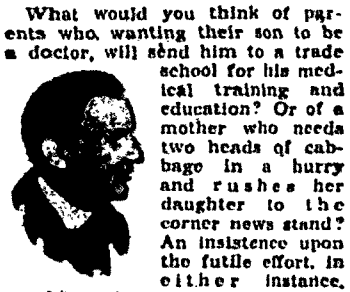


BARBAROUS BABIES

by Right Rev. Msgr. Peter M. H. Wyrhovon

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WHAT SCHOOL?



What would you think of parents who, wanting their son to be a doctor, will send him to a trade school for his medical training and education? Or of a mother who needs two heads of cabbage in a hurry and rushes her daughter to the corner news stand? An insistence upon the futile effort, in either instance,

would mark the parents as plain silly, if not actually demented.

There are few fathers and mothers living in the United States who purposely wish their children to grow up irreligious. Still, more than half the parents in this great country do not give their offspring a chance to be trained in the formation of a Christian character.

One most important and essential fact overlooked by most parents, even the conscientious and religious kind, is that character training, religious instruction, is primarily the parents' duty. Sunday school, church, religious teachers, priests and ministers of the Gospel are ordained only to help the parents in their God-given task. With them teaching and training children is simply a chosen assignment based on altruistic motives. They can quit doing it tomorrow and, strictly speaking, nobody has any direct and individual claim against them. But not so with parents; they are responsible to God and to their children for all eternity. They must some day give an account of their stewardship to the Great Judge.

Any moral education given out-

side the home is merely a substitute or extension of parental duty in this line. In fact, no agency can take the place of good parents in this respect in the early years of the child's existence. Religion and moral concepts should be of prime importance with the child. It cannot be made that, if parents leave the formation of these ideals to be instilled by strangers in later years. What will always be uppermost in the child's mind is the early impressions: how father and mother felt and reacted on the subject.

Due to our modern complex conditions, the school has become a necessary adjunct to the home in children's training and education. Every child has a mind, a heart and a will. The school that trains only the mind and does not fashion the heart and the will to become attuned to the love of God and His established purpose of life, fails miserably. The Creator does not primarily want smart people, materialistic and selfish. He desires happy people who will work out their eternal salvation through a beneficial, clean, moral life.

No child can receive this incentive or grasp the method of accomplishing it by attending a school where God and His Commandments are rarely mentioned, maybe completely ignored. This does not need proof. Our yearly mounting juvenile crime record convincingly indicates the truth, the ever-increasing number of outstanding educators who protest and warn against our godless school system attests to this actual national danger.

How can parents, with their eyes wide open and their minds not closed, still take the terrific chance of raising young barbarians through a defective, faulty and risky school education, destroying perhaps their own conscientious efforts in the other direction?

Teacher asked Johnnie "what a cannibal was. His reply came, 'I dunno, Miss Johnson.' Ready to help her favorite pupil to the correct answer, she prompted: 'Suppose you would eat your father and mother, what would you be?' Triumphantly he replied, 'An orphan, Miss Johnson.'

Most of the boys and girls attending public schools are quasi-orphans, for their natural protectors have left them stunted and defenseless. The big monster—be it ignorance, lack of appreciation of their sacred duty, false economy, senseless pride or dangerous ambition—has swallowed them up or made them useless to their children. What is worse, these parents have become a serious stumbling block to their children's real success in life.

Pagan tendencies have to be fought, if Christian civilization is to survive. The best way to do this is for parents not to send their children to schools where education is godless or pagan.

If you, parents, wish your children to grow up religious, you should not send them to schools where no religion is taught or where it is mentioned only to be minimized. Remember, you may not expect your boy to become a doctor by being an apprentice in a blacksmith shop. Neither can you expect to rear God-fearing children by sending them to a God-denying school.

Commandments For A Grouch

1. Thou shalt not grumble.
2. Thou shalt not make sour faces.
3. Thou shalt have no other thoughts before thee, but pleasant ones.
4. Thou shalt make before thee, no "graven image" of gloom.
5. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to worry and unhappiness.
6. Thou shalt not kill the happy spirit of another.
7. Thou shalt not steal into happy homes and "hang crapes."
8. Thou shalt not torment thy people or neighbor.
9. Thou shalt practice daily the art of smiling.
10. Thou shalt be grateful thou hast been allowed to live!

—From Ephpheta, a monthly magazine for the Catholic youth.

Brothers All—Knights of the Altar



Here's a picture that is unusual, and may be a record! Eight active altar boys, all brothers and all members of the same parish. They serve at St. Boniface Church, Hastings, Neb., of which the Rev. Demetrius Hagman, O. S. B., is pastor. The boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Kranz, are left to right, front row: James, Gerry, John and Raymond. Rear row: Peter, Charles, Jr., Arthur and Richard. (N.C.W.C.)

ST. JAMES, Waverly

FLAGS IN SANCTUARY

By ELLEN T. FALSEY

WAVERLY Beautiful new American and Papal flags have recently been placed in our sanctuary. These flags are on standards and are a very pleasing addition to the sanctuary furnishings.

Sunday Masses continue at 8:10 and 12 o'clock. Rosary instruction and Benediction Sunday afternoons at 4:30. Rosary sermon and benediction Wednesday evening at 6:30. Stations of the cross Friday evening at 7:30.

FOR SERVICEMEN

There is a larger attendance at the 7 o'clock Mass Monday morning which is said at the Blessed Virgin's altar for the welfare of the Nation and the young men of the parish who are in the Defense Forces of the Nation.

Weekly sewing meetings will continue at the Catholic Daughters rooms every Tuesday afternoon and evening for the Red Cross.

MRS. CHRISTENIA MCINTYRE

Funeral services for Mrs. Christenia McIntyre of 126 Moore St., Waverly, were held Feb. 28 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rockwell, 128 Moore St., and at St. James Church. Rev. Edward J. Lyons, pastor officiated. The body was placed in the Glen-

wood cemetery mausoleum for later burial in Epiphany cemetery.

Bearers were George Brougham, James Minard, Frank Campbell, Vaughn Farr, Fred Russell, Joseph Bennett.

JOHN J. MCCARTHY

The funeral of John J. McCarthy, 67, who died Feb. 27 in Palmer Hospital, Lehigh, was conducted March 2 with services at 211 W. Lockhart St., Sayre, Pa., and at St. James Church, Waverly.

Requiem High Mass was offered by the Rev. Edward J. Lyons, pastor of St. James Church. At the grave in St. James Cemetery the final blessing was imparted by the Rev. James Keenan.

Bearers were Charles Wedge, James Ward, Jay Scanlin, William Ryan, Joseph Freiss and Joseph Harris.

Mr. McCarthy was employed as boiler foreman in the Lehigh Valley Railroad shops at Lehigh. He was a member of the Sayre Lodge of Elks.

Survivors are his wife; three sons, John W. of Sayre, Edward J. at home and Robert E. of Elmira; one daughter, Miss Marie McCarthy at home; three brothers, Daniel P. of Hazleton, Frank of Ithaca, and William of Westview, Pa.; one sister, Mrs. Nellie M. Cox of Cleveland, Ohio.

Americans have dropped the "ho" out of "ho hum." And things are humming. Pittsburgh Press.

1st Army Chaplain Wins 'Wings' As Parachutist

LONDON (NC) A young Jesuit, the Rev. Bernard Egan, is the first British army chaplain to qualify for his "wings" as a parachutist.

He volunteered to do the regulation "jumps" so that he could accompany his men into action. He was under no obligation to undergo the ordeal of being dropped from the air.

It is recalled by the *Univers* here that during the Battle of Crete five German priests made descents with the men and that two of the priests were killed.

FARM COOPERATIVE LAUDS PAMPHLET ON HOMESTEADS

JAMESTOWN, S. D.—The Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of America has endorsed the pamphlet "Vanishing Homesteads" by the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmiedeler, O.S.B., Director of the Rural Life Bureau, National Catholic Welfare Conference, for use in its local study circles.

In ordering a larger supply of the pamphlets, the director, Mrs. Gladys T. Edwards, said: "We find it to be exactly the material we need in our study of a land policy for the United States. The Farmers' Union is making a fight for the preservation of the family type farm in America."

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LOURDES WATER

A non-Catholic party said to me the other day that the cures at Lourdes may be traced to the chemical properties of the water. Is this true?

This objection has long since been refuted. The water was examined by an eminent chemist, officially appointed to make the analysis, and his statement has since been corroborated that the water contains no curative properties of a natural character.

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