

Life, Liberty and Law



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birth especially if they wish to nurse the baby. The chemical make up of the pill will appear in the milk and the effects on the baby are unknown at this time. (I should think it advisable to see a physician other than the one who prescribed the pill in the first place. . .) Also it is suggested that the pill decreases the amount of milk.

Next week: continued.

Continued from last week: Package-insert information relative to oral contraceptives. Although the government notes that as yet there is no definitive proof that the pill directly causes cancer, they do warn that "women with a strong family history of breast cancer or who have breast nodules, fibrocystic disease, or who have abnormal mammograms, or who were exposed to the estrogen stilbestrol during their mother's pregnancy must be followed very closely." The pill can cause liver tumors and these can rupture, causing fatal internal bleeding.

"Oral contraceptives should not be taken by pregnant women because they can damage the developing child." The pill can also cause defects of heart and limbs in the child, and can increase the risk of cervical and vaginal cancer in female children of women who take the pill during pregnancy. Also the government points to evidence that those who become pregnant too soon after getting off the pill have a higher incidence of miscarriages of abnormal children. Women are advised to be off the pill three months before attempting pregnancy. (The government notes too in this connection it is often difficult to conceive after continued use of the pill.)

"Women who have used the pill for two years or longer have twice as great a risk as non-users of having gall bladder diseases requiring surgery." Among other effects of pill usage are epilepsies, migranes, kidney diseases, heart diseases, mental depression and anxiety, liver malfunctions, jaundice, high levels of sugar and fat in the blood, and high blood pressure. There are other side effects such as breast tenderness, vomiting, weight changes, skin discoloration, bleeding and menstrual changes. (These are all classified as minor). Among the reported but unconfirmed effects are urinary imbalances, kidney diseases, nervousness, increases in body hair, fluctuations of the sex drive, appetite changes, cataracts and the inability to wear contact lenses (or the need of a new prescription.)

Women are advised by the government to see a physician before starting to resume use of the pill after a

GARAGE SALE

Preparing a "gigantic" garage sale for May 20 and 21, the Parents Club of St. Agnes High School has arranged for six area collection depots. Rochester people who have things to donate may call Pat Keating at 442-7121; Brighton, Pat Crowley, 235-8869; Henrietta, Carolyn St. James, 334-8214; Scottsville, Anna Krenzer, 889-4740, and Gates-Chili, Mildred Howden, 247-1809, or Jane Zaepfel, 889-1082. Items may be left at the school, 300 East River Road, without prior notification. The sale at the school will be open from 9 until 9 on May 20, 9-5 on May 21.

IFCA Sets 'Mary Day'

Mary Day, in this diocese an annual celebration the day prior to Mother's Day, sponsored by the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, will this year be dedicated to the memory of the late Bishop James E. Kearney by the Rochester circle of the federation.

Mass will be celebrated Saturday, May 7 at the Cenacle Retreat House. The noon rites will be led by Father John Rosse, chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital. Federation members and their friends are invited to attend.

Miss Mary Lou Napoleon and Miss Therese O'Brien are cochairmen.

1008 BROADWAY

The children of St. Rita's School are preparing an entertainment entitled 1008 Broadway as a benefit for the Sisters of Mercy infirmary fund. They will perform at 7:30 p.m. May 10, 11 and 12 at the school, 1008 Maple Drive, Webster.

CORRECTION

A line of copy was dropped in Nancy Murphy's column in the April 27 issue, which altered the sense of the paragraph. The text should have read:

This new draft includes warnings of the common minor ill effects as well as the rarer more serious ones. The FDA points out that as yet there is no positive proof that the pill may cause cancer directly nor is there yet any valid reason to believe the pill cures or prevents venereal diseases.

Vigil Service

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4530 St. Paul Blvd., will host an evening vigil and Mass service tomorrow, May 5 from 7:30-11:15 p.m. The vigil, called "Focus on the Eucharist," begins with evening prayer, Mass at 8:15 followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Thomas' invites everyone for all or part of the service. Focus on the

Eucharist vigils are being planned for a different Rochester-area parish each month on the Thursday evening before First Friday.

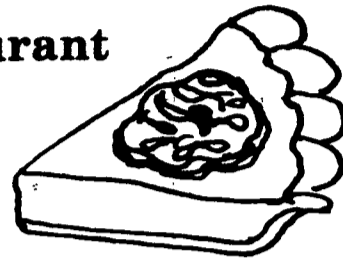
MAY DEVOTIONS

Seneca Falls — May devotions, consisting of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, will be conducted at 7 p.m. each Wednesday of the month at St. Patrick's.

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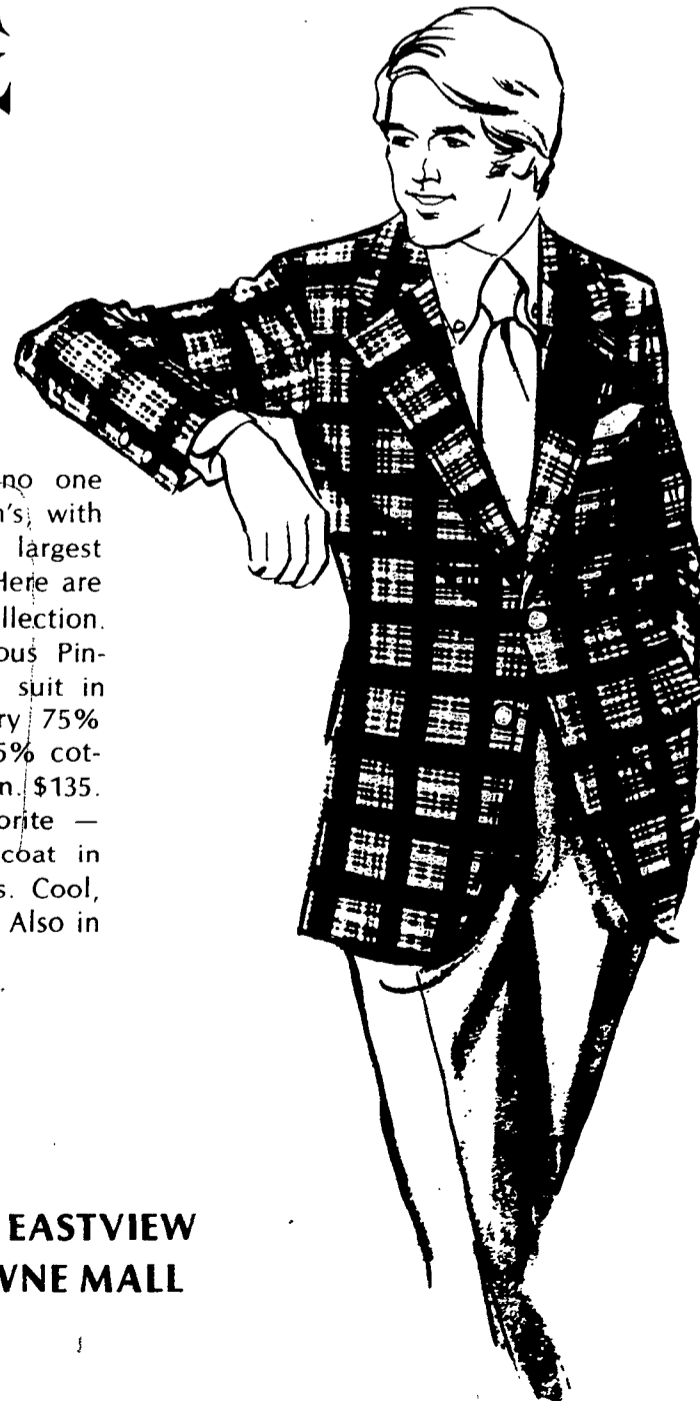
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