



Break Precedent

The Church of England, with the approval of Queen Elizabeth II, broke precedent by asking leaders of other churches to join in officiating at the wedding of Prince Charles, heir to Britain's throne, and Lady Diana Spencer, pictured above following their announcement of engagement. The Archbishop of Canterbury, head of the Anglican Church, planned an ecumenical ceremony to include prayers led by England's Roman Catholic Cardinal Basil Hume, incorporating Catholic participation in a royal wedding for the first time since Henry VIII broke from Rome. Dr. Andrew Doig, moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, was also invited to say a prayer and George Thomas, the Speaker of the House of Commons and a leading British Methodist, to read one of the Scripture lessons. (RNS)

Sarah Child



All in the Family

Giving 'Em The Royal Once-Over

And there we were last Wednesday morning at 5 a.m., all agog in front of the tube. Or as the head of the house put it succinctly: "Our royal family watching their royal family."

In honor of the occasion we were all fitted out as colorfully as any of the nob.

There was my husband adorned in blue and white polka dot pajamas, I in my velour robe (it was dampish here even if the sun was dazzling in London), and the kids (including Kurt from next door) in a variety of what they call nightgear ranging from sweatpants and jerseys to cast-off dress shirts.

The 16-year-old, the only one besides myself whom I knew was planning on getting up to watch the spectacle of the century, had arisen at 3 a.m. and had spent the time profitably before the procession watching a soccer game on the all night, all sports network.

"There were some great shots," she confided as the first of the open landaus proceeded down the mall, and then she burrowed under the afghan on the couch, obviously of the notion that the drama about to unfold in the streets of London could not compare with that of the soccer field in Manchester.

Enthralled, if sleepy, the 11-year-old watched as Bonnie Prince Charlie with his dishy brother Andrew made their appearance.

Decked out in a surfeit of gold medals, which bounced gently against the blue of his naval commander's uniform, the heir to the throne of England was indeed a sight to behold.

"I've heard that someday my prince will come, but this is ridiculous," intoned the youngest gleefully, standing in vicariously for the Lady Diana.

The first glimpse of the bride-to-be, through the window of her glass carriage, brought a whimper of disappointment. "You can't see her face!"

"How can Charlie be sure it's her?" said the house cynic ungrammatically as he strode about in his cut-off polka dots, pouring coffee with a genteel touch.

Out on the adjacent sun porch, the two boys moved a little restlessly in their sleeping bags and the dog wandered aimlessly from body to body as we sprawled on couches, chairs and the floor, wondering, no doubt, what we were all doing up in the middle of the night.

I, who'd had trouble falling asleep the night before and was yawning conspicuously throughout, was wondering much the same myself.

But then, as the ceremony concluded and the fovey Di, her veil thrown back to show her fresh young face, moved down the aisle on the arm of her attractive husband (love those Clark Gable ears!), the reason was clear all over again.

Romance — and happily-ever-after-love — is the biggest turn-on of all.

Coca-Cola Opens Recycling Unit

By John Dash

Rochester Coca-Cola Bottling Corp. last week unveiled a number of machines the company hopes will be put to extensive use

by church groups in the Rochester area.

The company has started an aluminum can recycling program and will pay individuals and groups a penny

a can, 24 cents a pound and \$480 a ton for all-aluminum cans.

Bruce Anderson, the manager of the recycling program, observed that "Not only can consumers get cash for their scrap cans, but they can help improve our environment here in the Rochester area."

Aluminum is used to can Coca-Cola, Tab, Fresca, Sprite, Mello Yello, HiC, and Fanta sodas.

Saturday, 8 a.m. - noon; 110 Anderson Ave., Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

According to Eugene Sweeney, director of consumer relations for the firm, church and non-profit institutions are especially encouraged to make use of the Coca-Cola facilities. "It will provide an excellent way for such groups to raise funds for their programs," he said.

Two recycling centers are operated by the company: St. Bridgets Drive, Monday and Thursday, 3-7 p.m., and

The recycling operation was started as part of Rochester Coca-Cola's 75th anniversary observance.



St. Ann Feast

A parade and Mass highlighted the celebration of the feast of St. Ann Sunday, July 26, at Most Precious Blood Church on Stenson Street. The two-mile parade has been held since 1939, when the St. Ann's Society was formed by Mrs. Jenny Calice of Lyell Avenue. Mrs. Calice, at 101 years old, is still the president of the society, and is pictured with other members of the feast day committee: front row, from left, Jenny Calice, Fanny Scardino, and Concetta Santelli. Back row, from left, Nancy Bartolo and John Zeppetella. The liturgy of the noon Mass was celebrated by Father Sebastian Contegiacomo, who also gave the homily in Italian to the 500 in attendance.

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prelates, the only one who had been ordained bishop with Vatican approval (in 1951)

was Bishop Francis Wang Hsueh-Ming, whose diocese is in Inner Mongolia.

The Catholic Patriotic Association was set up by the communists after the 1949 takeover of mainland China as an organization independent of the Vatican.

Jesuit Bishop Tang was jailed in 1958 for his strong and open opposition to the association.

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