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around her. She is about to come home to continue her convalescence.

61 Mr. S. is an alcoholic who is separated from his wife and family. He receives public assistance and is in and out of hospital detoxification units. He needs a lot of moral and physical support to be kept busy and occupied. He has started a job at a nutrition site, is behaving and looking much better. However, counseling, support, food and clothing are very vital.

62 Mrs. C. is a widow. There are seven in the family, including an invalid uncle who needs constant care. She is trying to find other living accommodations with lower electric rates than those she is currently paying. The new landlord is avoiding her and causing her problems. She needs food, clothing and other household items to supplement her income.

63 The W. family of two adults and four children recently lost a baby to crib death. Because Mr. W. is a new client, the details of the family's situation are not yet clear, but they need food, clothing and furniture.

64 M.G.W.'s family consists of three adults and one child. Two of the family members are handicapped. The family was recently burned out of their home and lost everything. Some furniture has been provided, but more is needed. The daughter needs an expensive, elaborate hearing aide. Mr. M.G.W.'s meager pay just doesn't stretch far enough, but the family tries to hang in there.

65 L.M.'s husband is in a nursing home and has a difficult time holding a permanent part-time or full-time job, as she is raising a granddaughter born with drug and alcohol syndrome. Extensive medical attention is needed for this child. L.M.'s very old car is used mostly for out-of-town visits to the doctor. She is on a meager, fixed income.

66 Arthur is typical of a number of men who receive varying degrees of care and supervision from the Veteran's Administration system. Arthur receives a minimal income which is paid directly to his landlord. He eats almost daily at a soup kitchen run by a consortium of churches, and comes regularly to food cupboards for cans of food or hot dogs and cheese which he can eat cold without cooking because his rented room has no cooking facilities. Arthur is often confused, and though a very gentle person, sometimes makes people apprehensive because he appears very big and strong.

67 Betty and Chuck are a young couple who have had to deal with a great deal of hard luck, yet say that they do not want to become part of the welfare system. Betty is going to school, and both she and Chuck are working hard to set up their own business in landscaping and lawn care so they can be self-sufficient. They recently lost their mobile home and virtually all of their possessions in a fire, but are struggling to maintain their self sufficiency.

68 Debbie and Eric have seven children, ranging in age from 3 to 12. Their youngest child, Frank, suffers from a rare genetic disorder which, given current medical technology, will claim his life before he reaches adolescence. Eric is employed full-time, but only brings home about \$1,000 per month, which is the family's only income. Most medical bills are taken care of by group insurance, but there are many other expenses which the family must meet from other resources, including a yearly trip to the National Institute of Health in Washington, D.C.

69 Gerri is a single parent with a 16-year-old son and a 20-year-old daughter. The daughter, Heather, has been battling cancer for a year and a half, and the family's resources are nearing exhaustion. Gerri has taken a six-month leave of absence from her job, and at present has no income.

70 Hillary is a 23-year-old woman who came to the Finger Lakes area for a final job interview, virtually assured of landing the job. However, things did not work out, and she would up stranded 2,000 miles from home

with just \$5 left. Hillary comes from a rather sheltered home environment.

71 Karen is a divorced single mother from a large Puerto Rican family. She has one developmentally disabled child living with her and is also caring for two young nephews. Although Karen has few resources, she is always willing to share what she has with others, frequently opening her home for a few days or months to relatives with no place to stay.

72 Jose is the sole support of his family of four, but for the past eight weeks, he has been on strike against a local employer that attempted to cut its workforce's wages in order to improve its cash flow. Jose has been on strike long enough now to start collecting unemployment benefits, but will still be faced with greatly reduced income and the prospect that he may lose his job if the company makes good its threats to shut down permanently if workers don't accept substantial pay cuts.

73 Luella is a young, gentle woman who is intellectually limited. She lives alone and supports herself though a part-time job in the kitchen of a local restaurant. But she of-

ten runs short of money for food if her work week is shortened.

74 M. is a 30-year-old single mother with three school-age children to support. She is attempting to finish work on a two-year college degree that will enable her to increase her earning potential and better care for her family. Now she is trying to survive on public assistance and student grants. She has recently been victimized by an unscrupulous landlord who accepted a cash security deposit and stalled in giving her a receipt, then evicted her two months later by claiming she had never paid the sum.

75 Molly is 50. She is going through a divorce and has very limited work skills. Coming from a middle-class background, she is frustrated by and frequently apprehensive about always living on the edge of poverty. She has found it hard to enter the local public-assistance system. Her older sister, who is widowed, helps whenever she can. Molly has a great deal of anger over her divorce following a 20-year marriage and does not have any children. She needs to accept and deal with her feelings of anger and to obtain training so that she can regain belief in herself and in her future.

Activists

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sheriff's deputies directed traffic to other depot entrances. According to Joe Torma, who was serving as liaison between the protestors and depot security, the guards' action was part of an ongoing policy of limiting negative publicity by avoiding confrontations with protestors.

The protestors committed themselves to return to the depot at a later date and risk arrest again. Eighteen of them also agreed to risk arrest in an anti-abortion protest in the future.

Carol Crossed, who helped to organize the retreat, expressed optimism about the future of the group. Forty-six of the retreat participants agreed to continue meeting after Christmas to continue efforts to unite the pro-life and anti-war groups and to encourage a seamless-garment approach to life issues.

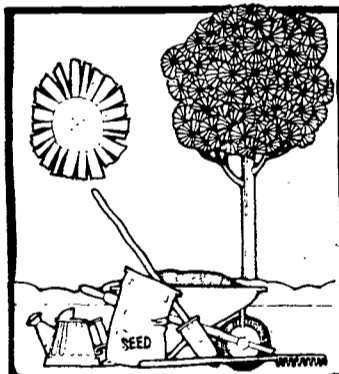
"There's energy in this group," she said. These people haven't had a way to express their beliefs before."

Father O'Shea agreed. "A group is beginning to coalesce," the priest observed. "It's gathering its own identity around prayer, reflection and action. I see it as an ongoing pilgrimage of faith."

GVOC to present 'Messiah'

The Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus — formerly the Perinton Community Chorus and Orchestra — will present its 12th performance of Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, Dec. 13, in the Church of the Resurrection, 63 Mason Road, Fairport. The performance will begin at 4 p.m.

The performance is sponsored by the Perinton Parks and Recreation Department. Although the concert is free, tickets to ensure seating may be obtained from members, by calling (716)223-9006.



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