



No Stoppin' Her Now

TEXT AND PHOTO
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Used to be that Gert Ackley depended on friends to assist her to get to her job at the Rochester Association for the Blind. Most of the year she could get by with just her cane but during the winter months she had to call on friends for aid.

After she missed several days of work when help was unavailable last winter, she decided to make a change. Enter Flicker, her two-year-old guide dog, who, Gert Ackley notes proudly, finished near the top of her Seeing Eye class.

Gert also spent a month at the Seeing Eye center in Morristown, N.J., learning how to work with Flicker.

No work time has been missed this year and rather than going back to the cane in better weather, she said she will be relying on Flicker.

Any problems? Once Flicker led her right into a snowbank, Gert relates, but she added quickly, "He led me right out again."

Which is a happier ending than many motorists have been experiencing the past few weeks.

Puebla

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Latin America, the pontiff's addresses after opening the conference at Puebla, Jan. 27, became more and more concerned with the poverty and exploitation of the majority of Latin Americans.

Speaking to Indian peasants in Oaxaca on Jan. 29, he said: "The pope wants to be your voice, the voice of those who cannot speak out or are silenced, in order to be the conscience of consciences, the invitation to action." He called for "daring, profoundly renewing transformations" in reforming the system of landholding and recalled that the right of private property is conditioned by the needs of society.

In Guadalajara the next day, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Zapopan, he spoke of "a genuine commitment on behalf of others, especially the poorest and neediest, and of the necessary transformation of society," using expressions like "sinful structures" and "liberation."

Pope John Paul made clear that he had no intention of condemning those for whom such terms are their distinctive vocabulary, the serious liberation theologians and their followers.

The bishops at Puebla, it seems, are not concerned with condemnation either. Their committees are hard at work trying to shape the course of evangelization in Latin America.

The first week of the assembly produced little news as the 218 bishops and 139 other representatives plunged into committee work and preliminary discussion, closed to the press, on such subjects as: evangelization and human progress, the dignity of man, evangelization in a pluralistic society, and preference for the poor.

A five-bishop steering committee divided the work among 21 working commissions, each with 18-20 members, including bishops, priests and laity. Official experts invited by CELAM are also spread out among the various commissions.

The steering committee reported that the commission work should be channeled to the general assembly in five general areas for discussion, voting and eventual publication in a final document.

For Seniors: Sunday Dances

"Sunday is the loneliest day of the week," Lee Williams says. "That's what my friends tell me." Her answer: dancing every Sunday afternoon at the Senior Citizens Social Club.

Mrs. Williams is president of the club, which meets at the Triangle Community Center, 380 Andrews. The Sunday dances are held there, from 2 to 5 p.m., at 50 cents per person. "One of Rochester's finest orchestras is here every Sunday," says the organizer.

She is starting a "men's day" (card playing) this Saturday, Feb. 17, and hopes to get some classes going weekdays — maybe exercises, arts and crafts. Anyone who wants to set up a class, or attend one, is asked to call Mrs. Williams at the club office, 546-3002.

Chest Mail-In Campaign Begun

A mail-in campaign directed toward an estimated 4,500 contributors to the United Community Chest-Red Cross campaign is under way. It is being coordinated by the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Chest's individual subscriber division.

Letters requesting donations were mailed to about 4,500 Chest contributors, who in the past have given gifts amounting to \$10 or less. The goal is \$28,300, according to Alice Crowder, Red Cross volunteer. The area-wide Chest campaign begins April 2.

No Movement in Road Issue

By MICHAEL GRODEN

Geneseo — Last week's meeting between representatives from Camp Stella Maris and the Livingston County Highway Committee here, in regard to a gravel hauling project on East Lake Road, Livonia ended in a stalemate.

Highway committee members denied a request by Jeremiah Flynn, the camp's lawyer, to rescind the decision by the Livingston County Board of Supervisors on the gravel hauling project. Flynn said that the camp will continue its efforts to prevent the gravel hauling which could result in large dump trucks making from 50 to 150 round trips per day directly past the camp this summer.

Camp officials contend that the gravel hauling would create a serious safety hazard for people using the camp facilities as well as other East Lake Road residents. Ray Tette, the camp's executive director, added that he was just as concerned for the safety of his neighbors as he was for the campers.

The highway committee gave several reasons for not stopping the project. Andrew Macauley, highway committee chairman, said that he and the other county supervisors were very concerned for the safety of the campers, but feel that the county has done everything they could to insure their safety. He said that he did not believe the county could actually stop the gravel hauling legally.

Disarmament, SALT II Discussed

Father J. Bryan Hehir, executive secretary of the Office of International Justice and Peace for the United States Catholic Conference, will deliver a speech called "Disarmament: Reflections for American Christians and SALT II," on Friday, Feb. 16. The program, sponsored by the Justice and Peace Commission of the Rochester diocese, will begin at 8 p.m. in the school hall of Blessed Sacrament Parish, 546 Oxford St.

Macauley added that the planned gravel hauling would take care of the problem once and for all. The Lane Construction Company, who will use the gravel for construction of the Genesee Expressway, plans to use all the gravel in the pit, some 60,000 cubic yards.

Rodney Carpenter, highway supervisor for the county, said that anyone has the right to use a public road and that in giving approval of the project the board of supervisors was able to put strict limitations on Lane Construction.

The speed limit on East Lake Road was reduced from 35 to 30 miles per hour, and these limits will be strictly enforced, according to the county. The number of loads up until August 15 are limited to 50 per day. From Aug. 15 to Labor Day the limit is 100 loads and after Labor Day the limit is 150.

Committee member Howard Kramer added that if the county were to rescind their decision Lane Construction and pit owner Richard Kennis could appeal

to the courts. If they win the decision these restrictions would no longer be in effect.

Stella Maris officials felt that these safety precautions were not enough and inquired about further measures that could be taken. Patrick Gaffney, chairman of the Catholic Charities Board of Directors, asked about having a full time crossing guard at the camp during the week. Currently Stella Maris staff members cannot legally stop traffic on the East Lake Road.

Macauley promised him that he would look into the matter and thought it could be done.

After the meeting Tette said that although he was appreciative of the highway committee for listening to the arguments he was still determined to stop the gravel hauling.

Still pending is a decision by the town of Livonia on whether or not to "post" East Lake Road. This would result in placing a weight limitation for vehicles traveling on the road precluding the use of the dump trucks. At this writing no decision has been made.

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