

Time for Fishing

Cause of Truancy Put On Parents' Shoulder

By MARIE WEIDMAN Rochester Catholic Charities

A barefoot boy in faded overalls, with fishing pole and dog, trudging down a dusty country road has always seemed to symbolize the wonderful spirit of boyhood and freedom for generations...



Marie Weidman with barefoot boy with check of school...

Another angle to the problem is that of generally low home standards. Parents without goals and ambitions are themselves unable to guide their children...

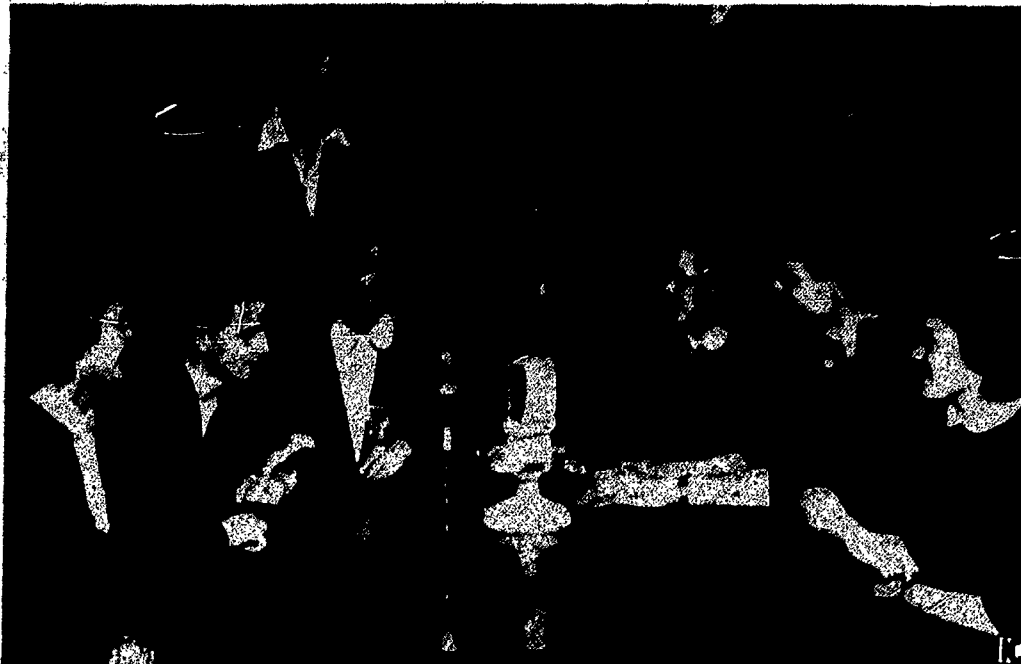
Academically, children may wish to truant if they are unable to keep up with their classmates, although today, with our advanced methods of testing and measuring children and their abilities...

The real roots of the problem seem to lie in the home and often social workers find that children wishing to punish parents choose to remain away from school because they know their parents wish them to attend.

Whatever the causes, truancy for the child is habit-forming, and once acquired, it is difficult to break. Parents and school must work closely to punish this habit in its earliest, spring fever stages.

Memorized Martyr's Prayer (NC) - Public homage to the memory of Archbishop Denis Azzis of Paris who gave his life seeking to end strife during the insurrection of 1848...

A New Hi-Angle in Radio Programs



Something new in radio programs is presented each week by students from the Huntington, Ind., Catholic and public schools, over Station WOWO, Fort Wayne.

New License Grants Scored by FCC Member

Washington (NC) - Belief that the Federal Communications Commission should have made a more thorough investigation than it did of the background of an applicant...

The applicant was Edward Lamb, Toledo attorney, whose corporations recently received five licenses for broadcasting stations within a period of three weeks.

In opposing one of his applications, a rival corporation introduced in evidence excerpts from a book Mr. Lamb wrote 14 years ago purportedly glorifying the Soviet Russian economic system.

In Ohio, where Lamb holds five of the seven licenses his corporations control, the State unit of the Catholic War Veterans, meeting in convention, called upon the Federal Communications Commission to investigate the whole case.

MR. LAMB, through the Unity Corporation, Dispatch Corporation, Inc., and Picture Waves, Inc., which he and his wife control, has AM, FM and television broadcasting licenses in Erie, Pa.; Toledo, Springfield, Mansfield and Columbus, Ohio.

The Mansfield Journal Company, which unsuccessfully sought an FM broadcasting license in Mansfield at the same time Mr. Lamb was awarded the license in that city, has filed with the FCC a petition for rehearing attacking the suitability of the Unity Corporation to render the desired FM broadcasting service to Mansfield, and asking the Federal Communications Commission to "consider the background of Edward Lamb, principal stockholder of the Unity Corporation, Inc."

Writing an opinion which disagreed with the Commission's refusal to grant the News Company's petition to have this evidence stricken from the record, Commissioner Robert F. Jones said in part:

"The majority characterize the editorials, articles by commentators and news stories and a 'content analysis' of news items published by the News as 'activities' and 'acts'."

"If the American planned economy is to be achieved, it becomes evident that those who produce the workers and the farmers, and those who defend, i.e., the militia men, through joint action and organizing jointly must assume title to the means of production."

Commissioner Jones stated that, in his opinion, "this language of Lamb justified a further hearing to examine his 'acts' and 'conduct' as a citizen in relation to this doctrine expressed in his book," but that the Commission, however, tak-

U.S. Drugs Cure Filipino Girl

New York (NC) - How a little Filipino girl was cured of a virulent, supposedly incurable, skin disease by medicines supplied by War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference is revealed in a letter received from the Rev. Francis Lambrecht, secretary to the Prefect Apostolic of the Mountain Province, Baguio, P. I.

"We used all sorts of available cures to relieve the terrible suffering of little Stacia," writes Father Lambrecht. Then along came the sulfadiazine tablets and multi-vitamin tablets from War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. which we immediately used and our little girl today is perfectly healed."

All-America Rating St. Louis (NC) - The student weekly of St. Louis University here, The University News, has received the All-America rating of the Associated Collegiate Press for the second consecutive semester.

Kingston, Jamaica (NC) - Two American Jesuit brother-priests, the Revs. Raymond R. and Harold J. Sullivan, have turned the mission parish of Jamaica into a flourishing community with steady employment at a living wage and a community that will soon end all Jamaica in providing modern homes for its families.

Bishop Thomas Emmett, S.J., Vicar Apostolic of Jamaica, has just blessed, and the Governor of Jamaica has formally inaugurated, the Holy Name Homestead housing project which will provide 100 family homes at prices the people of Brown's Town can afford.

Ten years ago Brown's Town was like any other Jamaica village. A laborer was idle half the year and when he worked he got only two or three dollars a week. He lived in a shack without most elementary comforts.

Father Harold Sullivan was depressed. He realized that a normal Christian life is morally impossible for people living in such conditions. Then his chance came to do something about it.

The outbreak of the war threatened Jamaica with complete stoppage of lime dust imports needed for control of leishman disease. Father Harold together with a young Jamaican experimented in producing lime dust, and then persuaded a wealthy social-minded man to establish in Brown's Town Jamaica's first lime industry.

IT WAS a complete success. In two years people in the area were paid wages totaling \$45,000, more than they had got during the previous half-century. Even the unskilled laborer was paid what was considered a living wage, \$1 a day. The lime industry now gives steady work five days a week to 100 men.

At this point Father Raymond succeeded Father Harold. The people still had no homes; but they could now afford to pay 20 cents a day for a home. So Father Raymond got to work. He decided that, if he did not have to include the costs of initial outlay, he could build houses at \$1,000 each. The receiver could pay \$1.40 a week, of which 40 cents would go into taxes and supervisory costs, leaving \$1 to go back into the fund.

The main problem was the initial capital, for which Father Raymond went begging in the United States until he got \$30,000 to serve as a revolving fund. This will be continually renewed by income from houses built and will continually be re-invested in more houses. He bought 16 1/2 acres of land, laid it out in 100 plots, and assembled the trucks,

At Our House

Russia Was Forced To Protect Family Life

By MARY TINLEY DALY

At our house we have been reading Monsignor Fulton Sheen's new book, Communism and the Conscience of the West. Comment on the entire book cannot be handled adequately in this column, but a review of the chapter "The Attitude Toward the Family in Russia and America" seems timely.



Mary Daly

In discussing Communist Russia's ideas and practice of family life, Monsignor Sheen points out that both theory and practice have undergone a complete reversal since the early days of communism.

From 1918 on, the communist concept of morality was known as the "glass of water" theory—free love with no regard for persons. All children belonged to the will of either party—post card divorces they were called. Abortion clinics were established by the State and flourished throughout the country. In Moscow alone, only 57,000 children were born in 1934 while 154,000 abortions were performed.

After 20 years of this regime, during which the State had used every means of breaking down the family—abortion, free love, divorce and separation of children from parental authority—Russia suddenly realized it was destroying itself by bringing about disintegration of the nation.

Then came the reversal—not because of morality, but because of expediency. Pompous propaganda was sent out glorifying family life. The dangers of abortion clinics closed and heavy fines imposed for the practice. Children were returned to parental authority. As Monsignor Sheen says, "... so now communism in its greatest defeat proclaims the victory of the family over the class, the Western world—more proletarian, the fireside, and child over the hammer and sickle."

HE THEN CONTRASTS this changed attitude of Russia toward the family with the materialism of the Western world—more specifically, the present day American attitude toward the family. In it he sees the seeds of evil that Russia planted in the early days:

"There is no doubt that the philosophy of America today regarding family life is just the same as Russia's between 1917 and 1933, namely, belief in divorce, free love and a queer system which in a compound word rejects both birth and control. Russia stopped decay of family in a single year, because it was a dictatorship and could enforce its decree. America is a democracy, hence the only way—and the right way—we can arrest our dry rot is not by a Presidential decree, not by a uniform divorce law, not by handling the problem of juvenile delinquency in each new age without ever stopping it at its source—the home—but only by a conscience enlightened by religion and morality."

"The disturbance of family life in America is more desperate than at any other period in our history. The family is the barometer of the nation. Unless America reverses the attitude toward the family and ceases to try to make a success in the domain wherein Russia proved to be a failure, then, apart from all moral and religious considerations, three disastrous consequences will follow:

"First, America will be in danger of becoming a nation of traitors. A people who are not loyal to a home will not be loyal to a flag.

"Second, the creation of a

mentality that will refuse to make sacrifices, suffer trials and inconveniences for the sake of the protection of our country. History does not reveal the survival of a single nation with a declining birth rate in a moment of trial and crisis. Third, the decline in family life is intrinsically bound up with the decline in democracy. When a nation ceases to put the highest value on the home, it will not be long before it ceases to put a value on a person."

IN SPITE OF much of the present day American attitude toward family and home, with the serious consequences that may follow, Monsignor Sheen feels that, from another point of view, America has a better record than Russia:

"First of all, America provides a higher standard of living for the family and America does not in a mad rush of imperialism disrupt family life

In other nations of the world. More important than the standard of living is the fact that America has no concentration camps, while according to conservative figures Russia prides itself in its new attitude toward the family, it destroys the family by forcible separation of husbands and wives in assignments to such camps. Then too, Russia's new attitude toward the family, based solely on state-survival without regard to moral values, poisons youth by false propaganda such as the new "10 Communist Commandments"—completely godless. Monsignor Sheen's comparison of Russia's and America's theory and practice of family life is thought-provoking—and a grave warning of what "can happen here."

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