

HOLY ROSARY PARISH

ROSARIANS TO MEET

A business meeting will be held by the Rosarians on Monday eve-

ning, April 5, following services in the church. Arrangements are being made for a card party to be held Tuesday, April 27.

MARRIAGE GRANTS

Bureau Aires - Eighteen employees of the Capital's National Postal Savings Bldg. who were married in 1942, and 23 children of employees who were born during the year received grants from the Marriage and Birth Fund of the employees' cooperative.

SS. Peter and Paul's Parish

Women's Sodality Meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Sodality of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held on Tuesday, April 13. The women will assemble in the church at 8 o'clock for their spiritual

Meeting which will consist of the recitation of the Little Office followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

An interesting speaker has been engaged to speak to the women after the regular business meeting. Plans will be made for a post-Lenten party.

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LEARNING TO PLAY ALONE

By M. LOUISE C. HASTINGS

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All through life there are times when we must be alone. Ability to meet such situations, happily, begins in the very early years. The child should be given opportunities to test his powers at playing and working alone and at thinking things out by himself.

Rainy days and days when other members of the family are unusually busy or mentally preoccupied offer valuable opportunities for learning how to be contented in one's own company. You and I both know persons who can never be quiet and serene when alone—who, if alone, are always wishing to go somewhere or do something in order to be with others. Such persons have no absorbing hobby to fall back upon. They do not have the faculty of enjoying any occupation sufficiently to insure contentment.

However many little people there are in a family, there should very often—every day if possible—be times when each one plays by himself. Much of the friction among children in the home is because they are overted, but give each one half an hour away from the others, and everything is pretty sure to be harmonious again.

Sometimes we hear a parent say, "Tommy, you are a bad boy!" Now, there are really no bad children, are there? Children are naughty sometimes and their naughtiness comes from different causes. Of these, the inability to amuse one's self deserves special consideration.

A mother should help each of her children, from early babyhood, to learn how to enjoy things by himself. Ability to handle the leisure hours of middle life and age has been found, in many cases, to revert back to early childhood. Froebel, with his keen insight, his understanding and love of children and his recognition of the value of play, brings out this particular need again and again.

When children are creating they are very busy, very much interested and very contented. Look at the tiny tot at the seashore digging in the sand, or the child "helping Mother" with her pat of dough. Play is a real thing to the

child and he loves, naturally, to do things himself, and often, by himself.

It is a good thing for the home to have a reserve drawer or box that may be opened only when a child must entertain himself. Such things as extra crayons, different sized and colored pads of paper, stencils, forms and pictures to be cut out, drawings to color, dolls and amusing toys to test alertness and large beads that the youngest can string, will prove suggestive and arouse initiative. If one of the family is handy with tools, a tooling case is a worth-while thing to make. Keep this for special occasions, too.

It is not easy for the busy mother to care for the convalescing child and do her own work, yet most of us occasionally are faced with just this problem. It will be an important life-long asset to the child if he learns to be self-sufficient at such times. But to learn this, of course, the young child needs something to handle that will interest him—something that offers possibilities not too soon exhausted. A tray of sawdust, sand, or earth with things growing, is usually satisfying. A box of small objects should accompany the tray. These should be of a kind that will suggest the making of a farmyard, a garden or some other scene. Then the child should be left alone.

Very little children like to take things out and put them in and change them from place to place. A basket filled with small bundles to open usually affords much pleasure. Some should contain old friends and a few, things the child has never seen before.

This idea of playing alone should be discussed before the child. As far as he is concerned, it should be taken for granted. In case it has been neglected, the ability to play alone, happily, should be developed a little at a time, because it is so very important. This does not in any way minimize the value of group activities. Boys and girls must learn to live and work amicably with others of their own age if they are to become sympathetic, socially desirable citizens, but, too, to be well-balanced, a few hours or even days alone must come to mean not loneliness, but opportunity.

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Owen Phelim O'Connor's only child, a daughter, is reported to be living in Rhodesia.

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The first way will probably make you a man of means and a man of man. The second will help you to live a life worth living.

Getting On In The World

TWO WAYS TO GET ON

1. Keep your goal in sight. Let nothing divert you from it. Devote yourself with all your might to success in your business, trade or profession. Don't flitter away your time on music, literature, any of the arts. Read only what will increase your efficiency and earning power. To go to an art gallery and look at what people call great paintings is a sheer waste of time. Don't join any organization which has a literary, scientific, charitable or social objective. That, too, is wasteful of time and of money. And by no means let yourself be led astray by appeals to your sympathy. Let the other fellow take care of himself, as you are taking care of yourself. Then it will not be necessary for him to ask you for help, ask you to share with him the hard-earned fruits of your ungleamed devotion to success.

2. Be as efficient as necessary in your business, trade or profession, give loyal service to your employer (or if you are an employer, to your employees), but don't let your work, trade, business or profession rule you completely. Enjoy books, the arts, nature. Take a trip occasionally, if you can afford it and the circumstances permit. Join an organization that appeals to you on social, cultural, or religious grounds. Let your better self induce you to help the other fellow once in a while. Perhaps this "other fellow" is a missionary struggling against terrible odds in a distant land.

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