, Not Death Penalty

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — The president of the U.S. Catholic bishops' conference, in a statement on capital punishment issued here, expressed the view that "more destruction of human life is not what America needs" and "he urged national leaders to seek other means of dealing with serious crime."

Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati recommended courses of action which foster respect for life in a society "in which such respect is sadly lacking." And, in particular, he asked "those who advocate capital punishment to reflect prayerfully upon all the moral dimensions of the issue."

In the statement released by the U.S. Catholic Conference, the prelate

acknowledged that capital punishment "involves profound legal and political questions" and "touches on important moral and religious concerns." He also recalled that in 1974 the U.S. Catholic Conference declared its opposition to the reinstitution of capital punishment.

"Since that time," he explained, "a number of individual bishops, state Catholic conferences and other Catholic organizations have actively opposed the death penalty. Many have expressed the view that in this day of increasing violence and disregard for human life, a return to the use of capital punishment can only lead to further erosion of respect for life and to the increased brutalization of our society."

(One Catholic prelate, Archbishop Francis Furey of San Antonio, however, recently issued a statement strongly supporting the death penalty for people who "commit heinous crimes, such as brutal murder." He said that capital punishment is a deterrent to serious crime.)

Archbishop Bernardin, stating that crime in society cannot be ignored, said that concern for human life requires the development of effective preventative measures, the assurance of "swift and certain punishment, the reform of the criminal justice system, and steps to eliminate the complex causes of crime in our society."

"I do not challenge society's right to punish the capital offender," the prelate said, "but I would ask all to examine the question of whether there

are other and better approaches to protecting our people from violent crimes than resorting to execution."

"In particular, I ask those who advocate the use of capital punishment to reflect prayerfully upon all the moral dimensions of the issue," he added.

Acknowledging that forceful arguments for capital punishment have been made by people of "evident good will," the archbishop declared: "But the more pertinent question at this time in our history is what course of action best fosters respect for life, all human life..."

"In my view, more destruction of life is not what America needs in 1977," he asserted.

"It is for this reason that I hope our leaders will seek methods of dealing with crime that are more consistent with the vision of respect for life and the Gospel message of God's healing love," he said.

AQ CERAMICS

The well-equipped ceramics studio at Aquinas Institute will be open Monday evenings this semester to a small class of adults. Emphasis in the course is on the use of the potter's wheel and on free-form sculpture and pottery; no molds are used. Classes begin Feb. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Details may be obtained by calling the school, 254-2020.

LEBANESE FETE

St. Nicholas Church, at Remington and Leo streets, is putting on a Hafli Saturday night, Feb. 19. Food and drink, dancing and entertainment are offered, beginning at 7 p.m.

Deaths

Adelaide B. Collins, 89

East Bloomfield — Adelaide Bechtold Collins, widow of John L. Collins, died Jan. 20, 1977, in Thompson Memorial Hospital, Canandaigua. She was 89 years old.

Mrs. Collins left 81 direct descendants in three generations, including two daughters who belong to the Rochester Sisters of Mercy.

The Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Jan. 23 at St. Bridget's by Father Elmer McNamara, pastor, and Fathers Francis Feeney and James Moynihan. Grandsons and great-grandsons served the Mass, in a liturgy prepared by the Mercy Sisters of St. Joseph's, Penfield.

Mrs. Collins and her husband were among the original parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester, when it was established in 1914. They moved here in 1944. At St. Bridget's she was a member of the Rosary-Altar Society and the Catholic Daughters of America. She was a member also of the Daily Mass League.

Surviving are six of seven sons and five daughters: Thomas Collins of Avon, William and Robert of Rochester, John, of Walworth, and James and Richard of Holcomb; Mrs. Edward (Ruth) DeRycke and Mrs. James (Doris) Norman of Holcomb; Mrs. William (Virginia) Hess of Williamson, and Sisters M. Catherine (Shirley) and Margaret Ann. There are 37 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a sister, Margaret M. Bechtold, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. William Collins, both of Rochester, and several nieces and nephews.

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