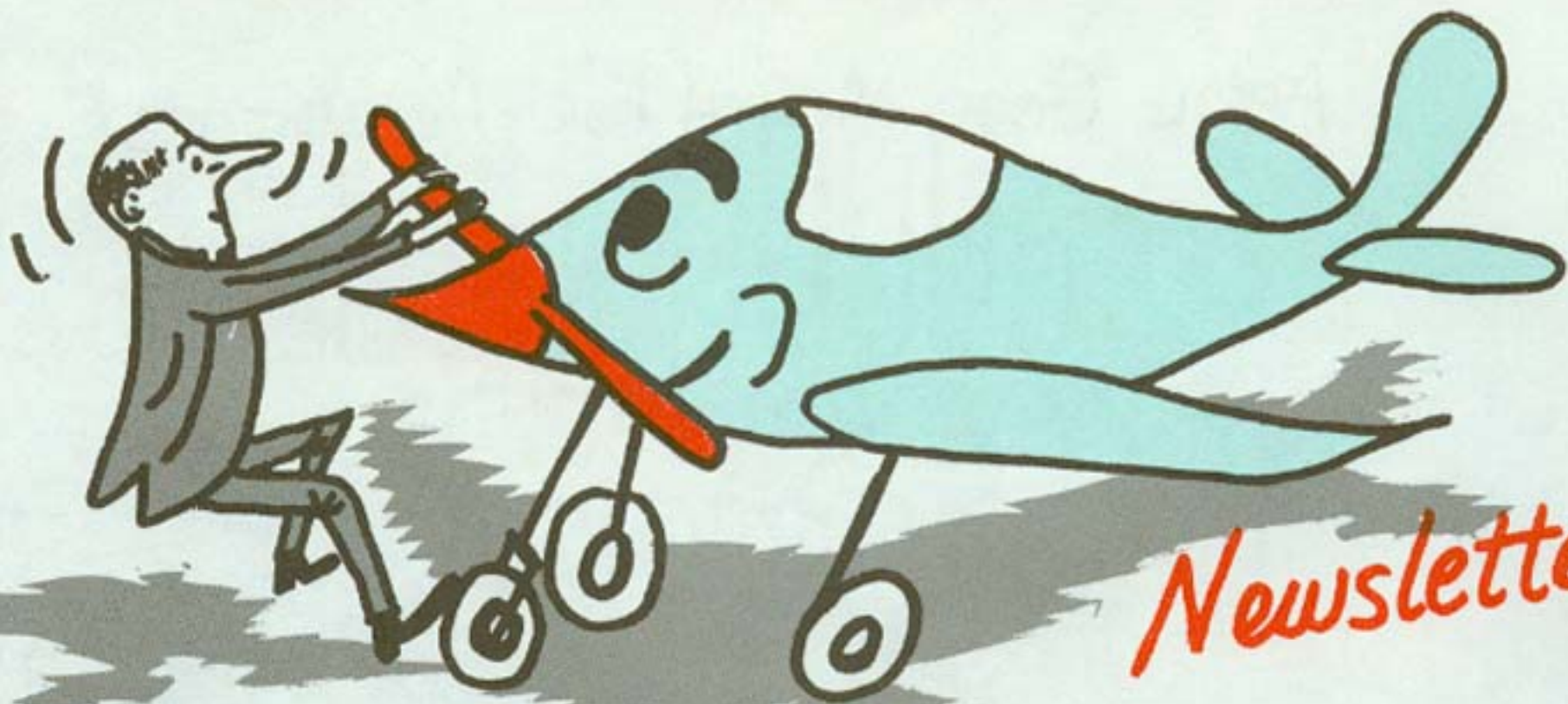


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I think that all our members should know that we've hit the century mark in 1976 for N.A.P.P. that's to say we've gotten 100 Flying Padres to renew their membership dues. Although this is good news, there are about 60 or so whom we haven't heard from. Assuming you might be one of the 60, please send our Treasurer, Charlie Teufel, your renewal check. AND don't forget the Convention site and date.

DUBUQUE - July 13-14.

That will be our chance to whoop it up for Mel Hemann who just got his A.T.R.

Mel, from all of us CONGRATULATIONS - - - you're the greatest!!

Rich

APRIL GOOD MONTH FOR CO-EDITORS!

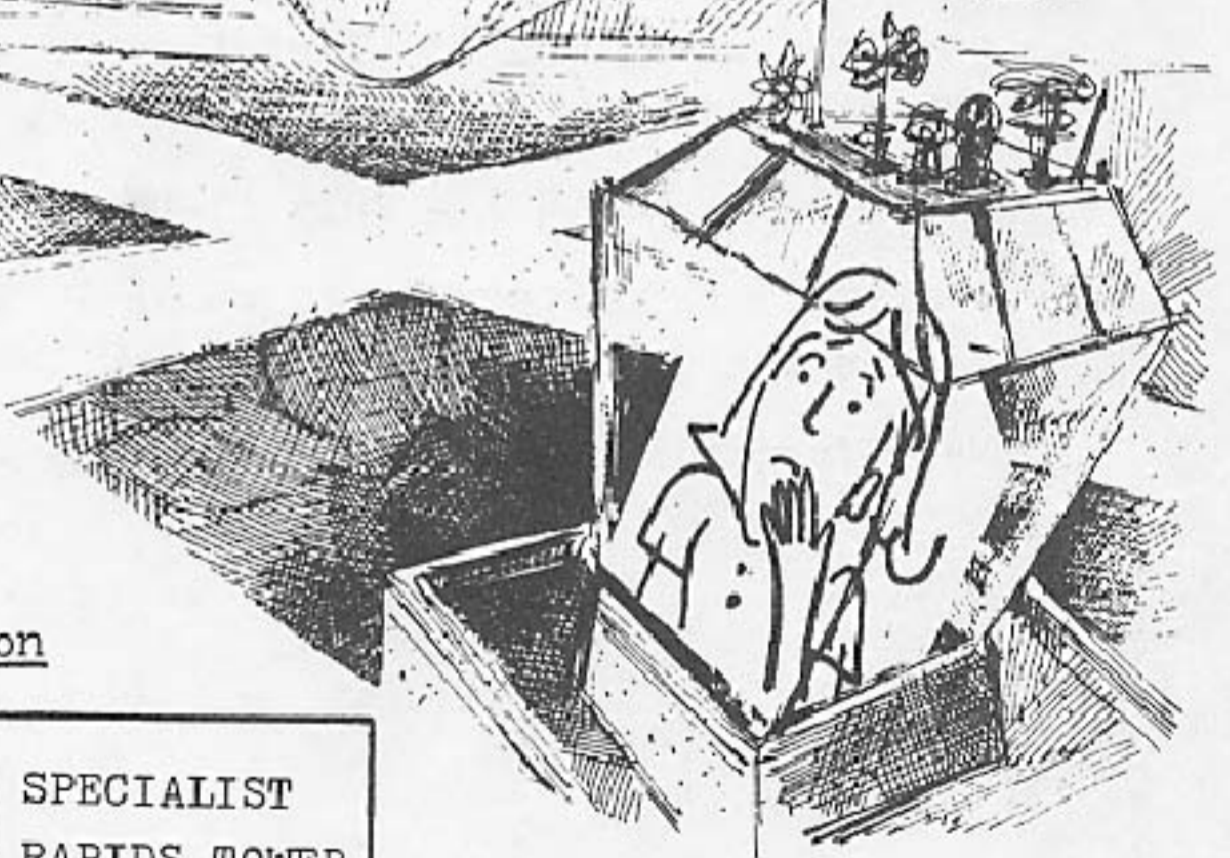
Mel Hemann

AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT
MULTI ENGINE
April 25, 1976



Nancy Johnson

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SPECIALIST
FACILITY RATED, CEDAR RAPIDS TOWER
April 7, 1976



(We congratulate ourselves...)

Fr. Leo Ray Fohl Pastor, Chaplain

WHEELING — Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Joseph's Cathedral yesterday, April 1, for Father Leo Raymond Fohl, 72, who died in his sleep Monday, March 29.

Principal celebrant of the Mass was His Excellency, Bishop Hodges. (As we go to press, Wednesday, March 31, additional details of the Mass are not available.)

A native of Clarksburg, he was born April 9, 1903, son of the late William A. and Bertha Chadock Fohl.

He made his preparatory studies for the priesthood in St. Charles' College, Catonsville, Md.

His Philosophical studies were made in St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, and Theological studies at the Sulpician Seminary, Catholic University, where he received his STB degree.

He was ordained May 30, 1929, in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Wheeling by the late Archbishop Swint.

His first assignments were to Thomas and Davis. He then served as chaplain to the Sisters of St. Joseph in Fairmont, before being made assistant pastor at St. Peter's, where he served from Nov.

1929 to June, 1931.

He was then transferred to the Manual Training School in Wheeling.

In June, 1935, he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's Wytheville, Va., and remained there until January, 1936.

He returned to the Manual Training School, as director until his appointment as chaplain in the Armed Services in September, 1942.

He went to St. Mary's Church, Blacksburg, Va. as pastor on June 22, 1947.

During his pastorate there he built three churches, St. Mary's, Blacksburg, St. Jude's, Radford, and St. Edward's, Pulaski.

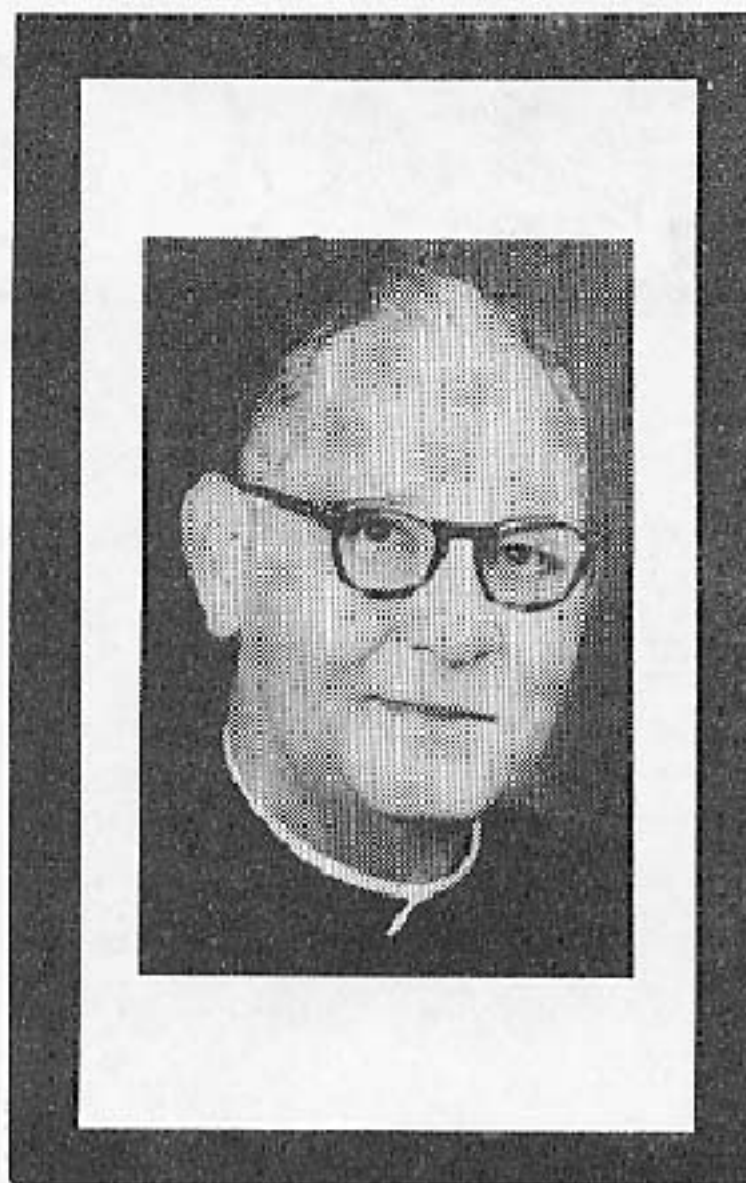
In 1966 Father Fohl was transferred to St. Margaret Mary's, Parkersburg, and remained there until 1971 when was stricken with a heart attack.

Following his recovery, Father Fohl was assigned to the Immaculate Conception, New Cumberland.

Father Fohl entered retirement from the active ministry on Aug. 1, 1975.

At the time of his death he was residing with his sister, Mrs. Edward (Gertrude) Hilliard of Butler, Pa.

Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery, here.



(Ray was a charter member - RIP)

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Shhhhhh!

Rumor has it that an NAPP member in W. Va. whose initials are Ray Radzieta will have his private ticket by convention time.

NAPP secretary Nick Rossello is shooting for the same goal.



BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE ...

This letter from Frank and Pat Weidinger, Morden, Manitoba.

"A little Piper Cub was born to us Dec. 29, Mary Patricia! 4 lbs., 11 oz., 18 " tall but a bundle of life, joy and love! We're so happy. May this serve as our best wishes for a late Christmas, Happy New Year and birth announcement. Was due the 20th but well worth waiting for. I was with Pat all the way through, a beautiful experience. Wanted you to know our happiness as a wonderful priest and friend. Maybe some day you can meet the rest of the family!"

From Moore, Montana Charlie Mears sent this note with his dues.

"Haven't been flying since my check-ride last fall, but hope to get in the air again in the not-too-distant future with my BD-5. Have finally acquired an engine so probably will be hurrying to get it together. Hope to see you in Dubuque."

Another Canadian writes from Kamloops, B.C. -- Barry Desmond.

"In mid-January I moved here from Ashcroft to what is now the largest parish in the Diocese, having the largest Catholic population and Catholic grade school of the three in the whole Diocese. We have around 265 children and are looking forward to recognition and funding soon from our Provincial government. At present the financial burden is almost intolerable."

"The 180 is only three miles away at Fulton field so that's handy. My partner (also brother and fellow priest-pilot though not a NAPP'er) has also received a new appointment to the North Thompson missions. The 180 will be spending some time there when the snow goes and summer returns. It's 130 miles from here to Blue River in the heart of the Rockies."

"Easter week we plan a trip to Edmonton for a charismatic Priests' Retreat by a team from the Eastern States. There is a good chance we might make it to Iowa for the convention in July."

Chaplain Joseph Zemites, U.S. Naval Air Station, Moffett Field.

"Sorry, but guess it's futile to continue. Still on medication for high blood pressure and seems it will go on ad infinitum so have had to decide flying's no longer possible for me. Have had to change interests and priorities."

Co-founder Henry Haacke responds to last NAPP newsletter.

"Glad that some of the padres love me enough to be concerned.. so far John Dompka called long distance and Raymond Radzieta wrote me a letter...both thinking I had been moved because you reported my new post office box address."

"Am still in exactly same place but switched to a post office box 82 at Kenton ($\frac{1}{8}$ mile from me) instead of rural carrier delivery out of Morning View (5 miles)."

"In fact, nearby drag strip across the road has three airplanes tied down there now and one of my parishoners just bought a Cessna 150 and has invited me to make use of it."

"You all do a good job on the bulletin and I am looking forward to seeing you and Bill Kunsch, my classmate, at the Dubuque meet. I still keep the Incorporation papers active on file in Frankfort, Ky., state capitol."

"Anybody passing my drag strip runway on Licking River just southeast of CVG is welcome to drop down for a visit."

Jim Kremeier writes from Burwell, Nebraska.

"Here is a news communique from the 'Land of the Rodeo', Burwell, Nebr. I have received my commercial and IFR rating as of 10-26-75. 'Look out clouds!'

"Also my 1965 Cherokee 140 has taken a new look. I have installed an Avcon conversion. It is now powered by a 180 hp Lycoming engine with a constant speed prop. Beautiful airplane. Flies 120 kts."

On Jan. 6 John MacGillivray sent the following note and newspaper article with his dues.

"Not much new since the last note that appeared in the newsletter. I haven't heard from Fr. Mooney about the possibility of a NAPP convention in New Brunswick. It may be possible to interest COPA, EAA or some other organization to host a meeting of the Flying Padres here in Ottawa in '77. I was "conned" into taking over the EAA 245 newsletter here as of February. The attached clipping appeared in a local paper recently.

All the best for your bi-centennial year '76."

From THE CITIZEN, Ottawa, December 27, 1975. by Janet MacIntyre

"Chaplains in the Canadian Armed Forces minister to a variety of needs, says Father "Jack" MacGillivray, Roman Catholic chaplain, Canadian Forces Base Ottawa South.

Major John W. MacGillivray has been a chaplain to forces personnel since 1954 when he entered the RCAF Officers' Training Course in London, Ontario.

The core of the chaplain's work in a base parish is to uphold moral and spiritual values of the men. In the strain of separation when men go overseas, the chaplain acts in close liaison with the family in times of trouble.

Major MacGillivray was ordained in the diocese of Antigonish, N.S. in 1959 and after basic training spent three years at the RCAF base in Moose Jaw, Sask.

He learned to fly through a private flying association on the base and obtained his private pilot's license. His next transfer saw him in Summerside, P.E.I. as base chaplain.

There he bought a Tiger Moth biplane and began flying as a hobby. Over the years he acquired another plane - 1931 Puss Moth which he used to fly to air shows in the U.S. It was to be expected, therefore, that he would be dubbed the flying priest by his flying friends.

Other postings have included Germany, Chatham, N.B., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Shearwater, N.S. and Petawawa, Ontario.

Father MacGillivray finds that military people become more quickly involved in parish life than do civilian parishioners.

Because of the transient nature of the military "people realize they can't wait three or four years to get acquainted" with their priest as they might do in a civilian parish, and they plunge into church activities.

But the needs of the people are the same. To the people he serves, Father MacGillivray is a priest first and a major second. Rarely is he referred to by his military rank."

Full-time Volunteer Pilot

From the Franciscan Mission House in Rensselaer, N.Y.
Fr. Victor sent the following letter.

Gentlemen:

I am searching for the opportunity to work for a year, or possibly more, as a full-time volunteer pilot for a mission or another charitable organization. I am qualified as a commercial pilot with nearly 1000 hours of flying experience and hold an instrument and multiengine ratings. If needed I am willing to pay my own transportation overseas. I am also in a position to provide my own aircraft (Aero Commander 100, single engine 150 hp, four seats), exclusive of overseas transportation cost. Will be available for service in September 1976.

If interested, please, send me pertinent information.

Sincerely yours,

Sigmund F. Zakrzewski
260 Lakewood Pkwy
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(Ed's note: I took the liberty of sending an advance copy of this letter to Bishop Frank Hurley and Bishop Leo Arkfeld. Bishop Arkfeld sent the following.)

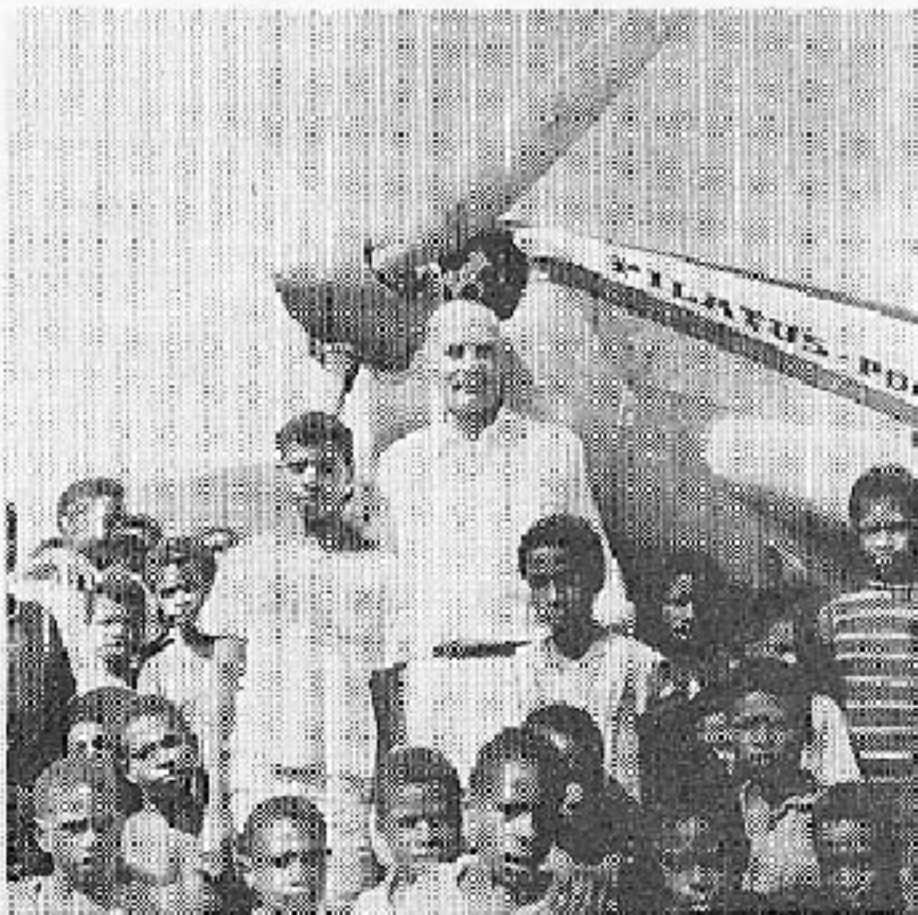
"Many thanks for giving me advance information about Sigmund Zakrewski, the pilot who is offering himself for a year or so of mission work. It so happens that we have sufficient pilots at this time but I am sending on the information to Bishop Bernarding, in Mt. Hagen, who may be interested. I shall also write to Sigmund telling him this."

"You may have heard that I have been transferred to the archdiocese of Madang, but at the same time I was appointed Administrator of Wewak. This means I am looking after both dioceses but only until such time as there are local priests ready to take over. This will not be in the immediate future but perhaps it will not take too many years. There is already one local priest both in Wewak and Madang dioceses and there should be another ordination this year in each place. Our main work, of course, always has been to establish a local clergy and local religious communities. Your prayers for this intention would be appreciated."

"Again, thanks for remembering us out here."



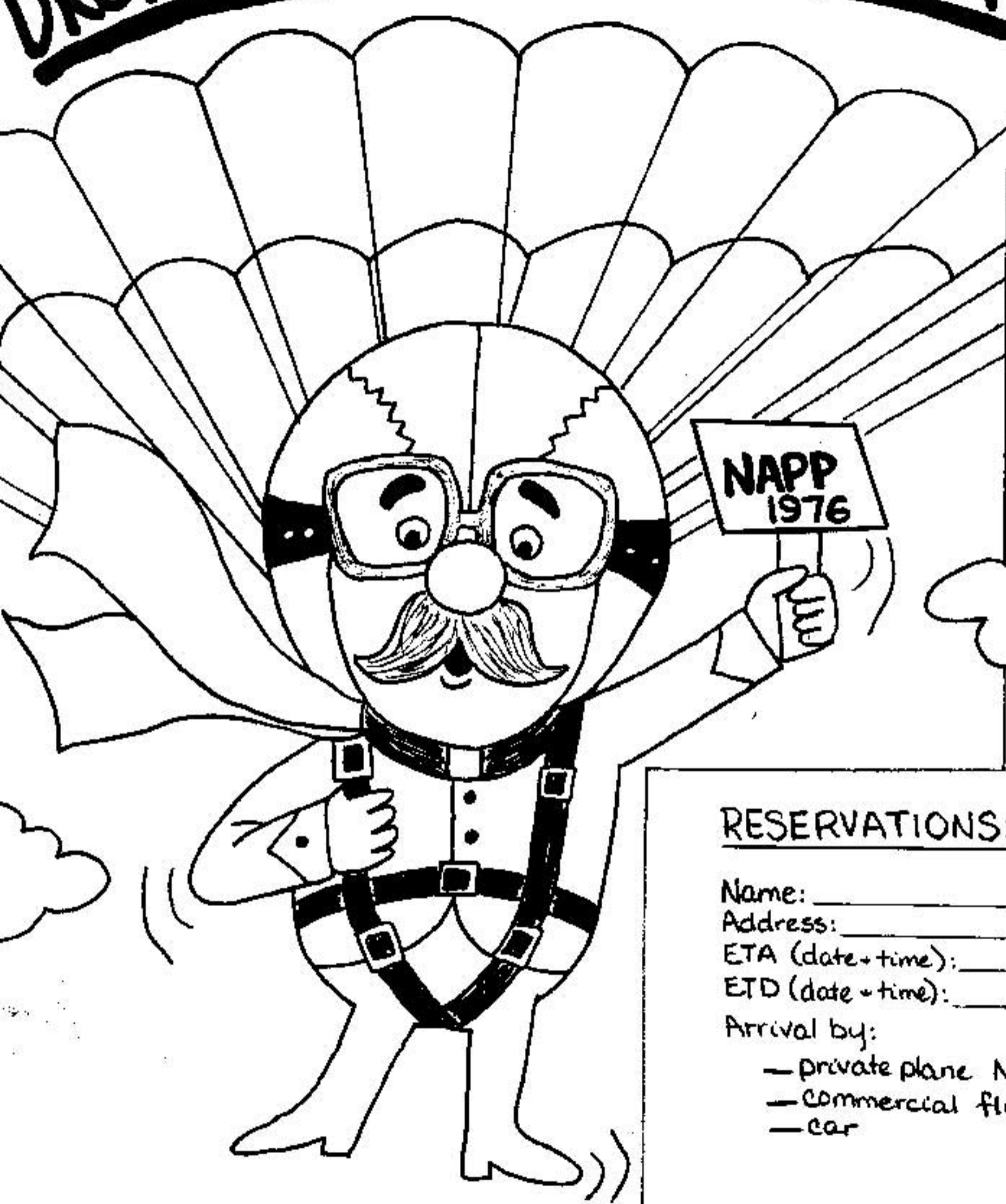
Thanksgiving weekend Mel Hemann flew 4 young Mason City people to St. Louis to attend the annual National Youth Pro-Life Convention.



I have had this picture for over a year but have never located any commentary to go with it. If anyone has any info please send it and other news to:

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