

Single Parent Project Gets State Funding

The Western Monroe Mental Health Center has received \$47,000 from the State Office of Mental Health for the funding of a single parent family program.

The program, a pilot effort developed by Western Monroe, helps parents and children develop skills to cope with the stresses and changes that occur during separation and divorce. Attention is given to the needs of children as well as those of the single parent.

Western Monroe will also begin providing full program services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 25 Westminster Road. Western Monroe initially will provide services, supervision and training while helping St. Paul's to build and implement its own program. St. Paul's is providing the funds.

Gregory Soehner, director of the program, described the joint venture as unique in "that a community mental health center and a church are joining together to help meet a community need."

Elmira Sister Elected VP

Albany -- Sister Martha Gersbach of St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira has been elected vice president of the State Council of Catholic Hospitals at its annual meeting.

Richard C. Herrmann, executive vice president of Mercy Hospital in Rockville Centre, became the first layman elected president. The council is composed of executives and administrators of the 42 Catholic hospitals in the state.

Sister Rene McNiff of St. James Mercy in Hornell serves on the Executive Committee.

Parents Group Seeks Volunteers

Parents Anonymous, a nonprofit, self-help organization is seeking volunteers to work in crisis intervention, assisting parents who are reaching out for help in solving family problems. A 38-hour training course will be offered during weekend and evening hours through October and November.

Other volunteer opportunities include child care, transportation, public relations, fund-raising, volunteer training and supervision and clerical work.

Further information is available from 454-5066.

Sarah Child



All in the Family

Transported By Books

The elementary school our children attended is being converted to our town library and community center and every time I pass the building I check to see if the construction crews have started.

When renovation is completed next Spring, our new library will be exactly one half mile from our door. And the thought has me giddy with excitement.

I was 14 when we moved to Smethport. It was the third town we had lived in and the first to have a public library. Actually, it was the high school library but five nights a week Miss Martha Colgrove, the senior English teacher, would open the doors to the community.

Discovering I could check out as many books as I could carry was the reverse of learning there was no Santa Claus.

Because we moved in July, I knew no one in town so every week night that first Summer trudged up the hill to the high school to spend an hour exulting and browsing and then, loaded down with my choices, hurried back home.

My parents' bedroom was at the far end of the apartment we rented while our house was being done over. We kids slept on a sun porch which was at the front of the house. Thus, once my parents went to sleep I could read all night and often did.

Miss Colegrove introduced me to lots of books that Summer, books I would not have chosen on my own. There was "I Married Adventure" by Osa Johnson about her and her husband's African expeditions; "We Took to the Woods" by Louise Dickinson Rich, and a slim volume about the Von Trapp Family singers that millions would later come to know as "The

Sound of Music." Of the three, Mrs. Rich's book about living in isolated, deep in the Maine forests during the winters was my favorite.

Miss Colegrove also gave me something titled, I think, "The Road to Romance."

It turned out to be a travel book and at the time did nothing for me especially since I took it thinking it would get me started on a path I knew little about.

"Gone With the Wind" was a far more successful choice and I took it home one night and read it straight through finishing it nine hours later. (My mother was working with my dad at our grocery then and only guessed how late I slept.)

My reading tastes were catholic, small c. I read anything anybody recommended, books I'd seen others checking out. Stories of conflict were my favorite, particularly between the sexes. I read "Taming of the Shrew" several times, Sir Walter Scott, the Bronte sisters and lots of junk in between. I think it was somewhat later I came across Jane Austen and was captivated for all time.

When the romances began to cloy, I turned to Zane Grey, biographies

and mysteries, collections of short stories, collections of plays.

I read indiscriminately, voraciously, without worrying about whether I was improving my mind or the reverse. My only criterion: Did I get so caught up in the book I forgot where I was, not a bad way, still, I think, to assess a piece of writing.

It has been a long time since the Summer I encountered my first public library. Thirty odd years later, I still experience the same excitement, the same delicious anticipation not knowing what I'll encounter as I cross the threshold of one.

Business in Diocese

James Cauley, a Bishop Kearney High School graduate, has been named regional manager in charge of operations of Basch Construction of Massachusetts, Worcester, Mass.

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Cauley, 32, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cauley of Irondequoit. He and his wife Margaret have two children, Jennifer and Michael.

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