

Interesting People

# Sister Ellen: Counsellor

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — For some the dog days of summer prompt escapes to cooler climes. For Sister Mary Ellen Bossack, SSJ, the summer respite from teaching at Blessed Trinity School means more time to gather information for a proposed parenting skills program, due to be launched next month, for single, teenaged parents or pregnant teenagers.

"We know from experience locally and nationally that an increasing number of younger and younger single mothers are keeping their babies. But, the teen parent is often unable to make use of the services that are available to them, from the sheer lack of knowing how to begin," Sister Ellen said in a recent interview.

"Teen pregnancy is a situation often discussed but something most of us have been afraid to recognize as a reality as there is so much emotion connected with it. Ignoring the fact, however, will not provide opportunities to encourage the fullest physical and psychological growth for these mothers and children," she noted.

Sister Ellen said the program to be offered in the Fall by Cayuga Counseling Services (where she is interning) will provide the opportunity for sharing experiences as well as offer information and assistance to women in their efforts to develop the life they are giving to their children.

"Isolation from peers and the need to share experiences are apparent from talking with some young mothers. Other priorities given by the target group

concern child development, nutrition and consumerism. Continuing their educations, medical care and vocational and child services are other interests."

"Being a parent is a very complicated experience tied into being an adult. When a teen has a child, she has the double job of being a parent just as she is beginning to think of herself as an adult. It is easy to forget that the young woman at 25 might have a ten year old child.

"Often times young

mothers are thinking in terms of the delivery and motherhood and not of the long range goals in life for herself and child. When the reality of the growing child comes down on her, she needs a lot of support."

The aim of the new program, Sister Ellen noted, is to help the teenaged parent find her own way through the experience. She said that the demonstration project has received a grant from the Seneca Cayuga Task Force of the Human Development Campaign.

HOBBY NIGHT

The divorced and separated Catholics who meet at St. Charles Borromeo will assemble Sunday, Aug. 7, at 7:30 p.m. to teach each other their favorite hobbies. Newcomers are welcome.

SOME THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

By Ed Sulewski

How can you help someone with their grief process? You can call by phone, or in person, send flowers, donate to a memorial fund, or have them over a few times to show that you care. Soon however most of us will slip back to our old routines thinking we've done all we can do. This however is not enough. A person in grief needs you desperately. But in order to help you must first understand the grief process yourself, then be willing to listen and spend a lot of time with this person. Mostly be a genuine friend and communicate the fact that you really care. In most instances the funeral is not the end of the grief process, it's only the beginning. The time spent at the funeral home greeting friends and sharing grief is comparable to a post operative stay in a hospital. The immediate needs were met but then we come home to complete the physical and emotional healing. NO. 18 SCHAUMAN FUNERAL HOME, INC., 2100 St. Paul Street

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ASSETS	JUNE 30, 1977	JUNE 30, 1976
Cash and Due From Banks	\$ 12,622,856.83	\$ 11,982,074.60
U.S. Treasury and Federal Agency Securities	14,304,057.52	14,944,241.61
Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions	10,468,173.10	8,798,896.46
Other Investments	11,149,708.19	11,817,251.31
Federal Funds Sold	0	2,000,000.00
Loans less Unearned Discount and Reserves	65,283,112.81	57,284,183.94
Bank Premises and Equipment	5,847,522.89	5,920,026.90
Other Assets	1,197,055.30	1,093,398.97
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$120,872,486.64</b>	<b>\$113,840,073.79</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Deposits		
Demand	\$ 37,916,207.35	\$ 38,155,089.19
Savings	50,167,480.64	45,506,242.97
Other Time	18,601,056.89	16,008,801.77
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$106,684,744.88</b>	<b>\$ 99,670,133.93</b>
Securities Sold under Agreements, etc.	0	1,470,000.00
Accrued Taxes and Other Expenses	963,793.08	852,496.76
Dividends Payable	86,299.60	86,299.60
Federal Funds Purchased	1,000,000.00	0
Other Liabilities	55,577.11	92,718.87
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>\$108,790,414.67</b>	<b>\$102,171,649.16</b>
Subordinated Debentures	1,945,000.00	1,949,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$110,735,414.67</b>	<b>104,120,649.16</b>
Shareholders' Equity		
Common Stock	\$ 4,314,980.00	\$ 4,314,980.00
Surplus	2,804,737.00	2,804,737.00
Undivided Profits	2,964,175.75	2,534,728.95
Undivided Profits Portion of Reserve for Possible Loan Losses	53,179.22	64,978.66
<b>Total Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>\$10,137,071.97</b>	<b>9,719,424.63</b>
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