

GI Marriage Ban In Germany Hit

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Lieutenant Col. Edward Killian, European Division chaplain of the Air Transport Command, has issued a statement through the ATO public relations office here denouncing the decree against marriages of American soldiers

with German girls. Chaplain Killian, taking exception to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's statement in Frankfurt that American soldiers should not be allowed to marry while overseas, declared that it is the "fundamental right" of a man to choose his future wife and the mother of his children, and that marriages should not be denied soldiers simply because of their choice of wives of formerly enemy extraction. At the present time, a waiting period of two months is required before soldiers stationed in any country can marry, except in Germany, where American soldiers are denied the right to marry German women.

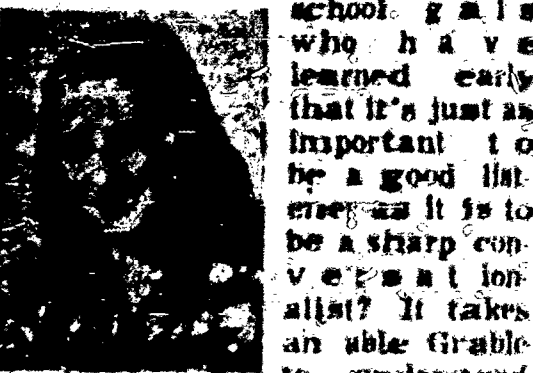
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Laval Professor Honored Montreal (NC) — Professor Lucien Lortie of Laval University, Quebec, has been elected president of the Canadian Federation of Catholic Universities, it has been announced here.

Be Good Listeners, Girls, Give Date Chance to Talk

By Sheila John Daly (Copyright, 1944, The Chicago Tribune) WHAT'S your story, marriage glory? What's this you're not talking? You're one of those school girls who have learned early that it's just as important to be a good listener as it is to be a sharp conversationalist? It takes an able girl to understand



Sheila John Daly that a good listener can be an interesting part of a two-day dating conversation without saying much at all. And here's how:

Don't be a "know-it-all." Learn to let your date carry the small talk when he makes the first conversational venture. If he comes out with a timid titbit about the famous Panther room, don't snap him off with an airy gal-about-town comment: "O, yes — I went there nine times in two weeks to hear Les Brown." He may have been there nine times himself, and Les Brown may be only background music to the real story your date wants to tell — if he still wants to tell it after you've headed him off with your abrupt comment! It's a gone-gone (and a rude one) who trips up her date on everything from baseball scores and current books to who plays the male lead in the current "Dolly Sisters." Any slip in grammar or even in small fact should remain a slip-in fact, you didn't have time to notice the error, because the rest of the conversation was so interesting! Give other people a chance to know and do something, too!

eager beaver type of character who doesn't even bother to listen to the questions! This is usually a blameless individual who just happens to get enthusiastic in the wrong places. She's too agreeable! At the very beginning of the evening she makes with the bright smile and the happy look, and from then on anything her date says is just too, too interesting — even if she doesn't hear a word of it! Her total contribution to any conversation is a series of excited comments: "Yes, yes — go on," "Isn't that interesting?" or an occasional "Well, what'dya know?" She feels that her blind attention is flattering — and it is — but even the most big-headed boy likes to get an intelligent, constructive answer once in an evening! So make your attention sincere and listen to what your date is saying. He may catch onto your act and slip in a fast one such as "And did you know Van Johnson, cat tried to chafe for breakfast?" How will you explain that one away if you give out your routine answer, "Isn't it wonderful?" Stop "reacting" long enough to listen — the conversation might be interesting!

Don't be a "don't know" drip. Of course you know almost as much as any one your age is supposed to know! You might

not be able to discuss the theory of relativity with Einstein or labor unions with John L. Lewis, but you can hold up your end of the small talk when the conversation turns to Woody Herman or what happened in all-school assembly today. And what you don't know you can always find out! Get into the habit of "learning" early. Make it a habit to read one newspaper a day and a couple of magazines a week — you may not find politics of major interest to you right now (not with the spring prom coming up), but what's happening to the rest of the country is happening to you, too. Listen to the radio, don't tune out the symphony for a swing program every time — you have the capacity to appreciate both. Keep your mind and ears open to everything so that no matter what way a conversation turns, you will at least have a "listening" knowledge.

And don't feel shy and off the beam if you can't make comments toward every conversation. Remember that people usually talk about those things which they know best. You may be holding the silent end of a conversation with a boy whose pet topic is the Chicago Cubs — but think what an authority you would be if the conversation suddenly turned to Van Johnson or how to make the best batch of chocolate nut brownies! You'll never be dull as long as you're willing to listen. So cock an ear and get ready to learn — your date will be so flattered he won't be able to wait till next Friday night!

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(Nineteenth of the winning essays on mission topics is the following by an eighth grade girl of St. Andrew's School, Rochester).

HOW CAN WE HELP THE CHILDREN IN PAGAN LANDS

By Margaret Ryan

Since war has destroyed the homes of the people in Asia and Europe, America's responsibility toward these unfortunate people has increased a thousand fold. Our beloved country was fortunate enough to escape this destruction, and in gratitude to God we should be ready and willing to help. The mission work formerly done by the people of Europe has to be done solely by Americans now, as Europe is in no condition to help anyone, even herself.

If we try, we can find many ways of helping pagan children. The most common way is by giving pennies, nickels, and dimes to the missions to ransom pagan babies. Prayers are extremely important, too. Acts of sacrifice will convert pagans faster than any other means. Another thing we must not forget is to pray every day that God may enlighten us as to our own vocation. Perhaps some of us may, in a few years, be called upon to take the places of Priests and Sisters now in the foreign field. How fortunate would we be if we were chosen for this divine work!

Now, let's all pull together. If we are instrumental in saving a pagan child, we can be sure of heaven ourselves for Christ has said: "Whoever you do to these the least of my brethren, you do to me."

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