



Tiny Treats

Photos by Terrence J. Brennan

The three and four year-olds in St. Salome's Little People's School spent Halloween morning spreading their own special cheer to the citizens of Culverton Manor. The children gave their own treats in the form of hand-made paper pumpkins and a few songs composed by their teacher, Mrs. Colleen Pierce, who also was dressed for the occasion (above) in a clown suit. Although the children insisted that they were there only to give the treats, no one passed up a chance at some early treating when it came his way.



Girls 10-14: Abortions Exceed Births

Washington (RNS) — A new report by the National Alliance Concerned with School-Aged Parents reveals that pregnancies among 10-14 year olds are increasing and abortions now exceed births in that age group.

"More women 14 and younger received abortions than delivered living children in 1975," the study said, noting that there were 1,193 abortions for every 1,000 births.

The study, supported by a \$22,630 Ford Foundation grant, cited several government surveys showing that while pregnancies among 10-14 year olds are still relatively small in number, the figures are increasing.

The study cited one government survey showing an 8 per cent increase in births among 10 to 14 year olds from 1974 to 1975. The increase occurs at a time when birth rates are decreasing among women over 19. The birth rate among 15-17 year olds remains unchanged.

sky as viewed through the expanse of kitchen glass is startlingly blue, the grass never greener and I wonder anew at God's gift of changing seasons.

The air remains nippy and a head cold prevents me from going out and sinking and cementing in a 4 by 4 cedar post that will serve as one end of a dog run

Yet even viewed from inside, Indian Summer is a wondrous thing, a reminder that the weather can be capricious in a positive way offsetting the whimsical negatives of cloudburst, tornado and blizzard

It cannot last, of course. Frosty mornings and sunny, warm afternoons will soon give way to blustery winds and snow that seems to pile up with a vengeance. I make a mental note to have the snow tires put on and wonder idly about the season contract for snow removal.

Pope Speaks Nov. 1

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul has urged Catholics to seek the aid of the saints in heaven in the struggle against the "ignoble permissiveness in vogue today."

The pontiff made his appeal before a large crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square on the feast of All Saints (Nov. 1).

Pontiff Tells African Bishops Christianity Must Be 'At Home'

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul, in a meeting with 47 prelates from Africa, declared that Christianity should be "at home" in African cultures.

Welcoming the group, who were in Rome for the Synod of Bishops, the pope

reminded them that 10 years ago, he had directed a message to all Africans "to express our hopes and our best wishes."

"Since then," he said, "our pastoral heart has never ceased to share in so many ways in your joys and

concerns."

The pontiff reviewed the changes that have taken place on the African continent in the last two decades.

"On the civil level," he said, "in accordance with the natural right of peoples

to fashion their own destiny, most (of the countries of Africa) have passed from colonial status to independence.

"With the great social and economic problems still to be solved on the international level, we are witnessing an ever greater affirmation of the African presence and of the cultural originality of Africa.

"On the ecclesiastical level, the accession of the local clergy to the episcopate and to many other offices in the Church demonstrates similar sweeping changes.

"It is a fact that you, the African bishops, are now in charge and in the front line of the Christian destiny of the whole of Africa and that the Holy Spirit is with you."

The pontiff states, "It is your concern to make alive and efficacious the meeting of Christianity with the ancient traditions of Africa ... It is a question of fostering a civilization that is both African and Christian."

"Let me affirm with you," he went on, "that this program can be realized through the grace of God, that Christianity can and must be entirely at home in African cultures, that the African soul is destined to receive the salvation of Christ."

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Suarez Urges Repeal Of Spain's Adultery Law

Madrid (RNS) — The Spanish Government has announced that it will ask Parliament to end criminal sanctions against extramarital sex.

A spokesman said the Cabinet of Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez was responding to "a radical change in social ethics" and would submit legislation to decriminalize adultery and unmarried cohabitation.

The adultery statute,

which was repealed in the 1930s under the Second Republic and reinstated in 1942 after the victory of the Franco forces in the Civil War, permits a man to prosecute his wife for "lying with a man who is not her husband."

A man who "lies" with a married woman can be prosecuted if he knew at the time that she was married. Ignorance of marital status is a frequently used and, critics say, highly successful

defense for males.

On the other hand, to convict her husband of adultery, a woman must prove that he has kept "a mistress inside the conjugal house or flagrantly outside it." There have been few prosecutions of this kind.

Under current law, conviction carries a penalty of up to six years imprisonment.



BK '67 Reunion

The Bishop Kearney High School class of '67 is planning a reunion, Nov. 26 at the Mapledale Party House. Class members who have not been contacted please call Kathy Lecesse Barone at 482-3101. Committee members who planned the event are: seated; Kathy Glass Ozminkowski, Mary DelCarvo Alhart, Daryl Pollard Wolf, Charlene Buttaggi McDonald, June Yeager, Joe Ippolito. Standing; Al Ozminkowski, Kathy Lecesse Barone, Nancy Novitski Matroniano, Eileen Kennedy, Roseanne Spindler.

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