

Photos by Susan McKinney

Investigating Nature

Robert Cooper of the Rochester Museum and Science Center pulls a tree limb down to eye level for these St. Thomas More kindergarten children. He is helping them investigate the natural communities that exist on their own school grounds. At right, Lisa Carli learns that her "find" is a snowberry.



Spina Bifida Sale Planned

The Greater Rochester Spina Bifida Association has scheduled its annual bazaar Oct. 19-21 at the Eastview

Funds from the sale of crafts and baked goods will assist individuals born with spina bifida, the second most common congenital birth defect occurring in this country. It annually affects more than 11,000 children.

Anyone interested in further information about spina bifida should call 381-3359 or write to Greater Rochester Spina Bifida Association, Box 3, Fairport, N.Y. 14450.

Workshop

A sexuality workshop has been scheduled by the Greater Spina Bifida Association for 7:30 p.m, Thursday, Oct. 19 at the Monroe Developmental Center, 23 Star St. Grady Bray, psychologist, will be the main speaker at the workshop which is free and open to the

Race for Life

A lifesaving course cardio-pulmonary resuscitati on will be offered at St. Helen's School, Gates, on three consecutive Fridays, Oct. 20 and 27 and Nov. 2, 7-10 p.m. The nine-hour Red Cross course, called Race for Life, teaches methods of restoring heart action and breathing, in both infants and

adults. It will be given by qualified instructors from the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service and is open to anyone 16 years of age or older. A fee of \$3.50 will cover materials. Reservations should be made with Mary Anne Romanowski, 247-7141, or Agnes Gruenauer, 235-7906.

SPINA BIFIDA

The Second Most Common Birth Defect . . . which affects 1 per 1,000 live births

THE GREATER ROCHESTER SPINA BIFIDA **ASSOCIATION**

was established in 1972 to bring parents the disabled and interested friends together to learn more about Spina Bifida and hydrocephalus, discuss different needs and problems of the handicapped and to assist the disabled in leading a full and meaningful life. The S.B.A. is a non-profit organization that needs your help by supporting its

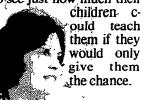
SIXTH ANNUAL BAZAAR EASTVIEW MALL October 19, 20, 21

All donations are tax deductible For more information or free membership, Phone 381-3359, or write Box 3, Fairport, N.Y. 14450.

All in the Family By Sarah Child

Could Children Be Right?

The trouble with some parents is that they refuse to see just how much their children c-



I was one those obtuse mothers who thought she knew best. No longer. I have seen the error of my

Take, for example, the matter of the cocoa cup and the spoon. For/years I've been telling one of my nameless) to take the spoon from her cup while drinking from it.

⁵ Not only does such a gesture show an appalling lack of manners, it was pointed out to her, but each sip threatened to poke her eye some six inches further into her head.

The daughter, an amenable sort most of the time, would listen to the admonishment, smile softly and remove the spoon from the cup, reformed -- until the next cup of cocoa.

Finally one morning after she and the rest of the crew had left for school and work I decided to see for myself what the attraction was.

I made a cup of cocoa, stuck a spoon in it and hoisted it! Needless to say I was flabbergasted. The cocoa was much better with the utensil tilting dangerously in the mug. Could I be wrong? To test further I took the spoon out and drank. It was

nowhere near as delicious as the swallow I had taken cum spoon.

It was then and there I vowed to take children more seriously and to learn all I could from them.

Armed with this new attitude I have embarked upon what has been an exciting, educational experience. It is impossible to list all the things I have learned from our three but I would like to share a few items.

From our son I discovered that when one is in a hurry it is much faster and far more convenient to pull clean socks on over dirty ones instead of changing them.

From our youngest I ave learned that bining something you love to do with something you would rather not do makes the time go much faster. (Example: Practicing disco dance steps and the violin at the same time).

This same child also taught me about the delights inherent in such delectable concoctions as mashed potato sandwiches, peanut butter on potato chips and green beans doused with catsup.

As for the 13-year-old, she has done much to revolutionize housekeeping habits. Some of her more daring and innovative concepts concern A. The mail (when in doubt, throw it out). B. The laundry (black and white produce gray — and acceptable neutral.) C. Cooking (If God had not wanted us to rely on cans, He wouldn't have invented them.)

Now as a far wiser and happier mother I urge all parents to heed your children. I guarantee it'll change your life.

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