

Unwed Mothers Girls In Trouble Find Charities Helpful

BY MARIE WEIDMAN
Rochester Catholic Charities

She makes good drama and she's excellent material for the novelist. Out of her confusion and bitterness a writer can build a Pulitzer novel or a play-of-the-year. But what of the reality from which the author writes, who is this girl whose sobbing tale the playwright writes a tragedy for?



Marie Weidman
It is a tremendous perplexity for the individual girl to meet...
The next step in the situation is the most vexing one of all...
MANY YOUNG MOTHERS faced with deciding the fate of their children are conflicted and need time for reflection and decision.

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Reich Catholic Press Growing

By MAX JORDAN
(N.O.W.C. News Service)

Despite setbacks suffered during the war and from Nazi persecution the Catholic press of Germany is fast regaining its strength, according to the latest figures available.

Before the war 430 Catholic dailies and 460 Catholic periodicals were published in Germany proper. The total circulation of the latter was then 11,500,000.

Today there are 22 Catholic diocesan weeklies and 37 periodicals with a total circulation of 2,300,000. Of the latter, 22 are of a general character, two are mission papers, four youth organs.

The American zone of occupation leads with 34 Catholic publications, 11 of which are diocesan weeklies.

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Little Patsy Li Of Guadalcanal 'Big Girl' Now



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Just off the press—the BOOK OF FASHION for Spring—with the excitement of the New Look plus many designs for more conservative taste. Price just 15 cents plus 2 cents for mailing.

Irish Repledge Papal Loyalty

Dublin—The new Irish government has sent to His Holiness Pope Pius XII a pledge of its loyalty and of its resolution to work for a social order in Ireland based on Christian principles, it was learned here.

The message was presented to the Holy Father by Joseph P. Walsh, Irish Ambassador to the Holy See, who was received in special audience. In his reply the Pope asked Mr. Walsh to convey his thanks to John A. Costello, Prime Minister (Taoiseach) of Ireland, and imparted his Apostolic Blessing to the government and people.

The message submitted to the Pontiff was as follows: "On the occasion of our assumption of office and of the first Cabinet meeting, my colleagues and myself desire to repose at the feet of Your Holiness the assurance of our full loyalty and of our devotion to your August Person, as well as our firm resolve to be guided in all our work by the teaching of Christ, and to strive for the attainment of a social order in Ireland based on Christian principles."

Return of Fatima Statue Celebrated

Liabon — (RNS) — Thousands of Catholics joined in a 24-hour celebration marking the return to Oporto of the famed "Pilgrim Virgin," a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which has just completed a triumphal tour of Spain, France, Holland, Italy and other European countries.

The statue, carried in procession throughout the night, was hailed by singing, bursting rockets and low-flying airplanes. Flowers were showered upon it by thousands who lined brightly lighted streets.

Boys Town Founder Leaves for Austria

Washington — (NC) — On the eve of his departure for Europe, Edward J. Flanagan said here that he envisions his task with the U. S. occupation forces in Austria similar to the work he recently completed for the Army in Japan.

The Boys Town founder is going to Austria as a consultant on youth problems to Lieut. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, commander of the U. S. Armed Forces in that country. Monsignor Flanagan said that he will spend about 60 days in Vienna, Salzburg, Linz and other places in the American zone, inspecting child care homes and seeking information from the various welfare agencies.

At Our House Family Turns To Sewing, Also A Sign of Spring

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Robins and crocuses and young men with their fancies are not the only signs of spring.

Long before February shows are cleared away, a sure sign of spring at our house is the purchase of rayon prints, striped chambray and soft pastels. We pore over patterns and the spring sewing orgy begins.



MARY DALY

Maybe we'd go overboard a bit this year, but the yard goods looked so alluring now that the mills are again turning out attractive patterns. Pat priced ready-made spring coats and found that she would save \$20 by making her own coat. Eileen, too, needs a spring coat so we bought material for that, and for a suit for Markie and dresses all around.

LAST SATURDAY the Head of the House was to interview a very important person for a magazine article and Johnny went to work on his radio research job, so immediately after breakfast the distaff contingent of the family got busy with spring sewing.

THE DINING ROOM, base of operations, was a mess—sewing machine on the table, pieces of half-finished garments on all the chairs and buffet, scraps and pins layers deep on the rug. The kitchen—our sponging and pressing department—was almost a bad.

"Come on, kids," called Pat, "the day at the salt mines is over. We've got to get together something we can call dinner."

"HAD A GOOD DAY," commented the Head of the House, serving the Swiss steak. "How about you, Johnny?"

"Fine, except for one thing," Johnny smiled. "I was talking to a big wheel and looked down and there was a hole in my sock big as your fist."

"I know the feeling," nodded the Head of the House sympathetically. "And what did you girls do all day?"

"We sewed," we answered in unison. "Well, I'm glad to hear that."

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