

Purse Presented Fr. Murphy Leaving For Army Duty

GENEVA—A large number of parishioners and friends attended a farewell reception for the Rev. J. Emmett Murphy, assistant pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, held Sunday, Feb. 12, in the school auditorium.

Father Murphy has enlisted as a chaplain in the United Armed Forces of the United States and will have the rank of First Lieutenant.

A brief program was presented by the leaders of the parish societies. Speakers were as follows: Lavinia L. McGuigan, president of the Holy Name Society; Mrs. Josephine Pano, president of St. Anthony's Society; Mrs. W. C. Hoffmann, president of the Rosary Society; the Rev. Raymond Nolan, Rev. Daniel Fraher, and Rev. Dr. McNamara, representing St. Stephen's parish; and the Rev. William J. O'Brien and Rev. Anthony Looco, C.S.B., of St. Francis de Sales parish.

A purse of \$400 was presented to Father Murphy by the parishioners. Other gifts included a mass kit from the National Council of Catholic Women, the handiwork of Mrs. J. W. White, a sum of money from the Geneva Council of the Knights of Columbus, and a kit from Our Boy's Fund.

Father Murphy expressed his

deep gratitude for the kindness shown to him. He left on Sunday to visit his mother in Rochester before taking up his duties as chaplain.

Holy Family Parish

FORM JUNIOR AUXILIARY

Holy Family's Ladies' Auxiliary No. 48, Knights of St. John, recently organized a Junior Auxiliary. Mrs. Ida Klemmer was appointed Director and Treasurer of the organization, and the other officers elected for the year are as follows:

President, Miss Lucille Haubner; 1st Vice-President, Teresa Good-worlet; 2nd Vice-President, Ruth Ort; Secretary, Betty Werner; Messenger, Helen Walsh; Sentinel, Pauline Schwind; Guard, Rhea Gessner; Past President, Dorothy Schwab.

The next meeting of this Junior Auxiliary will be held Friday afternoon, Mar. 6, in the Holy Family Meeting Rooms.



BARBAROUS BABIES

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THE GRANDMA INTERFERENCE

The estimable gray-haired lady was sad and crestfallen. Her daughter had told her to move out, and to go and live somewhere else.

"No, Ma'am; that isn't possible, for I know your daughter."

"I am telling you, she did."

"Then, please, explain what was the provocation?"

"The other night, after her baby was put to bed, it started crying, and it cried and cried and cried. She went in to see if there was anything wrong, and, when she discovered nothing of an unusual nature, she closed the windows and the bedroom door and let it cry for over an hour. I wanted to go in and pick up the poor thing, and then she told me angrily that if I was bent on interfering with her raising her children, I had better get out."

"Tell me—after it cried for over an hour, what happened?"

"Naturally, the little precious was exhausted, and it fell asleep."

"When did all this happen?"

"Monday night."

"Did it happen again Tuesday night?"

"Yes, the same thing, but not so bad."

"And last night?"

"Last night, we did not hear a peep out of it, but I'm so miserable about my daughter's telling me that, after all I did for her!"

If grandmothers only would understand that they can do no earthly good by spoiling grandchildren, things would move along much more smoothly in many a home. First of all, by their indulging kindness, they may ruin parental discipline; secondly, they make the task more difficult, and they irritate the mother, who is sometimes already on edge on account of the child's tantrum or its unreasonable notions and bad disposition; thirdly, the harmony and good feeling in the home are destroyed.

It is strange how a grandmother who has raised her own family in an excellent and successful manner will unconsciously place obstacles in the way of her daughter and son who want to follow her good example in raising children.

While the young mother was bathing her new-born, she was interrupted by the telephone ringing. When she walked back to the bathroom, she just caught little Patricia gubbing. She saw the eye wash. Grandma gave her a good spanking. Grandma promptly arrived on the scene from which the infantile yell came, and she scolded the mother for being so cruel.

"After all, that lotion was not poisonous."

The daughter explained to Grandma that it was her fault that the child got a good little thrashing -- which announcement sounded outrageous to the totally innocent grandmother till she was reminded. Beasle recalled that, of all the whippings she got in her childhood from her mother, the grandmother of the present drama, the worst was when she had got hold of a small bottle with poison in it and was caught in the act of tasting it.

"Mother, you were so frantic, and you licked me so hard that even today I have a dread of one of my children drinking anything when they don't know what it is!"

Exit Grandma, somewhat sheepish.

What makes women as grandmothers so inconsistently different from what they were as mothers? Can it not be that they often selfishly love their grandchildren more than they did their own children? Selfishness, yes—that must be at the bottom of it. As mothers, they took their children's affection and attachment for granted; they were with them all day long, and they did so many things for them when they were little. It is not so, ordinarily, with grandmothers, since they do not have the same opportunities to work themselves into the lives of the little ones. Therefore, on the occasions when they are with their grandchildren, or they have temporary control over the children, usually they lavish nothing but kindness on them, and they treat the youngsters in such a way that Grandma always will be very welcome and will be considered their staunch defender in case the going is a little hard at times. Result: the "kids" are crazy about Grannie, but they are spoiled, at the same time, for parental discipline is undermined, and Mother has the trouble afterward.

If this analysis seems to be too far-fetched, then think of the grandmothers who, forced by misfortune, have to raise grandchildren. They do not follow the same policy and method. They punish and reward in the same logical way as they raised their own children. There is not much false and damaging pity and generosity shown to the young ones, even if they are orphans, for whom it is natural to feel more pity.

Grandmothers should make it a rule: when there is a storm brewing or breaking, to take a walk to the drugstore and buy a pint of ice cream for daughter, to help her cool down after the ordeal is over. Daughter will love her: the more for it, and the grandchildren are more apt to be grateful to Grannie in later years.

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