



DOROTHY LOUIS

Local Author Finds Success

By John Dash

She readily admits that some of her best moments occurred when the going was really awful.

Dorothy Louis, until a few years ago an underpaid copywriter and editor, today the head of her own publishing house, successful author, thinks of herself as the celebrator of "ordinary little people" who rise above adversity to show the divine spark in life.

Ms. Louis has gained fame in the Rochester area largely through her memoirs of her father, "My Father the Chef," a semi-autobiography of Rochester's Jimmie Louis, larded with anecdotes of famous restaurants and sauced with recipes.

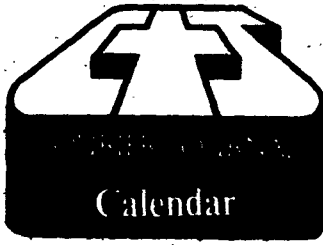
That book, a spiral-bound, xerographically reproduced volume with a decidedly handmade look to it, only came about because Ms. Louis was fired from her last full-time job and at the same

time she was increasingly concerned over her father's deteriorating health.

"My Father, the Chef" drew such critical acclaim in this area that Ms. Louis has subsequently published two other books, one a compendium of recipes for holiday cookies, "Aunt Dorothy's Christmas Cookie Book," and a dual volume, "Simoochy Poochy," and "Hettie's Apfel Tree," both stories recounting life in Pennsylvania's Amish country to which Ms. Louis frequently repairs for spiritual uplift.

All of her books contain recipes, and the homemade look to the texts is due to the fact that Ms. Louis wants sure control over the publication of the recipes, she said. For that reason she types the directions herself.

The books are widely available and are published by Ms. Louis's own firm, Bookworm Publisher, in Rochester.



Calendar

ART — Paintings and prints by The Pittsford Art Group along with oriental hand dyeing and weaving of guest exhibitor Junco Pollack Friday, Dec. 4, through Jan. 3, lobby, Nazareth College Arts Center. Free.

SUNDAY AT NAZARETH — Irish music featuring Al Rehn, The Irish Musicians and The Penrose School of Irish Dancing, 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6, main auditorium, Nazareth College Arts Center. Free.

CONCERT — Nazareth College Orchestra with faculty pianist Marianne Bryan, under the direction of Dr. Albion Gruber, professor of music, 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6, main auditorium, Nazareth College Arts Center. Free.

HOLIDAY SALE — 2-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Country Store Gift Shop in the Fairport Historical Museum, 18 Perrin St.

ON STAGE — "Anything Goes," by Cole Porter, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 3-4, 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, 5 and 9 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m. Tickets, \$7.50.

INFORMATION SESSIONS — Sponsored by the Natural Family Planning Education from 7:30-9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4, and Monday, Dec. 7, Kearney Building, St. Mary's Hospital; also at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell.

SENIOR MOVIES — "Roman Scandals" (1933), starring Eddie Cantor and Ruth Etting, 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3, George Eastman House.

PHILHARMONIC V — Presenting music by Schuller, Mendelssohn, and Prokofiev conducted by Lawrence Foster, with Elmar Oliveira, violin, 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3; and 8:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4. Tickets: \$13.50, \$12.50, \$10.50, \$9, \$8, \$6.50, \$4.50.

CONFERENCE — Archbishop Joseph Tawil, Eparch of the Melkite Catholics in U.S., will speak on the situation of the Christians of the Middle East today, at 1:45 p.m. (beginning with a Pontifical Divine Liturgy), Sunday, Dec. 6, in Murphy Hall, 75 Fairport Road, St. John Fisher College. Registration

Christmas Program Scheduled

The annual Christmas Bible Study, Concert and Tea sponsored by the Church Women United is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, at Grace United Methodist Church, 121 Driving Park.

Celia Williams-Young, a student at the Colgate Rochester Divinity Schools, will lead the Bible study, to be followed by the group choir in the cantata, "An Old Fashioned Christmas."

Those wishing to attend are asked to bring their own lunch. If child care is needed, call the Church Women United office at 454-1813.

for lectures and dinner, \$15; lectures only, \$5.

BENEFIT — For Ralph Montemalo, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, Kearney Auditorium, St. John Fisher College. Features: the Bowery Boys, the Cliches, and the Prestones. Tickets are \$2.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE — Sponsored by Gates Recreation, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, Thomas Edison School, 1612 Buffalo Road.

PLANETARIUM — New Christmas Show, 8 p.m., Monday through Friday; 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 and 8 p.m., Saturdays; 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 and 8 p.m., Sundays, now through Jan. 3. Holiday matinees, 2 p.m., Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27.

CHRISTMAS SALE — From 2-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Country Store Gift Shop in Fairport Historical Museum, 18 Perrin St., behind Fairport Village Landing.

EXHIBITION — "Presepio Polisenico," an exhibit of Italian Christmas cribs by artist Achille Forgiato, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., weekdays; noon-5 p.m., Saturday and Sundays, through Dec. 18, Casa Italiana, Nazareth College. Free.

Individual Retreats Offered

Individual retreats are being offered by the Cenacle Renewal Center during the weekend of Jan. 8-10. Directed, Guided or Private retreats are now being scheduled by Sister Ellen Frawley, R.C. Interested persons should contact the Cenacle at 271-8755.

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All in the Family

Blessings From One Blessed

Columnists are supposed to anticipate the holidays. This writer cannot always get the inner musings to cooperate on schedule. Thus, in belated, but no less fervent, thanksgiving, Thank You, Lord, for:

- A pluperfect husband (well, almost)
- Loving children whose individual strengths are an unending source of surprise
- Warm network of parents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, etc.
- Constant friends
- Caring neighbors
- Vigilant doctors
- Dedicated nurses
- Delightful co-workers (on two papers)
- Gram, one of a kind
- Adam, newest member

of the family and his big brother Josh. Their cousins Mary, Eve, Ann, Ernie, Sam — each special in his or her own way.

- Louise, who figures in all my Conrad memories.
- Anonymous sender of U.S. Catholic (most appreciated)
- Lynne and Carol and Billy and John and THEIR cousins Andres, Maria Elena, Maria Angela and Maria Cristina.
- My mother-in-law, a very special lady
- Chris, Ted, Honey, Andrew and Mike — dear friends who happen to be in-laws.
- Cara II
- Writers who touch my soul and those who tickle my funny bone
- Thoughtful homilists
- Devoted teachers
- Last, but certainly not least, readers of this column.

Amen.

