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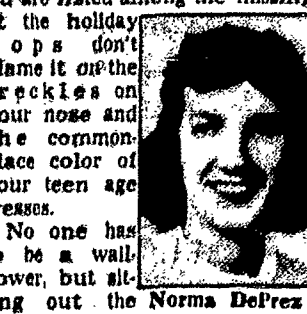
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Teen Talks
Why Be A Wallflower?

By **NORMA DE PREZ**
 Being a wallflower is no fun. It is that undesirable but not necessarily unavoidable state in a gal's life when dates have taken a detour, and too many Friday nights are spent at home with a good book. If the phone only rings for father, and you are listed among the missing



at the holiday ops don't blame it on the freckles on your nose and the common place color of your teen age tresses. No one has to be a wallflower, but sitting out the Norma DePrez senior ball with that "Some day he'll come along" expression scribbled all over your face, isn't going to put you in first place on someone's popularity poll. Popularity has to be worked for. It will take more than freckle powder and a hundred strokes of the hair brush, to turn into date bait. Beauty aids, satin smooth skin and chic clothes are important, but they are only the frosting. Personality, tempered by sincerity, date decorum, patterned according to Christian principles and good manners are among the essentials.

TEENSTERS, good manners cannot be ignored. They have been defined as the "outward expression of your respect for our associates, Christian charity expressing itself in due consideration for the toes, nerves, belongings, likes and dislikes, convenience and peace of others," and also "the art of living painlessly with people." If you regard Emily Post as only a stick in the mud, and date decorum as a commodity reserved especially for teas and church

socials, lend a listen to the following. A few years ago, when a group of teenagers gathered for a party on what they considered good manners, the boys put down a few social qualities that they respect and expect from the girls they date. From the reference, we find their preference rests with the girl who has personality, a sense of humor, ability to listen well, neatness, poise, sportsmanship, femininity and naturalness.

THEY WOULD rather date the one who will be content to ride in Hank's jalopy, if the family car is not accessible, or the girl who will suggest a walk or a record roundup at home if her date's allowance has gone A. W. O. L. When Romeo takes his Juliet out to dinner, good table manners are as essential as Amos is to Andy. You'll seldom have your escort's financial forecast on hand and he may not be a potential Rockefeller, so suppress all desires for roast pheasant under glass and crepes Suzette. If your date is on the alert, he may make some helpful suggestions as to what is best on the menu or better on his billfold. Do not ask for things not listed on the menu, and never gossip with the waiter. Your order should be given directly to your escort, who in turn repeats it to the waiter. If an imposing display of silverware baffles you, choose, without comment, the spoon or fork that appears most practical.

POCKETBOOKS and gloves are to be placed securely on your lap, and safely out of the way of waiter's bustling feet. Your lipstick may be a luscious lollipop red, but try to avoid leaving an impressive array of it on your dinner napkin. Perhaps the service is slow, and the steak has lost its identity to charcoal, but a prolonged gripe session will neither aid your date's digestion, or your future dinner invitations. Such social errors as fiddling with the silver, leaving a spoon in your coffee cup, or pushing the plate away when you have finished, will make you eligible for the salt tair on Saturday nights.

When ready to leave the restaurant, the girl precedes her escort, but stands at a discreet distance while he pays the bill. Whether you are a budding Einstein or an eager economist, never pick up the check to okay the addition or satisfy your curiosity.

VISITOR AT 'MARY'S HOUSE'



During his recent visit to New York, Governor P. W. P. Flaherty of Puerto Rico inspected Casita Maria, "the Little House of Mary in the Puerto Rican district of East Harlem." The Governor is pictured (center) with Mrs. Charles H. Ridd, president of the Elizabeth Seton League, Inc., which conducts the settlement, and the Rev. Harold S. Engel, archdiocesan director of the Catholic Youth Organization of New York. (NC Photo.)

Women's Viewpoint
Bronc-Busting -- As It's Done in the Grandstands

By **MARIE WEIDMAN**
 Rochester Catholic Charities

It was a fine, colorful show; the cowboys were properly daring, the bronco busting brilliant, the lariats long and lithesome. In fact, last week's rodeo was just fine, but at the children's free matinee there was a good deal of unscheduled performing.

For one thing, I had thirty-three children with me in the grandstand that is an afternoon with thirty-three children can be an awesome experience and Marie Weidman afterward I had a dim feeling that roping a steer would be as gentle as a Strauss waltz in comparison.

The youngsters were instructed to wait for me at the main gate beside from the fact that many, including myself could not decide which was the main gate, they arrived hooting, trampling, pushing and screaming "Yipee!" They were what you could call getting into the mood.

WHILE I WAS in the process of counting noses, crew cuts, hairbows or whatever was visible in order to determine each individual imp two study boys approached me in a rather menacing fashion. "You the dame we're supposin' meet here huh?" That's right, boys. That surprised me coldly and thoroughly. Through a large bubble of pink gum, the freckled one observed. "Thought you'd be a blonde."

Since there was no fitting response to this at least not on children's day at the rodeo I suggested we all go into the grandstand. This caused commotion on the fringe of my little group. Benny had not yet arrived. With nothing on my mind but the thirty-three others I had forgotten Benny. We waited twenty minutes longer, but still no Benny. So we tramped up the ramp to our places.

There was general dissatisfaction at the location of our seats. Too high, we won't see anything. They wouldn't have seen anything if they had been in the center of the arena since no one sat in his appointed place for any longer than two minutes at a time. There seemed to be first a general exchange of ice cream cones as each tried on his neighbor's for flavor. A hot altercation followed about who took the other half of Joe's hot dog. I finally located it under the seat. I hastily brushed it off before any other adult could see and disapprove and returned it to the resentful and accusing Joe.

AFTER the first act or two Margie's ripe fire and a half pushed her way over to me through a hail of popcorn. "Please, when Roy Rogers comes!" Her eyes were large blue and mournful. I tried to explain that Roy was probably busy this afternoon and couldn't make it. You just couldn't tell her point blank not looking into Margie's eyes, anyway.

Then Sammy touched my arm near tears. He'd lost his dime, could he have another one? Otherwise he couldn't get home. Sure Sammy, sure. Between times, I worried about Benny and why he hadn't appeared. I tried to brush away disquieting ideas of what might have happened to him as I interrupted a short bout of fistfights begun over the relative merits of certain screen cowboys. Margie started again. "Is

NCCW Convention Slates Study of Women's Status

New Orleans (NC) - A review of Catholic thought on current social questions, an appraisal of the status of women in the United States today, and an examination of Catholic women's organizations in the light of today's needs are high on the agenda for the 24th national convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, which opens here September 11. A thousand delegates from all parts of the country are expected to attend the five-day meeting. Mrs. Henry Mannix of Brooklyn, president of the NCCW, will call the convention to order.

THE CATHOLIC women will assist at a Solemn Pontifical Mass in historic St. Louis Cathedral in the city's French Quarter. Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans, convention host, will celebrate this Mass, and Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus will deliver the sermon.

Theme of the convention is "The Status of Women Today." This is also the title of an address to be given in Municipal Auditorium by Dr. Elizabeth Morrissey of Baltimore, economic professor at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland and chairman of the NCCW Social Action Committee. Miss Morrissey will share the platform with Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio, Episcopal Chairman of the Lay Organizations Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, who will keynote the convention with an address on "Agenda for a Better America" on Tuesday evening, the theme

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Face to Face
 On Assumption day, Our Lady met Her Son in heaven after fifteen years of separation. For the Shrine Chapel of St. Therese, which will rise in Lebanon, north of the Holy Land, for the conversion of Russia, we shall need a picture of Our Lord and Our Lady. Each will cost fifty dollars. Can you give one?

THIS IS STARVATION CAN YOU?
 Our latest word from the cloistered Carmelite Sisters in the Carmel of the Child Jesus at Bethlehem is most distressing. Mother Therese, the Superior, is too ill to write, so Mother Marie wrote these lines.
 "We are now sitting once in twenty-four hours, and even then very little. The war in Palestine has reduced us to misery. The Sisters live only on hope in the Providence of God."
 "Our American friends represent this Providence. We cloistered daughters of Carmel cannot go out to beg, so we shall storm heaven with prayers, that the good Lord may hear us. Bethlehem is the birthplace of Jesus. He wants us here. Please do not let us starve!"
 So that is Mother Marie's story, and it is very sad. Won't you give a mite for these cloistered Carmelites? We hope to send them a thousand dollars, and we know you will help. Even a small deposit in "MARY'S BANK" does much.

SOON TOO LATE
 With only a few days before August 15, you may want to send our beautiful Gift Card to a dear and friend, telling her that you are having Mass offered or have made a deposit in "MARY'S BANK" for Near East nuns, in her honor, on Mary's day. Write at once.

WOOD OR GOLD?
 "Fox" means box-wood in Greek, but it is now the gold watch-like receptacle in which the priest carries the Blessed Sacrament to the sick. Won't you give twenty-five dollars for a very special one, to be used in the new Shrine Chapel of the Little Flower. Have you read "The Unpelted Rose," which we send to all who help?

PUREST HEART
 August is the month of the Pure Heart of Mary. Members gain indulgences on August 5, 15, 24, 29. Membership is one dollar annually, twenty perpetually. Why not join? We are praying that some kind friend can give a thousand dollars to build a chapel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary before August end.

YOUR DEVOTION
 Are you devoted to Our Lady of Fatima? It was in August that the Holy Father consecrated the world to her. We send our beautiful picture and leaflet on Our Lady to all who help a bit the hospital of the Mission Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Mary Gil, India. They heal our poor gratis.

HIS CLOAK
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