



One of the many posters designed for Fire Prevention Week

Bob Kettering (cont.)

[Continued from back page] message across. When he read the text about Jacob's ladder, he ascended an extension ladder put up in the sanctuary, turning around to face the congregation, holding onto a rung with one hand, and holding the Bible in the other hand. Libby says he was a little "shaky." Bob says he hadn't expected the ladder to shake when he climbed it.

He also did a little magic one Sunday, emptying a vase of water, then pouring more and more from it, to illustrate "God's unending love for us."

To illustrate the authority of the Bible, he mixed up a cake in the pulpit at the beginning of the service, baked it during the service, then served some of it to a few people, but threw most of it away in a garbage can. "That's the way it is with Scripture," he told his congregation. "Some people take and eat it and internalize it, others throw it away."

Sometimes he wears costumes of Old and New Testament characters, and

then uses the first person pronoun, "I," addressing the congregation as if the Biblical character was talking to them himself.

Libby remarks, "Bob is boyish and appealing. He is himself."

Bob says, "I think we have an exciting group of people here who really live the Christian faith."

Libby says, "Bob is big on reconciliation. He's a peacemaker. He really practices the principle: don't let the sun go down on your anger. We solve our differences during the day."

"He really has a concern for people to reconcile. I appreciate that as a wife. That makes him pretty easy to live with."

In addition to all his church work, Bob, with all his musical interests, serves as Music Coordinator for the Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren.

He is also active in the pro-life movement (opposed to abortion). He is opposed to war, abortion, and capital punishment, all forms of taking human life.

Friendship Fire Company sponsors poster contest for Fire Prevention Week

This week is Fire Prevention Week, and the Friendship Fire Company of Mount Joy once again held a poster contest for the elementary children in the Donegal area. Over 400 posters were entered in the contest this year, vying for the prizes in each grade. First place received \$15, second \$10 and third \$5.

During the week pamphlets explaining various fire prevention techniques were distributed to the children. These, along with

emergency telephone numbers were incorporated into the posters.

Bill Martin, chairman of the fire prevention week committee, feels much is gained by going through the students. "The kids go home and bug their parents about doing the things they learned in school," says Martin. Because of their persistence "their parents will often use the child's newly learned techniques just to keep the child quiet.

In this way not only the child, but an entire family has been reached."

In addition to the poster contest, there will be an open house at the fire building this coming Saturday, with pamphlets on fire prevention, and give-outs for the kids all week long.

Martin feels that one of the most important items to be given away this year is a pamphlet on wood stoves. "People who would never have thought about such a

thing five years ago, are today installing wood burning stoves," says Martin, "and all too often there is poor installation involved. We hope that through this booklet people will better understand the proper way to install and use one of the new stoves."

The Friendship Fire Company spends about \$500 every year on fire prevention, and it is their hope that the community will take advantage of their offerings.

Fake junior achievers selling magazines

The Lancaster County Junior Achievement program has issued a warning to local people that a group of fake magazine salesmen having been falsely using J.A.'s name.

J.A. does not sell any magazines, and only high school students, not adults,

ever sell anything for the J.A. program.

The genuine J.A. sales program started on October 8th. J.A. sells products they manufacture themselves.

If you are approached by one of the fake salesmen for a magazine subscription, call the J.A. office at 397-5779.

Assumption B.V.M. Catholic Church dedicated in Mount Joy

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church of Mount Joy will dedicate its new church and parish center on Sunday, October 14th, in its centennial year of 1979 at 3:00pm. The new structure is situated on a 9½ acre site along Union School Road in East Donegal Township. The Most Reverend Joseph T. Daley, Bishop of Harrisburg, will be the main celebrant and consecrator. Recently ordained Bishop William H. Keeler will be the homilist. The Rev. Mag. Damian McGovern, Dean of the Lancaster Catholic Churches, will proclaim the Gospel and assist in the ceremony. The Rev. Herman Czaster, Vicar Representative of St. Anthony of Padua Province of Franciscans will concelebrate. Numerous priests and clergy of the area have been invited to participate. Members of the congregation will present symbolic gifts during the Offertory and assist in the ceremony.

Along with the dedica-

tion, the Church is celebrating its 100th anniversary as a worshipping community. The original Catholic church in Mount Joy was dedicated on October 12, 1879, as a mission of St. Anthony's R.C. Church in Lancaster. In 1881 it was designated a mission of St. Peter's R.C. Church in Elizabethtown and remained under its pastorate until 1976 when Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Marietta assumed pastoral responsibility.

The original Catholic Church in Mount Joy was located at the intersection of New Haven and David Streets. In December 1977, the church was closed due to structural instability. The community worshipped at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Marietta until the new structure was completed. Groundbreaking for this building was on October 25, 1978, with most of the

construction completed as of mid-August. The first Mass was celebrated on August 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The attractive one-story parish center includes a permanent church having redesigned stained glass windows from the original church, a seating capacity of 400, sacristy, reconciliation room and cry room, and storage areas. The social center has a seating capacity of 500, kitchen, office areas, lounges, storage and mechanical rooms. A spacious narthex joins the church and social and educational areas. The 12,843 square-foot project is completely air conditioned. David Lynch Associates was the architect and Wohlsen Construction Company was the contractor at an approximate cost of \$600,000. This includes land, site plan, construction and church furnishings. Mr. Michael Pricio was the chairman of the Building Committee. He was assisted

by Mrs. William Brill, Mr. John Gaudlip, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Suhar, Mr. and Mrs.

Edward Sweigart, and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Szymanski. An open house will follow

the dedication ceremony. The public is cordially invited to the celebration.



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