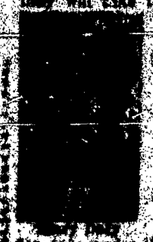
At Our House

Father Proves Easy Prey For Appliance Salesmen

By MARY TINLEY DALY

"When the expression, 'Relax, take it easy,' first came into popularity, we thought the Head of the House had coined some phrase. It's his philosophy, certainly, always being highly-publicized into buying automatic labor-savers in the hope that they will take the work out of everyday living.



"Years ago we bought a lazy man's radio — the kind you operate from your easy chair and the sound comes from a point on the other side of the room. The idea was that the wires were hidden under the rug connecting the two pieces was supposed to do the trick.

"The idea did work for a while. Then an unbroken puppy chewed-circuited the thing. Now we have a radio that the poor Head of the House has to go over across the room to turn on or off—unless he gets one of the children to do it.

"Then there was the electric [illegible]. Spread your morning paper [illegible] you always," said the salesman.

The Head of the House shaved off most of them front page headlines to ordinary notices. Eventually, the eternal housebuzz got on even his nerves. He is back [illegible] every week.

"Skip even the pressure cooker. Honey, it makes your dinner while you read your evening paper," quoted the Head of the House.

(Why must one always be doing something else while reading the morning and evening papers?)

Our first pressure-cooked dinner was demonstrated by the Head of the House. "In twenty minutes," he said, "I'll serve you the finest dinner you ever ate."

The twenty minutes didn't include, of course, the time it took to prepare the chicken and vegetables for the master chef.

After putting the food in the cooker, the Head of the House shooed out and took it easy. At the end of twenty minutes, he reappeared in the kitchen, struggled with the pressure cooker and announced:

"Twenty minutes exactly—and here is your dinner!"

Bang! went the pressure cooker—and there was one dinner the children made family to the ceiling and vegetables here and there.

We had forgotten the salesman's warning to reduce pressure before removing lid.

After that, we got along nicely without any more labor-saving gadgets for quite a while—until an electric floor-waxer soon came by.

We had thought our floors were pretty presentable. Not so the salesman. He gave them a disdainful glance and with a "tut, tut, Mrs. Louis,"

Then he demonstrated the waxer. It was a honey. It made the floor look like a mirror. It was easy to use. It was fun to use. It was a pleasure to use. It was a joy to use. It was a delight to use. It was a treat to use. It was a thrill to use. It was a marvel to use. It was a wonder to use. It was a miracle to use. It was a blessing to use. It was a boon to use. It was a godsend to use. It was a lifesaver to use. It was a lifesaver to use. It was a lifesaver to use.

All day Saturday the Head of the House moved himself and his easy chair from one spot to another, reading leisurely and pushing his beloved waxer.

The children spent the day on their knees preparing the way for Daddy and his waxer. We used four cans of wax.

Sunday morning Markie took the first tumble. Next Barge, the family cocker, bounded in the front door and slid clear across the room.

When the Head of the House came downstairs he started to walk with dignity across the "clearing" from the living-room rug to the dining-room rug.

It happened. He grabbed for the wall, didn't quite make it . . .

The older children were all seized with a sudden fit of coughing. Baby Virginia, who has lived at our house only two years, clapped her hands and laughed:

"Whee! Daddy fall down!"

"Humph!" grunted the Head of the House, brushing himself off. "That fellow who was here yesterday should read up on the hazards of accidents in the home. Does he want us to break our necks? Send the fool thing back."

So far—no good.

But wait till the next salesman comes . . .

CBS Network to Mark Feast of St. Louis Aug. 24

New York — The Very Rev. Msgr. Mark S. Ebner, J.C.L., pastor of St. George's R. C. Church, St. Louis, will be the speaker on the later CBS "Church of the Air" broadcast, Sunday, Aug 24, speaking in commemoration of the Feast of St. Louis, after whom the city was named. (CBS, 10:30-11:00 a. m., EDT. From St. Louis.)

NCCW Unit Will Attend Rome Meet

Washington — (NC) — Mrs. Henry Mannix of Brooklyn, president of the National Council of Catholic Women, will head a delegation of the N.C.C.W. Board of Directors attending the 11th Congress of the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues to be held in Rome, Sept. 11-16.

The delegation will include Mrs. Joseph Bollin of Clarksville, Tenn., second vice-president; Mrs. P. J. Currier, Detroit, third vice-president; Miss Margaret Hughes, Springfield, Ill., secretary; Mrs. Thomas J. Smith, Newark, national director from the Province of Newark; and Miss Ruth Craven, executive secretary.

Miss Eileen Egan, project supervisor, War Relief Services-N.C.W.C., and consultant to the N.C.W.C. War Relief Committee, will also accompany the delegation. Miss Alba Zizzamia, of the faculty of Trinity College of this city and former national president of the Trinity College Alumnae Association, will join the delegation in Rome.

First Since 1939

The theme of the International Congress, the first to be held since 1939, is "The Contribution of the Christian Woman to the Human Community." Miss Anne Sarachon Hooley, member of the Bureau of the International Union, and assistant executive director, N.C.C.S., is scheduled to preside at one of the congress sessions.

The Youth Section of the I.U. C.W.L. will hold its international meeting immediately prior to the International Congress of Catholic Women. Attending the Youth Section meeting will be Miss Dorothy Willmann of the Sodality of Our Lady, St. Louis, member of the Bureau of the Youth Section; Miss Beatrice Hoffman, representing Junior Catholic Daughters of America, and Miss Teresa Tobin, representing the Daughters of Isabella.

Miss Margaret Hughes, secretary of the N.C.C.W. Board of Directors and N.C.C.W. representative on the Catholic Advisory committee of the Girl Scouts, has been appointed by the national Girl Scouts as an observer at the Congress of the Youth Section of the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues.

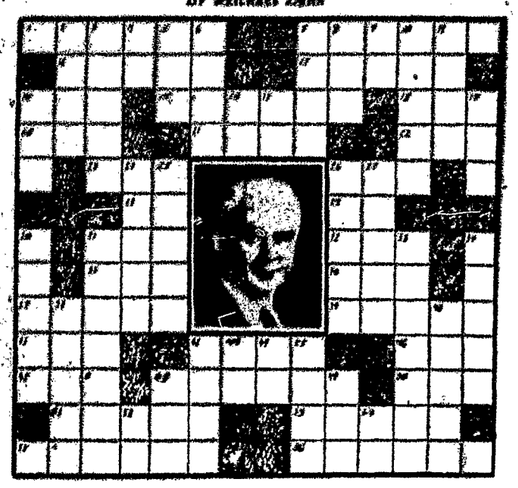
U. S. Priests to Visit Little Flower's Kin

Maryknoll —(NC)— The Rev. George M. Carroll of City Island, N. Y., a Maryknoll priest stationed in Korea, recently had the opportunity of entering the Russian section of Korea, according to a report received at Maryknoll headquarters here.

Father Carroll crossed the forbidden "38th Parallel" in an Army convoy, which had to enter the Russian territory on official business. Commenting on his trip, Father Carroll write: "I stayed for two days at a village where we were the first Americans ever to set foot. Naturally we were really in display."

Who's Who? Follow the Clue

By Michael Zana



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Campus Indifference

Belleville, Ill. — Lack of morality in modern education was scored by "The Messenger," official diocesan newspaper of Belleville diocese in an editorial entitled "Current Indifferences." The editorial was based on the Newman Club address of His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester at Houston, Tex.

The editorial states:

The Most Rev. J. E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester and episcopal moderator of the National Federation of Newman Clubs in a recent address at Houston, Tex., scored the current indifference to religion on so many college campuses. The bishop stated that even if college administrations are sympathetic with the duties of young people to preserve the faith, they bring to their campuses members of the faculty who have no belief or try to foist their false religious faith on others.

It is only the Catholic with a thorough knowledge of his own religion and a deep and abiding faith in that religion who can withstand such sinister attacks.

This is one of the many crises facing modern education today. It comes from the lack of morality. Education that is not moral is not true education, in fact, it is bad education. Where are the children and youth of today to receive their moral teaching?

The majority of homes are not teaching morality. Ministers and preachers are not teaching morality to children because the children are not attending Sunday Schools or classes where morality is taught. Our schools are not teaching morality and certainly our higher institutions of learning have no time to impart a moral code. The teachers and professors are not teaching morality because many of them lack knowledge of the moral law and no one can give what he does not possess. Unless leaders in education realize the sorry plight into which they have allowed our schools to drift they will find that they have led the children of America into moral perdition.

Since so many of our Catholic homes are likewise failing in insisting upon Christian morality for their children, the burden of our Catholic schools and colleges becomes greater in this regard. We can no longer pass off the problem by saying our trouble is to be found in the home or the parents are to be blamed for the conduct of their children. This is true but where the parents fail, it becomes the duty of the school and its teachers to fill in the gap and to spend much more time and far greater energy in impressing upon our Catholic students the value of virtuous living and the importance of Christian morality. Practical application of Catholic principles to everyday living must be taught daily in our class rooms. Children must know that the present unmoral code of the world is at variance with the Christian code of living and the failure of parents to observe it does not make it a lesser evil.

Would we be going too far if we said that Catholic children with the advantages of Catholic education should be the teachers of their wayward parents?

Cuban Teachers at Mass

New York (NC) Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, presided at a Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral attended by more than 100 Catholic women teachers from Havana, Cuba.

Wanted—Foster Homes

10 Babies Without Homes Makes Monday Really Blue

By GEORGE W. Montgomery, Jr.
Rochester Catholic Charities

Everyone has a "Blue Monday" now and then, but when one needs homes for ten babies, including one set of twins, Monday can really be "blue."

That was what faced Mrs. Sarah Keller, Homefinder for Rochester Catholic Charities on Monday. Ten babies needed homes — and quickly. Five babies were still in the hospital, ready to be placed as soon as homes were ready. Three others needed homes because the foster families in whose homes they were boarding were moving from Rochester. Another baby needed a home, since his chronically ill mother had entered a hospital for lengthy treatment. The tenth baby was in a boarding home, where he had been placed on a temporary basis, but where he could not remain permanently. Add to these ten babies the six older children who needed a home, and it is clear why Monday was "Blue Monday" for Mrs. Keller.

G. Montgomery

A homefinder is a worker employed by a Social Agency to assist families desiring to board children in obtaining the certificate required by State law for boarding of children under the age of sixteen. Rules and regulations governing the issuance of such certificates are made by the State Department of Social Welfare. Each authorized Child Placing Agency, of which Rochester Catholic Charities is one, may issue certificates to board children, in accordance with these rules and regulations.

Pioneer in Children

Catholic Charities, Child Care and Family Division, is the Social Agency sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester, and financed by the Community Chest, to provide casework service to the Catholic people of Rochester and Monroe County. One of the pioneers in the field, having been established in 1912, and chartered by special act of the State legislature in 1917, Rochester Catholic Charities offers a variety of services to the Catholics of the community.

One of its most important services is in the field of Child Care. The Agency is authorized by law to accept children for placement in boarding homes from parents, public welfare officers, and the courts.

Families desiring to board children for the Agency may request certification. A homefinder assists them to make the formal application required by the regulations. At present, Catholic Charities has 132 certified boarding homes in use. As of the last day of July 220 children were placed in these certified homes.

But what of the ten babies — why was Monday "blue"? The answer is simple. The need for homes is great. "Catholic Charities, like all other Child Placing Agencies, faces a critical shortage of foster homes," according to Miss Kathleen d'Olier Executive Director of Child Care and Family Division." The nation-wide housing shortage affects the boarding home situation, too. These children must have homes — good homes. What we want for the children under our care are real Christian homes, in which the spiritual and material welfare of the child is safeguarded."

Must Have New Homes

"We constantly need new boarding homes," states Miss d'Olier. "In July for example, we issued certificates for four new homes. In the same month, we lost seven homes, due to removal from the city, illness of foster parents, or other changes in the boarding homes. We constantly have new children to place. In July we placed nine new children. So we must have new homes if the work is to continue. And the work must continue, for nothing is dearer to the heart of Christ than the care of his little ones. He has said 'Suffer the little children to come unto me.' Certainly those who care for little children are doing a great service."

Homes will be found for these ten babies. Catholic Charities will pay the foster parents for the board of the children, and provide clothing, medical care, and other necessities.

But next Monday may be another "Blue Monday." New homes must be found every week.

"For anyone interested, the procedure for obtaining a certificate is simple," Mrs. Keller said. "A phone call to the homefinder, Main 0535, or a call at the office on the fifth floor of the Columbus Civic Center, 50 Chestnut Street, will provide complete information on how to obtain a certificate. Our homefinders will be glad to give every assistance."

NEW COLLEGE HEAD

New Orleans— (NC) —Sister Mary Louise Lemoine of Moreauville, La., has been named president of St. Mary's Dominican College, according to an announcement here.

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