

Like Their Own Careful Steps Recounted In Adoption Procedure

By MARIE WEIDMAN
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Did beams at the small blue bundle he is holding — absolutely no doubt about it, baby looks JUST like him, same nose, big ears, maybe, too. Mom murmurs that the little dear has Aunt Mary's eyes, and such a nice, well-shaped head. But neither "Dad" nor "Mom" has seen the blue bundle until two hours ago, when, accompanied by the agency adoption worker, they set out to see the baby.



Marie Weidman

When parents apply for a child in adoption the agency makes a thorough evaluation of the parents' backgrounds, their standards and education. This is necessary so that they may be certain, as certain as we can be about human beings, that they obtain a child that will possess a background like theirs—as well as being either of the same or similar nationality and of having, if possible, somewhat the same physical characteristics.

Also, at the time the application is accepted for investigation, prospective applicants to this area's social agencies, will, in the future be required to pay a fee of ten dollars. Later, when a child is placed in their home, fifty dollars is payable. This fee has been found necessary to cover the expense of the entire process of adoption, and includes the efforts of several social workers over a considerable period of time.

THE STEPS FROM the initial application to the time a child is placed in adoption, may seem long to the parents. Understand there is no interminable waiting lists, since couples are only asked to wait until there is a child fit for them; only suitability of child to parent creates a priority.

Even knowing these facts, however, prospective adoptive parents may yet want to take a child from a private source. People contemplating this action must remember that adoption is a continuing process. It goes on after the legal procedure has stopped. It is an excursion into the future, not a selfish gratification.

Adoption of a child means parents must share the burden of an heredity for which they are not responsible, but which in reality requires infinite understanding and patience. It is far better, therefore, to seek an accredited agency with trained people whose only task is to make both child and parent suited to each other as ideally as possible.

After a child is placed in adoption, there is a year's grace period during which time the parents can fully decide whether or not they wish to keep the child. Needless to say few couples ever regret their decision and often request another child.

Papal Academy



Dr. Dolay Dr. Langfeld
Two American savants, Dr. Edward A. Dolay, professor of biochemistry at St. Louis University School of Medicine and Dr. Herbert S. Langfeld, Stuart Professor of Psychology at Princeton University, have been named to membership in the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. (NC Photos.)

VATICAN GIVES NON-CATHOLIC MEET WARNING

Rome—(NC)—Noting that in various places, contrary to prescriptions of canon law and without prior consent of the Holy See, mixed meetings of Catholics and non-Catholics have taken place in which matters of faith have been discussed, the Holy Office has issued an admonition, published in Osservatore Romano, recalling that participation in such meetings by Catholics without prior permission is forbidden.

"It is recalled to the memory of all," the admonition states, "that according to the norm of canon 1325, paragraph 3, both the laity and the clergy, whether diocesan or regular, are forbidden to be present at such meetings without prior permission. Much less is it licit for Catholics to convene and arrange meetings of this kind. Therefore, Ordinaries should urge that these prescriptions be exactly observed by all."

"And certainly these prescriptions should for stronger reason all the more be observed when it is a question of those meetings which Catholics, whether laity or clergy, can in no way attend without prior consent of the Holy See.

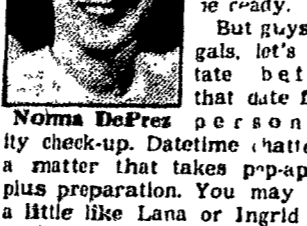
"Since indeed in both of the aforesaid meetings and outside of them acts of mixed worship have not infrequently been held, all are warned that any 'communicatio in religious worship with non-Catholics' is entirely forbidden.

Teen Talks

Cuties in Conversation
Topic for Tonight
Hush-Blush Humor

By NORMA L. DEFREZ

That's for you, Stay Smoothie expecting from your current crew cut crush. Friday? Why, you'd love to... a movie? Fine... about eight? You'll be ready.



Norma DeFrez
personality check-up. Dateline chatter is a matter that takes pop appeal plus preparation. You may look a little like Lana or Ingrid and perhaps your smile puts triumphant Miriam to shame but unless your conversation has sparkle and your personality is up to par, dating opportunities will decrease.

You have to be interested to be interesting and the gal who is simply bluff and powder puff will get a low score in any boy's popularity poll. Conversation is a mutual exchange of ideas and sentiments so it is just as important to learn to be a good listener.

Maybe you would rather talk about the latest fashion phase or next week's Latin final but crawl out of your own little world and lend a listen to Pete. He's anxious to tell you about some of the campus capers.

JIVESTERS don't put your blues on parade. Because dad said you couldn't use the car tonight or his sister wouldn't let you wear her evening cape you may be in a mood of indignation but don't spoil your date's fun by being as dismal as a rainy Sunday afternoon. Consideration is one of the big factors in dateline preparation.

So your cloud-hopping with Dave tonight. Don't be a square-be-fair. If you clutter up your conversations with the highlights of last Friday night's date with Tom, Dick or Harry you will deserve to be called a fickle pig. Sussy, if you want to convince Dave that you're as smooth as a melted marshmallow talk about the things he likes. Maybe football or golf is his first love or perhaps history is his favorite subject; give these things a whirl for conversations with a winning way.

BE INTERESTED and above all be yourself. Maybe you think Katie Hepburn has everything or perhaps you long for just a corner of Garbo's sophistication but if you leave Katie to her callulies and Garbo to her solitude and be sweet sixteen Sue you'll be tops on everyone's date list.

Here are a few more taboos for the teenset. No 'cat sessions' or 'meow meetings' allowed in teen dom. Christian charity is a must whenever the gang gathers. And did I hear someone running down their alma mater? Latch on to a lesson in school loyalty because no one likes a griper.

We're not ready for the Freddy or Hedy who is brimful of off-color humor. The hush and blush that goes with a smutty story means a rush to the brush off for the guy or gal who tells it. If you are the clown of the town and have corn aplenty, don't subject every one at the party to too much 'punishment.' A well told joke in the right place is good but don't monopolize the gathering with too much of your own variety of humor.

HOW IS your peppepal? If you're as lively as a wild kitten and strictly the clinging vine type you will find yourself out on the proverbial limb. The gal who is enthusiastic and always ready to do things is the one who gets the phone calls. "Personality" Sold Sonders, it's all yours. Make the most of it.

Social Reform Seen Next Aim Of Italian Unit

By REV. J. J. SULLIVAN

Rome—(NC)—"Communism has been stopped but not destroyed," declared Professor Luigi Gedda, president of the National Civic Committee, in an interview here, adding that therefore the organization mobilized originally for the election campaign would continue its work in Italy, with much-needed social justice as its next objective.

Professor Gedda, member of the medical faculty at the University of Rome, said there is much evidence that the Communists are determined to continue their efforts to win Italy.

"At the moment," he said, "they are planning to change the name of their party to something like 'Workers' Party,' the better to blot out the memory of their defeat and to facilitate a reunion with the Saragat (right-wing) Socialists."

Asked for his own evaluation of the intentions of the Civic Committee, Mr. Gedda listed three points. First, and most important, he considers the fact that it provided the means for uniting in a strong coalition not only practicing Catholics but all those interested in preserving Christian civilization and its institutions.

"NEXT IN IMPORTANCE," he said, "was the fact that the committee transferred the battle from a mere struggle between political parties to the plane where it truly belonged, the plane of ideology, of civilization, the battle between two unalterably opposed principles, Christianity and materialism."

He exemplified this by pointing to the thousands who voted for the Christian Democrats, considering the lesser of two evils. On purely internal matters in Italy they would be opposed to the party of DeGaspari, but on the main issue they were opposed to Communism and voted down in the most effective way.

The third feature of the committee's battle was what he calls the "sporting or competitive spirit" with which its members carried on the fight. Not seeking any material gain or party advantage, they fought "for the sake of an ideal, the salvation of the Church and Christian civilization."

HAVING WON its first great victory, the organization will now turn its forces to new but equally important tasks. Its primary aim before the election to stop absenteeism or non-voting, was according to Dr. Gedda, realized 100 per cent, the second phase of the campaign, to unmask Communism and to show it to the people while not a complete success, was sufficiently effective to reduce the Communists' predicted 48 per cent margin to about 22 per cent in Southern Italy. The third phase of the campaign, to avoid the social revolution which Communism threatened the country, remains now as the principal end to be achieved.

"The most important point of attack in the social revolution is in Mr. Gedda's view, the battle of labor unionism." The Christian workingmen, as such, are very poorly organized and constitute little more than a segment of prisoners within the Communist dominated General Confederation of Labor, he said. That situation calls for a change which Dr. Gedda thinks must come either by strengthening the Christian element within the Confederation or by withdrawing completely and establishing a separate Christian federation.

No. 1 Middle Catholic Annapolis (NC) Number one Midshipman in the June graduating class of the United States Naval Academy here is Francis John Sullivan, 24, director of activities of the Newman Club at the academy and a member of St. John's parish, Collingswood, N.J.

At Our House Markie Surmounts Crisis In School Musical Debut

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Windows are open all over the land these days to catch early summer breezes. Breezes come in and sound comes out—the sound of countless girls and boys practicing the piano for the annual recital. Everybody who has been "taking" for nine months prepares to give.



Markie

Markie is the one who "takes" at our house. Weeks ago when she first brought home Butterflies, Pat played it for her. (Pat took

once herself.) Very pretty, we thought. Then Markie's practice began. The first week we heard the right hand, the melody. We still thought it pretty. The next week we heard the bass. Well, one had to have substance.

Finally, both hands got together—more or less—and after weeks of practice BUTTERFLIES flitted very creditably from our open windows, except for one rough spot in the left hand. Markie ironed the spot out by herself, but then when she played the whole piece and came to IT, there was the inevitable discord in the bass.

TODAY WAS THE recital. Excused from the afternoon session of school, Markie came home for lunch but refused to eat.

"Lily Pons never eats before a concert," she declared. "I read that."

"But Lily Pons is a singer!" we explained. "It's different with pianists. Horowitz always eats before he plays. It gives him strength."

"Well, if Horowitz can eat I guess I can too. And Markie tackled spaghetti and cheese. Done up in her white organdy, with a blue band in her freshly curled red hair, Markie was ready to be presented to her public.

The nervous blue and white clad girls and the strutting white-suited boys gathered in the annex of the school auditorium while relatives took their places and waited for the recital.

A stout matron leaned over to us. "Is your little girl playing today?"

"Yes," I pointed to the program BUTTERFLIES by Margaret Daly. "Is your little girl playing too?"

"That she is. Here she is, black on white." MOONLIGHT SONATA by Beechoven by Kathleen O'Brien. Oh her father would be that proud could he see this day. He always wanted the kids to have culture, music lessons and things like that. We couldn't do it for the older ones but now with Timmy working he sees to it that Kathleen has all the things he and Ellen missed.

JUST THEN the program started and John Murphy, aged 8, came from the wings, made his stiff little bow and played SHIPS.

The applause was thunderous, and was repeated for Constance Grimm with her LITTLE SONG.

The recital went on. Each little girl flounced her white skirts over the piano bench, tossed her hair, made the night before curls and "favored." Not a piece of music was in sight of course.

Suzanne Quinn really had the piece de resistance—crossed hands and Suzanne made the most of it. The right hand tumbled through the runs, then with a graceful sweep, the left arm crossed over the right and one finger precisely and delicately hit high C.

AFTER that we heard STAR DANCERS FAIRY SWING, MELODY OF LOVE and MOONLIGHT SONATA by Beethoven and Kathleen O'Brien.

We knew most of the children and found it easy to identify, the parents. The people sitting for ward on their chairs, faces tense and smiles fixed were the parents of the particular Impresario at the piano. Then came BUTTER

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