Sarah Child

All in the Family

A Salmagundi Of Information

Writing has many rewards and one of them is coming across bits of information you might not otherwise have sought out.

During recent weeks, for example, I have discovered that salmagundi and mohair — two words which I cavalierly tossed off in a recent rough draft — are not exactly what I thought they were.

Salmaguni, a dish of chopped meat, oil, eggs, onions, and anchovies, is usally served as a salad. (It can, however, be a mixture or miscellany of anything — which is the definition I was familiar with.)

Going a step further, you will be gratified to know it is from the French salmagondis which is derived from the Italian salami conditi.

Mohair is the fleece from Angora goats (and the fabric from that fleece) and comes to us from the Italian moccoairo taken from the Arabic mukhayyar meaning 'chosen or choice.' Edifying right?

For the same project I learned that the speed limit for huge tankers on St. Lawrence Seaway is nine miles on the American side, six on the Canadian.

Reading for a recent editorial brought to light that certain scientists believe we mentally program ourselves to live to a certain age. Dr. James Fries of Stanford University thinks it is all a matter of attitude.

In the same vein, Dr. Lewis Thomas, noted physician, poet, essayist thinks that a "super intelligence" which instructs our subconscious exists in all of us and that we are possessed of technical know-how far beyond our present understanding.

Research turns some people off because they think it always involves weighty reading material. Not so. Just today I learned that among the studies of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences is one on the efficacy of dog biscuits. Don't believe it? Look on the back of your Milk-Bone box.

Music Publisher To Address Liturgists

Robert Batastini of GIA Publications of Chicago will be the speaker for diocesan musicians attending the workshop, "Musical Liturgy: The Process and the Product," Saturday, May 7, in St. John's Chapel, Hobart-William Smith College, Geneva.

The day's program will begin at 9:30 and end at 4 p.m. The $10 registration fee includes materials and lunch.

Batastini will address areas of musicianship and liturgy as they work together to help people worship. In addition, he will present the latest music from GIA and, by using the participants as a choir, he will show how the music is to be performed and its usefulness in liturgical celebration, as well as give suggestions regarding the accompainment.

Registration deadline is April 29. Further information and registration details are available from the diocesan Liturgy Office, (716) 328-3210.

DEATHS

Geraldine M. Sorg

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Mrs. Geraldine M. Sorg, April 13 at Holy Spirit Church in Webster. Mrs. Sorg died April 9, 1983, of double pneumonia.

She was school nurse at Our Lady of Mercy High School for the past 14 years. A graduate of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, Mrs. Sorg held public health certification from the University of Rochester. During her career she held the titles of supervising nurse at Rochester General Hospital; public health nurse with the Rochester Health Department, and school nurse at School 39 and St. Andrew's School.

She is survived by her husband James; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Kathleen) Haelen and Mrs. George (Kristine) Consiglio; and two grandchildren, Jennifer and Tracy Haelen, all of Rochester.

According to Mercy spokesperson Cheryl Gillen, "Besides taking care of the girls' physical needs, she offered many students an attentive ear and kind words. She had a great influence on many students who passed through her doors in recent years.

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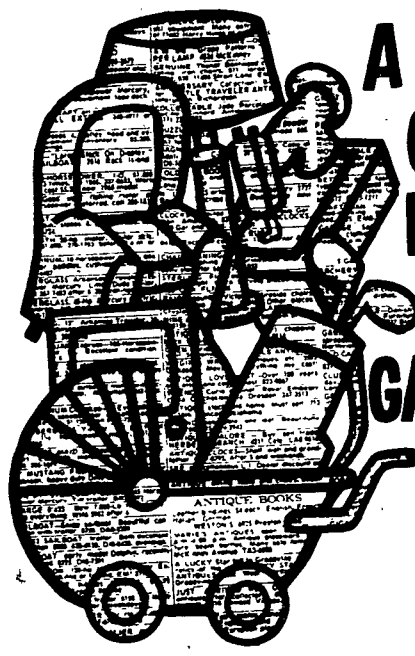

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