



Seniors' Olympics Draws 600

More than 600 persons attended the third annual Sunshine Olympics last Tuesday, June 15, at Park Ridge Nursing Home on Long Pond Road, Greece. Some 200 residents of nine area nursing homes competed in a variety of events such as wheelchair races, horseshoes, a cookie bake-off, and a spelling bee, among others. Above, from left, Anna Fritsch, 83, William Westfall, 92, Ruth Doyle, 80, and Florence S. Dickson, 90, all of Rochester Friendly Home, strike a winning pose after their victory in the walkathon. Of course, they had Maude Boes, right, 92, also from RFC, pom-pom in hand, cheering them on. Other homes that participated were St. John's Home, Episcopal Church Home, Fairport Baptist Home, Jewish Home and Infirmary, Monroe Community Hospital, Rochester United Methodist Home, St. Ann's Home/The Heritage.

Photos by Terrance J. Brennan



SSNDs Relinquish Convent to Mercies

The School Sisters of Notre Dame are giving up their convent at St. Andrew's Church. Three of the Sisters are moving to the provincial motherhouse at Wilton, Conn., two Sisters are remaining in Rochester, and the last is as yet undecided on where she will live.

that she will be the sole remaining Notre Dame Sister in the parish.

The move, deliberated for several months, was formalized by parish council vote early last week, Sister John Bosco said.

According to Sister John Bosco Boss, SSND, the Rochester Sisters of Mercy have contracted to occupy the convent. The Sisters living there, however, will be working in a variety of apostolates outside the parish.

The nuns will be feted by the parish at Mass at noon, Sunday, June 27. A reception will follow the Mass.

Sister John Bosco also said

Sisters Rosalita, Vincentine and Grata will return to Wilton. Together, the three have worked more than 70 years at St. Andrew's.

Associate Pastors Reassigned

Several clergy changes were announced last week.

Last week's personnel changes include the assignments of Father Robert Hammond to associate pastor of Holy Spirit in Webster from associate at St. Anne's; Father Joseph McCaffrey, to St. Lawrence from St. Patrick's, Elmira; Father Christopher Linsler, to St. Patrick's, Elmira, from St. Louis, Pittsford; Father Louis Sirianni, to St. Louis, Pittsford, from St. Ann's, Hornell.

period of study in Canada, and Father Gary Schummer has been granted a leave of absence.

Tutoring

The Sisters of St. Joseph will offer a program of tutoring in reading and mathematics for children in grades two through eight at the congregation's motherhouse on East Avenue and at Nazareth Hall on Raines Park. The sessions run July 5-16 and July 19-30. Further information is available by contacting the Tutorial Program, 586-1000, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

In addition, Father Mark Miller has been named associate at Our Lady of Perpetual Help following a

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paroled to sponsors while waiting for exclusionary hearings. By issuing the guidelines, the government, in essence, reverted its policy to one standing a year ago, before President Reagan's order for immediate detention of all "illegal" Haitian refugees.

That order, designed to halt the exodus from Haiti to the U.S., included orders to shoot if necessary to keep Haitians from the nation's shores.

The new guidelines, issued in a memorandum from Attorney General William French Smith, say the Haitians now in detention can be paroled if they are represented by individual counsel, if they have a "responsible sponsor," and if they offer acceptable assurances they will appear in court for their hearings. The last qualification, for many, will mean posting bonds; and that is of some concern those working for the Haitians' release.

Last week Ira Kurzban, attorney for the Haitians, said that "It sounds fairly good in theory and easily manipulated in practice. For example, say they ask \$2,000 bond. No one gets out."

Father Gerard Jean-Juste, executive director of the Haitian Refugee Center in Miami, also voiced a similar reservation: "The only thing I'm concerned about is the bonding. If they ask \$500 to \$2,000, were back to square one again."

After the government's announcement, however, there was a general sense of euphoria about the prospects for the Haitians.

Three days later, however, that sense had evaporated when it was realized the policy would affect fewer than a tenth of the Haitians now detained. A spokesman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Beverly McFarland, was quoted by the New York Times as saying that under the policy only about 150 Haitians would be eligible for parole.

Harriett Rabb, a New York attorney representing several refugees in detention in Brooklyn, was also quoted as saying, "I think they have really snookered the American public. There is no way I can express to you the outrage we're all feeling."

She added, "I don't think they're all going to make it. I mean it. I think they're going to crack up. Here we are winning and my guys are sitting in jail. I wonder what it would be like to lose."

Maurice Tierney, executive director of diocesan Catholic Charities, and a major figure in local efforts for the Haitians at Ray Brook, the federal penitentiary at Saranac Lake, said this week, "My own feeling basically is that (Judge) Spellman's action is headed in a humane direction."

He voiced concern, however, for the preparation of both the community and the Haitians should they be released.

"After all, most of the Haitians have been in prison life for more than a year now. If they're freed to sponsors in a community now, there's some element of 'culture shock' they will have to face," he said.

In addition, he said, "communities need to get tuned up for the eventual release of the Haitians for parole purposes. That means that a community like Rochester, if the Haitians choose Rochester, will need to meet its promise of (providing) 40 sponsors." He noted that there are now 25 sponsors formally signed up, particularly through the efforts of United Church Ministries.

On the question of providing "reasonable assurance," he said that his office "would do everything to enable the Haitians to be present at the exclusionary hearings, but from a 'what's-good-for-the-Haitians' point of view rather than a 'what's-good-for-INS' point of view."

In addition, he said,

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Charities will provide the refugees "access into the legal system — provide individual legal assistance at the exclusionary hearings."

A twist to that is that his office also is looking at providing legal representation to the Haitians at Raybrook. A problem occurs there because of "where the facility is located." Its distance from metropolitan centers, he suggested, makes "access into individual legal consultation extremely limited at this moment."

In an allied matter, Dr.

John Walker, executive secretary of the Office of Black Ministries, has issued a report on Haitian children being maintained at The Greer-Woodcrest Children's Services Center at Millbrook.

"I am delighted to report that the children are in excellent condition. They appear very healthy and mentally alert. Those who can be attending English classes and most with whom I spoke were able to communicate in English quite well. There is still some depression. This stems from

homesickness and family separation...

"Fortunately, Greer-Woodcrest is no longer under the control of the Immigration and Naturalization Services, which means, significantly, that the children will not be menaced by the unjust policies of Immigration and Naturalization Services. The facility is under the governance of the Office of Refugee Resettlement in Washington, Unaccompanied Minor Department," his report said.

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