



EXPRESSLY ELEMENTARY



Karate, Anyone?

Karate is one of several enrichment classes offered at St. Thomas More School. Practicing a knee smash are, from left, Dina Conlon, Elizabeth Nichols, Mike Eckert, Dorothy Hendricks and Christine Sibillo. In back are John Reding and Matt Eckert.

Annual Book Fair Enthuses Students

St. Ann School in Hornell sponsored a Book Fair in November. Coordinated by Joan Coleman, school librarian, the School Book Fair Company delivered more than 500 volumes to the school for perusal by students.

During the week's fair, students visited the display, making a "wish list" of books they would like to own. Parents were invited during school hours and one evening session to inspect

books desired, then students returned at the end of the week to submit their orders.

In the fourth year of this project, Mrs. Coleman is enthusiastic about its success. More than 200 books are purchased by students each year. The desire for reading and ownership of a home library is demonstrated by the enthusiastic response to the fair and the exuberant faces of children as they proudly carry their treasured books home.

Reading Skills Shared

By Mary-Margaret LaLiberte

Many times, when a student is summoned to the principal's office, it's not always for good news. At Annunciation School in Rochester, a trip to the principal's office more than likely is a good time.

Each week, one class from grades two through eight, has an opportunity to send three or four students every day to Mrs. Evelyn Kirst's office in anticipation of a command performance. Mrs. Kirst uses this opportunity to come together with the students

and listen to their oral reading abilities. The children choose their own poem or story and demonstrate their self-expression and self-poise for the principal. Excerpts ranging from "My Brother the Car" to "Harriet Tubman" are the subjects of "Reading for the Principal."

Derrick Wilson, an eighth grader, said, "I think it's nice Mrs. Kirst is interested in the progress the students make. Not many principals have the time, or make the time to listen to how the students are doing."

Day for World Peace And Justice Noted

Principal Mary Caffrey called it "our day for world peace and social justice." On Dec. 12, Holy Trinity School observed this special day in many ways.

Teachers began their preparation by locating the many places of unrest in the world, then throughout the day students were involved in activities to bring peace and justice to mind.

Some classrooms had a no frills lunch, which to them simply meant no goodies. Second graders gave up their morning snack and others wrote letters to the president, sent Christmas cards, made posters and wrote acrostic poems.

The clock stopped for five minutes and phones were taken off the hook as everyone spent a few mo-

ments in silent prayer and reflection.

In church, a vigil candle burned all day. A special prayer service was heard in the morning and in the afternoon the entire school gathered for Mass which was totally prepared by students. They led in prayer, did the readings and gave speeches.

French Classes Added

French classes for grades two and three are being added this month to expand the French language and culture classes at St. Charles Borromeo School. Mrs. Peggy Bishop will join Ms. Linda Wilhelm in teaching the classes.

Alumnus Entertains Students

Alan Miesch, a 1967 graduate of Our Mother of Sorrows School, came back to his alma mater in November and entertained the student body with his folksinging and story telling talents. Sister Sheila Connor, principal, was delighted to hear from another alumnus because plans are under way for a 40th anniversary celebration in the near future. Graduates or persons knowing the names and locations of graduates are asked to call 663-0722 or 225-1161.



St. Louis Enlists Volunteer Program

At St. Louis School in Pittsford a problem common to many community schools was occurring -- so much to be done, so little money with which to do it. A 25-year-old building was in need of numerous major repairs as well as the general maintenance tasks of cleaning and painting classrooms, halls and offices.

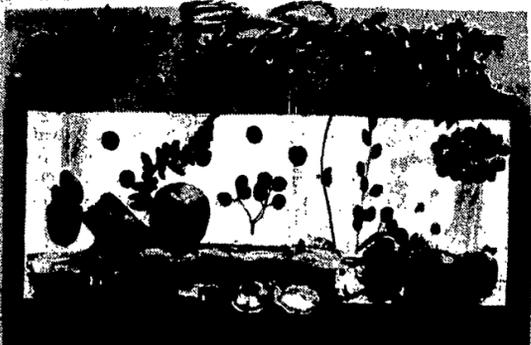
Sister Miriam Nugent, principal and Father Louis Hohman, pastor, together with Home and School Association members, devised a simple but effective solution to their problem.

A comprehensive volunteer plan was devised whereby each family with a child in the school is responsible for 20 hours of volunteer time in

the parish and school. Parents may contribute money instead of time -- or part money, part volunteer time, whichever suits their situation best. Each volunteer hour is worth \$15, a total commitment of \$300 or 20 hours.

"There is a real sense of community now," reports Sister Miriam. "Previously, so many parents sent their children to our school, attended church, but remained on the periphery. Now they feel a part of the school."

St. Louis School's solution to their problem makes good use of a resource readily available to them -- the time and talents of the parents of their students.



Original Art

The second annual Fine Arts Night was held recently at St. Salome School, 4280 Culver Road. Grades K-8 participated, with each youngster given an opportunity to exhibit his/her artistic skill. Above, third grader Shana Behan's project of nature designs.



Hooray for Books

Sister Anne Elizabeth Cooney is sharing the secrets of good reading with Jose Rosado and Kevin Zuniga, first graders at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. Sister Anne volunteers her service to the school.



Affectionate Remembrance

Children from St. Mary's School, Elmira, release balloons of many different colors in memory of their late classmate, Gabriel Stimpson, 7, who was killed in an automobile accident last Fall. The students remember Gabriel as a happy little boy who loved balloons. As they released the balloons, the students said, "We love you Gabe."



Kevin Clein tests his auditory development through taped programming.

Special Ed Program Enters Ninth Year

Nine years ago St. Pius Tenth School took on an educational challenge. It became the first diocesan parochial school to open a parish-supported Special Education program, under the supervision of a certified learning disability teacher.

A program was designed to meet the needs of children in grades one through seven who were experiencing learning difficulties and for whom a developmental or remedial curriculum was required.

After a few years it became apparent that, by placing the emphasis in primary grades, it would be possible to overcome the impediments to learning that develop as a child continues through school.

Great emphasis is placed upon parental understanding of the program and acceptance of reasonable academic goals for their child. Parental support is not only necessary but also the key to the success of a child's program.

Upon admission into this program, an individualized educational program (IEP) is designed to meet the individual needs of each child. The child is then placed in a class to meet these needs. When the goals that were set up in the IEPs have been reached, the child is then mainstreamed into the regular classroom.

Since 1975, over 350 students have been screened and approximately 300 have been served by these programs.

St. Jerome's Hosts Information Night

An information night on the topic of chemical dependency will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the St. Jerome School Hall, 501 S. Garfield St., East Rochester.

The program is being sponsored by the Huther-

Doyle Agency.

Students in grades 6-8, and all interested adults are invited to attend. A film will be shown and then two teens and a parent will relate their personal experiences. A question and answer period will follow.