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Scouters Receive Award

The Otetiana Council, Boy Scouts of America, recently awarded the Silver Beaver Award to 12 local Scout leaders. Included in the group receiving the highest award in Scouting were Richard H. Batz, Frederick J. Farmer, Marquis Paul, Albert E. Piccoli and Rita Redfield.

Batz first joined Scouting in 1943. As an adult leader, he has served as a Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Pack and Troop Committeeman and Roundtable Commissioner. Active in St. Theodore's Parish, Gates, he also serves on the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Farmer began his Scouting career as an

Assistant Cubmaster in Pack 175 11 years ago; he is currently the Scoutmaster of Troop 175. In addition to the Silver Beaver, he holds the Scouter's Training Award, Scouter's Keys and Wood Badge.

Paul has been involved in Scouting for 45 years, currently as an assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 151. He has received the Scouter's Training Award, District Award of Merit and Wood Badge Beads. He is active in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Piccoli has served as assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Troop Committeeman and Dean of Merit Badge Counselors.

Presently a Troop Commissioner in Special Scouting, he is a member of the Catholic Committee on Scouting and active in Holy Rosary Parish.

Rita Redfield has been involved in Cub Scouts for 11 years, serving in a variety of posts. She has received the Den Leader Training Award, Scouter's Key, Commissioner's Arrowhead Award, District Award of Merit and the St. George Emblem. She is active in Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish.

Other recipients were Robert A. Sachs, Grace Strong, Skip Baxendell, Joseph E. Bourcy, Dr. Frederick J. Halick, Shirley E. Miller, and William Nyhof.

Bp. D'Antonio to Be Speaker at Seminary

Bishop Nicolas D'Antonio will be the featured guest when St. Bernard's Seminary holds its annual Mission Day Thursday, Feb. 17 at the seminary.

Bishop D'Antonio, a Rochesterian, was bishop of Juticolta, Olancho in Honduras and an outspoken critic of poor living conditions there. When he could no longer function as a bishop, he moved to exile in Baltimore, Md.

Bishop D'Antonio will preside and preach at the Eucharistic liturgy during the day then hold an informal session at 7:30 p.m. at the seminary to which the public is invited.

The event is sponsored by the St. Bernard's Mission Society which over the years has supported local and foreign missions of the Church through prayer and financial assistance.

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DEATH PENALTY

Theological perspectives on the death penalty will be presented at today's Forum on Justice by Rabbi Judea Miller of Temple B'Rith Kodesh, the Rev. Joseph Pelham of Colgate-Rochester and the Rev. Leon Dupree, president of the United Church Ministry. The Wednesday forums are held at 101 S. Plymouth, 12:15-1:15 p.m. The death penalty series ends next week with a discussion of moral dimensions.

MASS ALBUMS

St. Bernard's Seminary is offering a limited number of recordings of the funeral Mass for Bishop James E. Kearney. The Mass was sung by the St. Bernard's choir at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The albums are available at the school library.

Annual Irish Feis Scheduled For Feb. 26

The fourth annual Feis Rochester's Grand Irish Night dinner dance is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26 at Mother of Sorrows Church Hall.

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by a 7:30 roast beef dinner. Music will be by Dooley's Flying Column with the Penrose Irish Step Dancers.

Deadline for tickets is Feb. 20 from Mary Lou Neary, 663-7276; Gladys Daly, 663-8766; Elsie Penrose, 458-6438; Breda McGuigan, 381-9172.

Ms. Reinhardt Wins Degree

Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt, a former Rochesterian, received the Master of Divinity degree Feb. 13 from the Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago. She was the first woman to receive such a degree there, the school reported. Her six class-mates were priests.

Mrs. Reinhardt, mother of four children, began her studies at Colgate-Rochester several years ago. In 1973-74 she worked in the religious education department of this diocese as consultant to parish coordinators.

In the commencement announcement, Father William C. Guindon, SJ, president of the theology school, noted that she had "completed all the requirements for ordination to the priesthood."

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Item: The American Medical Association asks Eastman Kodak, along with nine other large corporations, to eschew television, shows featuring violence. Kodak has indicated it will take steps to remove its advertising from any program which contains excessive and gratuitous violence.

Item: The National Parents and Teachers Association, through a series of meetings in metropolitan areas, is focusing the nation's attention on the need for public concern and action in the area of responsible programming.

The above items all discovered in a week's reading of various periodicals constitute a hopeful sign. For years now the industry has trumpeted that "TV has come of age." Now it appears that the viewer is finally gaining some maturity also, evidenced by the move to monitor television's influence on the public, particularly youth.

The call by responsible groups and individuals to force television into responsible and moral programming and sponsors to relay their messages with honesty, credibility and non-deception is not particularly new. But only in recent months has it become more widespread and vocal as more individuals and groups such as the PTA and the AMA address the problem of TV as a learning experience in which violence, sex, amorality all compete for youngsters' attention.

As one concerned viewer noted: "Television is a teaching system without a school board. Nobody is checking the curriculum. Nobody is hiring the teacher."

Maybe not. But a vigilant and concerned public which can dictate with its pocketbook can do much if it is informed. And the chances now look good that this will be done on an ever-increasing basis.

AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

Item: Participants in a "television awareness" workshop in Atlanta recently were reminded that TV commercials have as significant an impact on young viewers as do the programs they sponsor.

Item: Research by the Media Action Research Center was cited at the same workshop that most children do not clearly understand the difference between programs and commercials until the fourth grade.

Item: Chairman Richard Wiley of the Federal Communications Commission told the annual convention of National Religious Broadcasters that the American people are "thirsting for (TV) programming which is decent, wholesome, and family-oriented; programming which will further the basic moral and spiritual values of our country and not degrade or destroy them."

Item: The FCC chairman also said that while he does not believe that government regulation "in this sensitive First Amendment-oriented area" is either feasible or constitutionally appropriate, he feels that the broadcast industry "has a tremendous moral responsibility to its audience — and particularly to the child viewer."

Item: The TV industry which has continually excused the low level, mediocre programming it has dispensed over the years by saying it is merely "giving the people what they want" discovered that eight nights of consecutive screening of quality programming, "Roots," attracted the

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