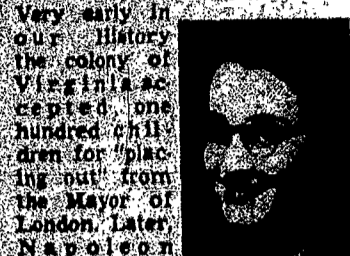


Part of Family Home Influence Sought For Out-of-Wedlock Child

By MARIE WEIDMAN Rochester Catholic Charities

As yet, before Moses was found in the bushes and then adopted by Pharaoh's daughter, the dependent, homeless and fatherless child has needed the sympathy and care of society in no other age, however, has this problem been so successfully solved as in our own.



Marie Weidman

Very early in our history the colony of Virginia... the child is born... remains within the province of the mother to make her own decision as to whether or not she will keep her child or release it for ultimate adoption... Today we are caring for the illegitimate child by trying to make him part of a family since we recognize the family as our basic social unit and follow the Christian precept which the Church sets to assure proper status and complete nurture for our children...

LET US BEGIN with the unmarried mother herself. She is often young and prior to her child's birth many times confused and bewildered... Pope Honors Mother Philadelphia (NC) - His Holiness Pope Pius XII has bestowed his special apostolic benediction upon Mrs. Richard T. McSorley of this city, selected as Catholic Mother of 1948 by the National Conference on Family Life.

CPA SHORT STORY WINNERS



Winners in the 1948 Catholic Press Association annual short story contest were, left to right: Mrs. Lucille Hasley, South Bend, Ind., first prize, \$600; Mrs. Mabel O'Connell Moran, Pacific Grove, Calif., second prize, \$250; Mrs. Regina Schall Jacobson, Chicago, third prize, \$150. Stories submitted to the judges totaled 3,100. (NC Photos.)

At Our House Pat 'A Willing Worker' - At the Ironing Board

By MARY TINLEY DALY

There was an alumnae meeting in Baltimore. "Go ahead," said the Head of the House, "we'll manage all right!" So I went—and it was fun. We talked about old times—but mostly we talked about our families and compared notes. From a distance of 40 miles my own family seemed perfect. Like all the other members present, only the talents, charms and achievements of our children entered the conversation. At the end of the long day I drove home. "They're all asleep, bless 'em!" I thought while parking the car. But as I came in the back door the uproar sounded like a communist meeting in Union Square. Everybody, even the baby, was up and noisy.

Teen Talks Date-data Dilemma Teen-set Taboos The Grotesome Twosome

By NORMA L. DEPREZ

Calling all teenagers to delete delay in dusting off those Dorsey discs and banishing those book-banging blues. The weekend is only a few sighs away, and whether you're a Susy Smoot, a college coed or the campus Casanova, the timely topic for discussion is date.



Norma DePrez

THE CHARIOT CHUGS to a dingy bar, perhaps the "Stagger Inn" where cheers, beers and stale smoke lend that indefinable and much over-rated touch called "atmosphere." No, you don't like to drink and maybe you know where to stop—but everybody drinks, and what else is there to do? Excuse can be quickly eliminated if you dare to be different. Latch on to these ideas, Solid Sander. Date time can be dream time at one of the pla for a night, where you can rub elbows with the boys and girls from the Latin III or gym class, and compare notes on the school teams or dance to your heart's content to a boogie beat.

Germany's Future Depends On Women, Leader Declares

Washington (NC) - The future of Germany will depend to a large extent on women's movements because women at present constitute what is estimated as high as 69 per cent of the country's total population.

Baroness Elizabeth de Guttenberg of Munich, Germany, founder and president of Catholic Women's Relief, stated here. She came to the United States several weeks ago to attend the National and International Conferences on Social Work at Atlantic City and in New York. Communist and other leftist groups have been organizing for the future, the Baroness said. One reason for this, she explained, is the fact that Russia, realizing the importance of women in Germany's future, was the first occupying power to encourage organization of German women.

The British were next and lately the American military authorities have indicated greater interest in the development of women's groups, she said. Another reason for the head start of communist groups, she observed, is the fact that Germany's conservative circles have not become entirely accustomed to the idea of women actively participating in public life. There is likewise a hesitancy on the part of all Germans to join any Christian political movement or party for fear of reprisals should the communists ever seize control of Germany, the Baroness stated. They still have vividly in their minds the reprisals of the Nazis against members of Christian groups, she added.

The Baroness reminded that it is difficult for the average German housewife to take much interest in public affairs or become active in organizations because her long days of toil on meager diet and long hours of standing in line each day for food leave her too exhausted for such activities. Apart from the solution of Germany's long range problems of overpopulation and lack of food, the Baroness believes much immediate good could be done if Catholic women leaders in the United States would go to Germany to help organize activities for women's groups, and give lectures introducing new ideas to the German women who feel themselves isolated from the world and depressed by the idea of German unity.

IT DOES SEEM! I commented sourly to the Head of the House, "that you could have a little order and quiet around here."

"Well, I did tell 'em to go to bed," he said. "But they say there's a Forty Hour procession tomorrow. I tried to help 'em find their white clothes in the attic but the boxes we opened all seemed to have other things in them." "And you opened all those boxes in the attic?" I gasped, horrified. "Oh look, Mom!" cried Pat, sweeping grandly down the stairs. "We found your wedding dress. It just fits me—but boy is it funny!"

"YOU PUT EVERY one of those things back and immediately," I said crossly. "See that the woolens are put back in moth balls and the wedding dress in blue tissue paper. Immediately!" But where are our white dresses? asked Eileen. "We've looked and looked. And Sister says Markie and Mary and I have to be in the procession..." "Why couldn't you have told me before?" I asked impatiently. "This is a darned nuisance—this procession business. Eileen, put Virginia to bed and I'll get out the white dresses." They weren't in the attic at all they were in a box on my closet shelf.

Mary's First Communion dress

Catholic Editor Defends Royal Pair

London (RNS) - Catholic quarters came to the defense of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh who were repudiated by two Scottish church groups for attending races and a night club on a Sunday during their recent stay in Paris.

The editor of a Catholic newspaper took up the cudgels on the Duke of the Princess and the Duke declaring that Sunday dancing was "commendable" and adding that going to the races "is no different than sitting at home reading a book."

Two Nuns Dead; Served 125 Years

Dubuque (NC) - Two nuns who have died here, gave a total of 125 years to religious life.

They were Sister Mary Scholastica Murray 87, who was a Sister of the Presentation for 63 years, and Sister Mary Niceta Hanson, who was a member of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary for 62 years.

Advertisement for Gold Seal Champagne featuring an illustration of a couple and a bottle of champagne. Text: "Why wait for a Wedding? You can make any social gathering as gay as a wedding with Gold Seal Bravi Champagne. A wine of great distinction - yet it costs no more than mixed drinks and is easier to serve. Fermented in the bottle - the only correct way."

Death Told By Stigmatic

Frankfurt (NC) - Bishop Michael Rackl of Eichstaett, Bavaria, who had been one of the strongest opponents of the Nazi regime, died in his see city after a long illness at the age of 65.

A Bishop for 13 years, he succeeded in office His Eminence Konrad Cardinal von Preysing, the present Bishop of Berlin. Bishop Rackl's name was often mentioned in connection with Theresienstadt, the stigmatic, in whom he was greatly interested. Theresienstadt was deeply fond of the Bishop and in recent weeks often asked about the state of his health.

When the Rev. Stanley J. Bertke, a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati who at present serves as secretary to Bishop Aloisius Muench, Apostolic Visitor to Germany, visited Theresienstadt earlier this week, she remarked to him: "The Bishop (Rackl) will die within the month." Father Bertke recalled the incident when news of Bishop Rackl's death reached him. He also remembered that Theresienstadt had foretold the Bishop's nomination 13 years ago.

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CAN YOU ANSWER THIS? ROUGE BOUQUET

"Deraa, capital of my diocese of Hauran, once had a beautiful church built by an American friend. During the fighting against the French in 1945 that chapel was destroyed and we did the best we could in its ruins." For two years now the poor people have been worshipping in the open in summer and winter. Is it possible that another American friend will come forward to give them the House of God they cannot build because of their poverty? We shall pray for this. Sanctify, O Lord, those who love the beauty of Thy house. Anyone who gives this chapel will have the daily prayers of the priests of Deraa and their poor Bishop.

TEN DOLLARS

This will provide a First Communion outfit to an orphan child, and an gift for ORPHAN'S BREAD to feed hungry mouths. It is deeply appreciated. Write for a picture of a First Communion class. You help little homeless children to greet their Kingly Guest for the first time.

FACE OF JESUS

Twenty dollars will provide a beautiful picture of the Sacred Heart for one of our Near East chapels. We do need so many.

OUR OWN FATHER

Honor Father on his day by arranging with us to send him that lovely Gift Card saying a Near East priest will offer Mass for him. Mass offerings help our missionaries more than anything else.

FEET HURT?

Yes, sometimes even with good shoes, but what about those poor refugees who must go barefoot? Can you give seven dollars to provide a pair of shoes for a seminarian at Hirschberg, Bavaria? He has fled before the Russians, and some day he will go back as a priest to his own land.

TATTERED TORN

No priest should stand before the Altar in torn vestments, but sometimes we must let our missionaries do so. Thirty dollars will provide a new set of vestments. Even if you can give only a dollar monthly as a member of the MONICA GUILD, Near East Altar Sodality, your dollar added to others will buy a set.

YOUR VERY OWN

Your own adopted son in Christ a priest, ready to undergo even martyrdom—what a thought! George Connor, with four years more of study for the priesthood in the Seminary at Oradea Mare, Romania, will need four hundred dollars for his expenses. Write for the new pamphlet, "Hal, Flowers of the Martyrs." Priests in Romania, now under Russia, may be martyrs. Rejoice with them.

INDULGENCES

Members gain indulgences on June 14, 24, 29 for themselves and their beloved dead. Why not join the Association? Annual membership is only a dollar, family membership five dollars. The offerings are stringless gifts for our neediest cases.

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Advertisement for Hotel Warren featuring an illustration of a horse-drawn carriage. Text: "Get aboard for a perfect vacation June 25th thru Labor Day. Write direct to H. L. Walker, Manager."

Hospital Drops Doctors On Birth Control Issue

Cleveland (NC) - Four doctors on the staff of St. Vincent's Charity Hospital have been dropped because of their refusal to resign from the medical advisory board of the Cleveland Maternal Health Association, which advocates birth control. It has been disclosed here.

Msgr. Vincent B. Balmat, chancellor of the Cleveland diocese, said there was no comment from Catholic sources on the action of the hospital. The four were asked last June by the hospital to resign their positions in the association or leave the hospital staff.

Miss Bresette Renamed Washington (NC) - Miss Lina Bresette, field representative of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, has been reappointed to a three-year term on the Correspondence Committee on Women's Work of the International Labor Organization. Miss Bresette has served on the committee for the past six years.