

Catholic editor meets journalistic challenge

By Mary Lou Callaway
special writer

Many who read the best-selling mystery "The Rosary Murders" by former priest William Kienzle recognized the character "Irene Casey" as the fictional counterpart to the real editor of the Michigan Catholic.

Margaret Cronyn, a West Bloomfield Green Lake subdivision resident for the

past 12 years, still gets mail addressed to that fictional journalist who worked at the "Detroit Catholic," a thinly disguised duplicate for the Michigan Catholic.

Cronyn has been editor of weekly newspaper since 1974.

Kienzle was the priest-editor. "When he left, the Cardinal (John Cardinal Dearden) asked me to fill in," she said.

Cronyn expected to go back to being

the paper's women's editor when the diocese found a new priest-editor. But things under her ran so well that she was asked to remain as editor.

A Marygrove College graduate in sociology without a journalism background, Cronyn wrote a family life column (a la Irma Bombeck) and feature stories.

When Cardinal Dearden retired, Archbishop Edmund Szoka became publisher of the Michigan Catholic. But Cronyn operates with complete autonomy in a circulation area covering six southeastern Michigan counties.

"Almost all of the 155 Catholic newspaper editors are priests," she explained, adding there are now two other female editors.

Her career "just happened," she said. "It wasn't planned. I like what I'm doing."

SINCE THE women's movement began, she is often asked about her "struggle" to make it in a man's world. "I just fell into it," she said.

"We get no subsidy from the diocese. We have to depend on circulation and advertising. There is no such thing as a Catholic, isolated audience. We're sometimes tagged editorially as either too conservative or too liberal."

International, national and local news are covered in the newspaper, which recently changed to a tabloid format.

"We don't avoid any subjects," she



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CRONYN: "They thought the church shouldn't relax the rules. Now I think it's harder to be a Catholic. The responsibility is on you, not the rules."

Musicians give concert, then go into competition

Harrison High School's Orchestra, Concert and Jazz Bands begin their spring concert at 8 p.m. April 1 in the school auditorium, 29996 12 Mile Road.

Many in the performance will go into competition on the next weekend as part of the Michigan Solo and Ensemble Festival that will be given in Birmingham's Seaholm High School this year.

The orchestra will play classical pieces by Bach and Handel and a contemporary number called "Serenade" for string orchestra.

The concert band will perform "Great Gate of Kiev" by Moussorgsky and selections from "PQ Bach."

The jazz band will play "Jazz Man" by Woody Herman, "Here's That Rainy Day" arranged by Stan Kenton, and "In the Mood."

A jazz arrangement of the Harrison fight song will be played for the first time. It was commissioned by the Band

Boosters and arranged by Kevin Dewey, a junior majoring in jazz music studies at Wayne State University.

The orchestra, concert band and jazz bands are all under the direction of Mark Phillips.

Soloists from Harrison going into the spring competition are Kris Williams, Don Jean, Julie Fish, Sandy Oswald, Barbara Hess, and Josh Rossman.

Oswald and Hess will compete with a flute duet. Michelle Kraus and Janice Dession will compete with a clarinet duet. Lida Waak and Julie Fish compete with a flute duet, and Oswald and Susanne DeCooke compete with a flute duet.

A percussion sextet going into competition is composed of Laura Levinson, Ruth Savely, Matthew Blake, Kevin Przewodek, Rick Schneider and Craig Whaley.

These students all earned a Number One, the highest rating given during the district festival held here in February.

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SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 22, 1982**

Farmington Hills City Council held a regular meeting March 22, 1982. Mayor Burwell opened the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Members present were: Dolan, Burwell, Sorrell, Wolf, Hughes, Lange and Williams. Others present: City Manager Savage, Assistant Manager Ostick, City Clerk Cairns, Director of Public Services Biessell and City Attorney Bibeau.

Citizens Civic Awards were presented to Dr. John Serini and Ms. Barbara Sikema for saving the life of a person at Botsford Apartments.

Council approved the minutes of March 8 and March 15, 1982.

Council approved the addition of Bond award and project Resolutions 1, 2 and 3 for K & F Land Company.

Council approved the bid of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith to purchase \$1,120,000 sewer and water Special Assessment Bonds at the interest rate of 12.04233.

City Council approved a resolution approving the project area of K & F Land Company for the construction of industrial buildings with Economic Development Corporation funds in the City of Farmington Hills.

Council approved a resolution confirming assignment of additional Economic Development Corporation members Dan Reynolds and James Pierce for K & F Land project, located on Haggerty Road north of Grand River.

Council approved resolution setting date of Public Hearing for K & F Land Company to be held April 12, 1982, subject to confirmation by the Economic Development Corporation.

Public Hearing on Necessity and Cost for Dust Control for unpaved roads in the City of Farmington Hills was held and the roll confirmed in the amount of \$188,531.17. Bids were awarded to Michigan Chloride Sales Incorporated for 38% chloride and to Astro Oil Corporation, Flat Rock, Michigan, for asphalt emulsion.

Council enacted Zoning Map Amendment 028-276 for 46.46 acres of land in Section 16 from RA-1 to OS-1A and OS-2 on 12 Mile Road, east of Drake.

Council enacted Zoning Map Amendment 028-277 for a parcel of land on the east side of Drake Road, south of Twelve Mile, from RA-1 to OS-1A.

Council approved Entertainment Permit to be held in conjunction with 1981 Class C License for Honey Tree Restaurant located at 28990 and 29100 Orchard Lake Road.

Council approved Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting regarding pending litigation.

Council awarded bid to Busch Incorporation for \$114,679.65 to construct water main on Northwestern Highway from Inkster north to Valley Road.

Council awarded bid to State Wide Excavating Incorporated in the amount of \$350,212.89 for construction of sewer in Glen Orchard and Farmington Hills Subdivisions.

Council awarded bid to State Wide Excavating Incorporated in the amount of \$38,423 to construct sewers on Onewood.

Council adopted Traffic Control Order for yield sign at intersection of Jacksonville and Independence.

Council adopted Traffic Control Order for yield sign at intersection of Wildwood Trail and Briar Hill and stop sign at the intersection of Shady Lane and Wildwood Trail.

Council approved Community Development Block Grant program (Housing Assistance Plan) application. Public Hearing is scheduled for April 19, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

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