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Teacher: "Johnny, what is a bridegroom?"
Johnny: "It's something they have at weddings."

Youth Challenged to Set Early Start on Career

By Sheila John Daly

MANY a sharp fellow or girl has heard the adage "You're only young once" and added a personal afterthought: "And I guess I'll make the most of it." Between home work, cokes with the crowd, a n d a s k a ball game, t h e more thoughtful have found time to think of what they hope to do after the four year stretch and have decided that high school is the best place to get in the groundwork, the walking around work.



Young and pretty Betty Betz, famous designer, illustrator, and writer just out of her teens, did her first commercial art work while still in high school. Now her "teen aged Bettys," long-haired, long-legged characters with wool socks and long pearls, have become familiar thru the pages of many magazines. The Betty has never been to art school or studied designing, she recently made front page news with her first original showing

of clothes designed especially for teen-agers.

Having discovered just what was wrong with junior miss clothes, she put her own designs on paper. While other young gals were planning careers, Betty was having one. Her teen-aged interests expanded till she is now not only an artist and designer but teen-aged columnist for a leading women's magazine.

Eighteen-year-old Tommy Wadleton, author of three books and with a fourth novel soon to come off the press, explains that he did "just about everything any other kid did. I am not what you call a good student, and getting thru high school kept me humping, so I had to write when and where I could. But writing is a funny business — things begin gathering in one's mind, and when they get big enough you have to write them if you want to or not."

And while doing "just what every other kid did," Tommy managed to write and sell his first short story at 11 to the Cavalry Journal. His second was sold to Country Life when he was 12. His first two books, written when he was 13 and 15, attracted wide attention, and his third, "Army Brat," written

when he was 17, was sold to Hollywood for \$25,000. And all that time he was "humping a way at his homework!"

And hundreds of other teen-agers have discovered that they don't have to wait till they hit 21 to "get started." Without missing the usual date-and-dance fun that is so much a part of growing up, these sharp characters are finding time to work at personal and important plans — getting the jump on careers.

Take a quick look at some of the big names who got to work early — Stephen Vincent Benet sold his first story at 11, Mozart hit the genius brackets at 6, and Patrice Munsel debuted at the Metropolitan at 19. Any worthwhile career takes years of patience and hard work, but why not stop day-dreaming, come in off cloud eight, and get started this year instead of next? You know the old saying: Never put off till next year what you might have begun today.

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Dear Boys and Girls: This week I want to tell you just a little about Sister Theophane's work in New Guinea. But first, how is the Chapel Drive coming in your school? Are you saving your pennies to buy those War Stamps? Remember that our country asks us to sacrifice a little more for the 7th War Loan Drive. If we do this and then give one stamp to the Chapel Drive we will be serving God and Country. I know you will not let us down. Now to get back to our story.

On February 17, 1935, Sister Theophane arrived at Alexis, the headquarters of the New Guinea missions. The Bishop, priests and sisters were there to greet the new missionaries. Sister Theophane was very happy to see them, but she was still thinking about the patient she had cared for on the boat, a native youth who was the loyal companion of Fr. Marsehouser, who had been attacked by cannibalistic tribes. Sister was worried about him and wanted to make sure that everything was all right. She was always thinking of others, never herself.

It did not take long for Sister to make herself at home. The very next day she visited the schools, shops, and hospital at Alexis. The mission hospital at Alexis took care of a large number of patients. Before a Sister would be accepted by a Kanaka, she must prove her ability. One brave lad decided to try Sister Theophane for treatment. He was very satisfied — with that Sister's reputation was established.

Sister was kept busy at Alexis. When Sister Barnaba, the head nurse for years, was away, Sister Theophane was in charge. The work that was to be done by Sister was enough to keep anyone busy.

Sister was delighted when she received her own "parish". She was given the position of catechist to a small village and an island and a half. There was a little school at her parish and the people attended classes very faithfully.

This assignment was followed by another on a small island just off the coast.

After Sister had spent a little more than a year at Alexis, Sister Superior sent her to Mugil. There Sister Theophane served as nurse and supervisor for the

native girls. Mugil had about 700 inhabitants and two larger out-stations each having a population of from two to three hundred were taken care of by the Mugil mission. As can be expected, the Sisters were kept very busy.

Ilala, which was Sister Theophane's first catechetical center not far from Alexis always remained her favorite village. After the Japanese invasion, her greatest sacrifice was not being able to return to Ilala and the people there.

Sister followed a schedule for some years. Monday, Sister and several native girls from Alexis would bake the altar breads for this mission and the surrounding smaller missions. Tuesday, Sister would canoe to Malmal to teach religion to the natives. After classes came a visit to the sick and then the journey back home. Wednesday, a three-hour trip to her favorite village, Ilala. Thursday, sea-trip to Sek for more visits to the sick and catechism classes. Friday, the most difficult day of the week. A visit to Rivo, the most distant of her parishes. Saturday, again Sister and the girls would prepare altar breads. Sunday was a day of rest. However, Sister's great desire to win souls for Christ would not let her rest. Every other Sunday, Sister visited another island.

Sister never complained about the weather, the food, or such things. She believed sacrifice was necessary to save souls. She believed that a real missionary must be content with the least. This spirit of sacrifice and self denial made Sister Theophane a true missionary.

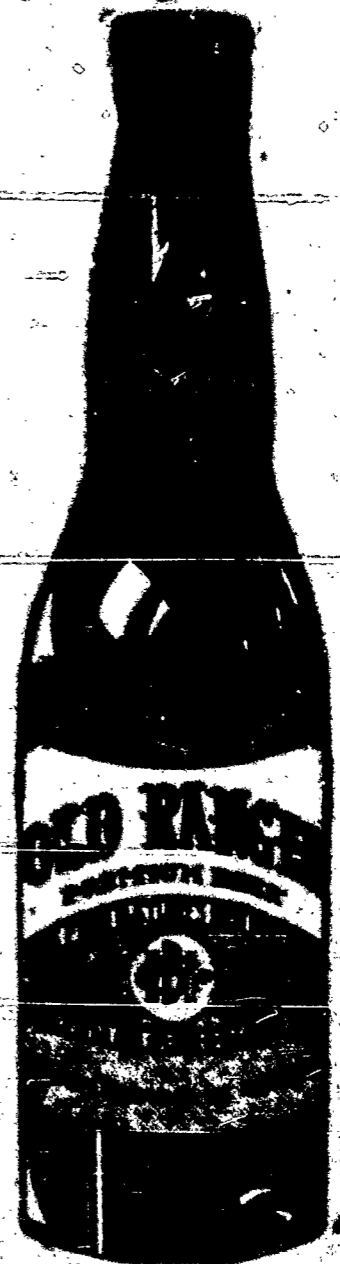
In April, 1943, the missionaries, priests, brothers, and sisters, were interned by the Japanese, and they were no longer able to carry on active mission work. All contact with the natives was forbidden.

Next week, I will tell you a little about what happened to Sister after her internment by the Japanese.

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