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All in the Family



Magic Mirror Replaced

The oldest is now ensconced in her dormitory nearly 400 miles away. We are getting accustomed to only four chairs around the supper table, one less argument over who gets the first shower in the morning, a third fewer phone calls.

What we can't get used to is the level of the gas tank which since her departure has made no precipitous dips.

We had a wonderful mirror. It made me look six inches taller and 10 pounds lighter. I gave it to the youngest who said she could tilt it so it would accurately reflect her image. This morning after gauging the effect of a summer replete with ice cream cones, chocolate walnut cookies, potato salad and sundry other goodies, I went out and bought another mirror. The same kind I gave away.

Barbara Nicolazzo of this paper sent me a surprise recently. Discovered in an attic and passed on was a postcard folder from the twenties or early thirties featuring my part of Pennsylvania. Scenes near Smethport, Mt. Jewett, Kane, Port Allegany, the Kinzua Bridge and Susquehanna River are reflected in all their wild mountain beauty.

One of the photos is of the ice mine at Coudersport (actually it's in Sweden Valley) where ice forms inside the mountain during the summer but not in the winter. It is a keepsake for which I am most grateful.

Speaking of postcards, I regret taking so long to acknowledge a note from Cindy (Mrs. Robert) Weiss of Apalachin who mentioned

a couple of columns that have appeared in this space. Arrival of the card brightened not only that particular day but many afterward. A postscript added that she and her family are members of St. Margaret Mary Church in Apalachin which reminded me of meeting former pastor Father Elmer Schmidt on the trip to Italy for the bishop's ordination in 1978.

Critics of crossword puzzles say they have little educational value, that words such as ai (three-toed sloth), Abo (member of an Australian tribe) or moa (extinct bird) do nothing to enhance one's vocabulary. Maybe not, but as one who can never remember esoteric clues from one Sunday Times to the next, the puzzles lead to research I might not otherwise make.

Looking for something else, I came across this Robert Louis Stevenson line recently: "One ought to see everything that one has a chance of seeing; because in life not many have one chance and none has two." Amen.

The above item leads to a word about a book I found on sale recently at the U. of R. bookstore. "A Pleasure in Words," by Eugene T. Maleska, crossword puzzle editor of the New York Times, is the kind of book which word lovers can spend many enjoyable hours reading. A bonus chapter on how to construct crossword puzzles alone is worth the price.

Published in 1981, it may be difficult to find in your favorite bookstore. If so, ask your branch library to check around and they can probably find it for you.

Healthy Aging To Be Topic of Corning Meet

Corning -- Corning Hospital Association, in conjunction with area agencies, will sponsor "Healthy Aging -- A Family Affair" at 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Senior Citizen Center here.

The program, free of charge, will provide information about community resources available to area aging and their families. The type, function and availability of participating agencies will be defined.

Agencies taking part are Area Agency on Aging, Corning Hospital Education Department, Corning Hospital Social Work Department, Corning Hospital Volunteer Department, Founders Pavilion, Corning Area Home-maker Services, Public Health Nursing, RSVP, Senior Citizens Center, Social Security Administration and the Three Rivers Health Care Center.

Further information is available from Corning Hospital, 937-7260 or 937-7268.

Hispanic Aide Thanks Diocese

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has received a letter of gratitude from Bishop Jerome A. Pechillo of the Northeast Catholic Pastoral Center for Hispanics. Bishop Pechillo expressed thanks for a diocesan contribution of \$1,800, saying, "We interpret this contribution as an expression of trust and faith in the work of our regional office."

NFP Info

Hornell -- A Natural Family Planning Session will be held 7:30-9 p.m., Sept. 22, at St. Ann's School. The session is sponsored by Marriage Preparation couples in the area. The community educators for the event will be Dave and Kathie Spring, certified by Natural Family Planning of the Southern Tier of N.Y. The information session is free and open to the public, although pre-registration is required, and is made by calling Barbara Jones, (607) 295-7708.



Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament School class of 1933 is celebrating a reunion starting with a Mass, 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25 at the church, followed by a dinner, 6:30 p.m., at the Country House in East Rochester. Organizers are particularly trying to locate Thomas Brigham, Marjorie Meteyer, Josephine Mussolino and Rita Randke. Further information is available by contacting Mary Lou Knapp Keller, 467-9862.

Sunshine Camp Gets Donation

The Rochester Rotary Club's Sunshine Camp for disabled children has received a grant of \$47,000 from the Easter Seal Society of Monroe County.

According to Tom Mees, Easter Seals president, this is the 28th year that the society has supported the camping program sponsored by Rotary for disabled youngsters.

Easter Seals raised money through direct mail solicitations, special fundraising events and the annual

telethon. Serving more than 120 disabled campers annually, the Sunshine Camp is the largest single project bylt and funded by Rotarians anywhere in the world. The camp also is supported by annual play sponsored by Rotary, the Rochester International Golf Tournament proceeds and special donations by Rotarians and friends. The operating budget exceeds \$200,000 annually. Campers attend at no cost.

'Sweet-Arts' Mount Show

The Sweet-Arts Cake Club of Rochester, in cooperation with Long Ridge Mall Merchants Association, will host its 10th annual cake show at Long Ridge, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, and noon-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 2.

More than 100 cakes and candies will be on display. Cake decorating demonstrations will take place hourly.

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL IN THE FOURTH ANNUAL MARATHON FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - Saturday, October 1, 1983 -
(Sponsored by the Rochester Federation of Catholic School Parents and Rochester Council #178 of the Knights of Columbus.)

The MARATHON is a pledge-per-mile walk, jog, or run event in support of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Rochester with 6 mile routes in Auburn, Geneva, Newark, Rochester and Waterloo, **AND ISRAEL!**



BISHOP MATTHEW H. CLARK WILL JOG IN ISRAEL ON OCT. 1ST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MARATHON SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

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