

# NFP Marks Six Years

By Joan M. Smith

The Natural Family Planning Office is located on the ground floor of the Kearney Education Building at St. Mary's Hospital. It is an unpretentious room, medium sized, and filled with pamphlets, study material and research data dealing with NFP on the local, national and international levels.

The Rochester area branch of NFP has come a long way since 1973 when just a few couples, using the Church approved method of birth control, covered the 12 county diocese to talk with those interested in the method. The local office was formed in January, 1978 and now operates with 13 teaching couples and a 17 member board of directors headed by Richard T. O'Hara, president,

with Mary E. O'Hara, serving as secretary; Donn E. Hill, treasurer and William Jackson, chairman.

Theresa Petracca, director of Rochester NFP, emphasized in an interview with the Courier-Journal, that NFP is not diocesan funded (although it did receive a \$5,000 grant last year from the diocese) and it is non-denominational. Another misconception about NFP which the organization works constantly to dispel is the linking of NFP with the calendar method of birth control.

"As people overcome the misconception that it is rhythm they'll accept it," she declared and added, "NFP is really going to grow in this area especially in the next five years."

Teri Petracca has seen the growth in the number of couples, both married and engaged, (151 in 1978, and 100 in the first few months of 1979), who attend information sessions and then

## Hun-Gar Project Starts Up

A coalition of Perinton in the field and Church area is for the third year sharing produce from the parishioners' home gardens with the residents of the city's Hanover Houses.

The name of the program is Project Hun-Gar and runs from Aug. 9 through Aug. 31. Home-grown foods donated to the project will be sold to the residents of the Hanover Houses for a modest fee by the Tenant's Association. Proceeds will be used to pay for what ever canned food is needed to stock a food shelf for the winter, or to pay for emergency needs.

Drop-off points for produce include the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, 20 East Ave., Fairport, at the west door. Donations will be taken Thursdays and Fridays between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

## Blue Army

The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima has slated its monthly all-night vigil for Aug. 3-4 at Holy Rosary Church. The devotions will open at 9 p.m. and close with a 6 a.m. Mass. Priests leading the rites include Fathers Frederick Eisemann, Patrick Magnier, Robert Meng and John Poluikis.

## Make Today Count

Josephine Lombardo has been elected chairman of Make Today Count, with Brian Berry, vice chairman, and June Zelter, secretary-treasurer.

take the classes. According to Ms. Petracca, this increase and the receptive response proves the public is becoming aware of NFP's importance. The reasons for this growing interest, she explained, were the natural health factor and the fact NFP answers religious and moral dilemmas about family planning.

Another problem faced by those working to promote NFP, is the need to educate the medical profession. "Research is ongoing," she said and doctors should take a closer look at this research as well as the statistics being recorded about couples who have been using the method during the last decade.

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**BRISTOL VALLEY PLAYHOUSE** — Reynard, the Fox, a folk fable by Arthur Fauquez, Aug. 3, 4, 10, 11, 8:15; Sundays, Aug. 5 and 12, 3:15 p.m. On Rt. 3, Naples.

**FASHION SHOW** — At 2001 Club, Chili-Paul Plaza, 8-12 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14; benefit for retarded children sponsored by Sultanas of the Order of the Alhambra, Musa 25. Tickets \$3. Details: 467-6453, afternoon.

**MOONEY FOLLIES REHEARSAL** — At 7:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, in school's AV room.

**OLD KING COLE** — Special production for children by U of R Upstate Repertory Theatre, in Strong Auditorium, 2 p.m. Aug. 1-3; \$2. Reservations: 275-4088.

**FOCUS ON THE EUCARIST** — Aug. 2, Our Lady of Good Counsel, 630 Brooks; with Father Paul Wohlrab.

**TAINO-ARAWAKINDIANS** — Anthropology lectures on pre-Columbian civilization of Puerto Rico, by Father Anthony Stevens and Anita Diaz, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 946 Clifford; free.

**ROCHESTER ART CLUB** — At Memorial Art Gallery through Aug. 19; 102nd annual exhibition.

**ARRANGERS' HOLIDAY** — Culmination of Eastman School's 18th annual Summer Jazz Workshop, featuring Bob Brookmeyer, 8:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, Eastman Theatre; Rayburn Wright conducting. Tickets 3, 4, 5 dollars.

**RAPA PLAYERS** — Tryouts for actors, technicians, etc. Aug. 20, 21, at Rochester Academy of Performing Arts. Details and scheduling: Alice Demarse, 223-3310.

**CLASSIC FILMS** — Jane Eyre (1970) 2 and 8 p.m. tomorrow, museum auditorium, RMSC.

**VOTER REGISTRATION** — At Monroe County Fair Aug. 3-11; at Rochester Public Market Aug. 18, 25; organized by League of Women Voters, Rochester Metro.

**COUNTRY FAIR** — Aug. 3-5 at St. Helen's, 310 Hinchey Rd. Sunday dinner 2-7:30 p.m.

**FESTIVAL** — At St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls, Aug. 2-4, rain or shine; dinner every night at 5.

**SOCIAL CINEMA** — At Downtown United Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh, two films on Saul Alinsky and Rochester's FIGHT organization, 7:30-9 tonight; sponsored by various church-connected groups.

**FRIENDS INC.** — Picnic Sunday, Aug. 5, noon, at Devil's Bathub, Mendon Ponds Park, for singles 18-35; \$2. Information: 458-0436.

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