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Teen Talks
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By **NORMA DE PREZ**
So you are going steady! Well, don't look now Miss Modern, but I am afraid you are in for a little old-fashioned advice. Yes, it is as inevitable as fish on Friday. Ever since that choice bit of news has been noised about your home, home-room or hangout, you haven't had a moment's peace.



How did it happen? You mot Hank on a blind date about a month ago. That was just the beginning. The constant tide of coke sessions at the corner drug store, Friday night dances, Sunday afternoon walks and daily phone calls have left you the victim of technical day dreams and sole occupant of pink and fluffy cloud eight. When the phone rings or the doorbell chimes, Mack trucks run rampant somewhere between your heart and your stomach—and there you are—a gone gal.

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Whether you realize it or not, you may be getting just a bit lazy at this point. The preliminaries of first impressions are pretty well passed, and you find that you don't even work hard to keep him interested.

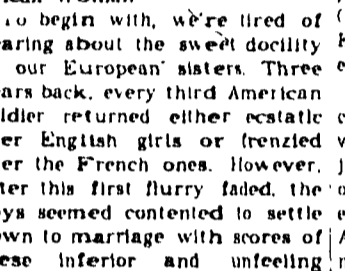
AN ALASKAN CHRISTMAS



Even Santa Claus doesn't live as close to the North Pole as these Eskimo boys from Hooper Bay, Alaska. The boys are holding presents of dolls sent from children in the United States last July. The boys hold them, because the girls won't see them before Christmas Day. (NC Photos)

Women's Viewpoint
Trial by Flurry

Every so often the starving Europeans take a quick look up from their lead-lease porridge bowls and level a few barbs at the famous institution of the American Woman. These days, any distinguished or undistinguished foreign critic who can spell the word frustration and who has perhaps a canned few American ankles feels he is capable of holding forth dogmatically on the habits, habits, the care and feeding of the American Woman.



Marie Weidman

THE NET RESULT of this asserably the beauty is alleged to be The American Face One critic stated that if you see an attractive girl in New Haven, you see her over and over again in Memphis, Denver and Billy Goat Gulch. She just seems to offend Europeans in an unpleasant, esthetic sort of way.

Now that's too bad. The American woman, with her apparent rapidity and unsubtleties, shows just what our culture is capable of producing. She is what war, economic stress and the old American drive for success has made her. Beneath her nationally advertised enamel she has the same aims in mind as women the world over. We recognize, though admittedly some of us reluctantly, that our position is not to achieve the same position as man, but rather to be his complement. How we arrive at our goal is our own American business.

At Our House
The Bishops Speak

By **MARY TINLEY DALY**

"We'll the hierarchy certainly gave us lowerarchy something to think about here!" commented the Head of the House as he finished reading the Bishops' Annual Statement. I became interested, too, particularly in the introduction and in the part "Religion in the Home"—and as women, do, I personalized it.

"Secularism... is the most deadly menace to our Christian and American way of living... In the full Christian vision... there is the Divine ideal of the home... It is not enough to profess the Christian truths... The Christian must make his home holy... Is our home holy? And are the homes about us?"

AND WHAT OF the "mass magazines"? The secularism of these cars have a subtly demoralizing effect like the usual story of the young wife in the station wagon who finds the man from her past re-entering her life, calling around with surreptitious dates in their old haunts. Then comes the problem: Should she or shouldn't she? Even when she decides not to and goes back to her chintzy cottage in Westchester, and maybe even decides to have a baby. It is far from the ideal of Christian marriage that pledges before the altar of God to "forever and ever."

How about the response when the youngest says, "Why don't we have another baby?" and we answer, "We have our hands full. We couldn't pay for another baby." "Do babies cost money?" the youngest one asks. "I thought God sent them. We explain but the explanation doesn't undo the implication."

THEN THE RE are the casually discussed divorces of our friends. I don't see how she stood him this long. And the superstitious "keep your fingers crossed, children. Daddy has a big deal on." instead of "Let's say a prayer." "Make a supplication" is the "lowest form of prayer as they tell us but any prayer is reliance on God and better than superstition."

K. of C. Plans Tour Of Mexico's Shrines
New York (NC) — The great shrines of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Mexico will be visited during a good will tour of Knights of Columbus, their families and friends, leaving here January 15 according to Daniel E. Doran, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

Among the shrines to be visited will be the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Tepeyac, the famous golden Rosary Chapel in Puebla and the Church of San Jose in Mexico City, where many favors have been attributed to the intercession of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

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Hospital Recites Daily Rosary

Washington (NC) — Every afternoon at 4:30 p.m., over the loudspeaker system at historic Providence Hospital here in the Nation's Capital, the Rosary is recited so that patients, members of the staff, visitors and others may join in the recitation.

The hospital is operated by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and the "Hospital Rosary" practice was started on Thanksgiving Day by Sister Marie, hospital administrator.

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A Star of Gold

On the exact spot where Mary cradled the Divine Babe in Bethlehem a Star of Gold set into the pavement is surrounded by these words, "Here Jesus Christ was born." Monsignor McMahon, our National Secretary, is now in the Holy Land, sent there by His Eminence, Cardinal Spellman, to bring help and hope to thousands of refugees, the helpless victims of war. On Christmas day he will kneel in prayer—perhaps even have the opportunity of offering Mass—in the Grotto of the Nativity. His prayers and his Mass will be for you, our members and benefactors, to beg for you and yours the blessing of the Babe of Bethlehem—to ask for you a Happy, Holy Christmas.

GOD'S BEST GIFT
The best gift God ever gave to men was His Son. Our beautiful Gift Card will tell a friend or loved one that you are giving as a Christmas gift—Christ's Mass. Send us your list of names with an offering for each Mass and we will mail this lovely Gift Card—with God's Best Gift—to arrive in time for Christmas.

ENROLL WITH MARY
"Joseph went up to the City of David to be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife." You too can be enrolled with Mary by sending a contribution for MARY'S BANK, St. Vincent's Club, our Founding home in Beirut, is crowded to the doors with abandoned babies. Even a single dollar will do wonders for the Daughters of Charity there and will enroll you very close to the Mother of God.

NO ROOM FOR THEM
There was no room for our refugee priests behind the Iron Curtain. Many were fortunate to escape with their lives. Food packages, shoes, cassocks, Mass intentions must come from America. Will you refuse to help these men of God?

THE CHOIRS OF HEAVEN
"Gloria to God" was the hymn of praise the angels sang. You can even surpass this tribute of the angels and give greater glory to God by educating a priest to offer to God—His own Son. Our Near East seminaries—destitute—support a seminarian for six years (one hundred dollars a year) and you will surpass even the Cherubim in giving praise and honor to our Eternal God.

OVER THE HILL
"And the shepherds said—let us go over to Bethlehem." Bethlehem means "House of Bread." Our ORPHAN'S BREAD will make Bethlehem real again for starving children. You would not want Monsignor McMahon, our National Secretary, to go empty handed to our orphanages. One dollar a month will buy dozens of loaves for St. Barbara's Orphan Home in Aleppo. Please join today.

IN A MANGER
"They came with haste and found the infant lying in a manger." You can provide, not a manger, but a lasting, worthy beautiful shelter for the Eucharistic Babe by building a chapel, or even giving an altar for Father Mansour, who has had almost unbelievable success in his work among the Nestorians. He needs one thousand dollars for a chapel-school and dwelling. Can you make this your Christmas gift to the tiny Babe of Bethlehem?

NO SILK OR SATIN
Our Lady wrapped her newborn Babe in swaddling clothes. We need thousands of garments for refugees who are living in caves, abandoned buildings—even out under the trees, in the Holy Land. Send usable clothing to the C.N.E.W.A. Warehouse at 32-15 Flushing Avenue, Maspeth, L.I.N.Y. Send a contribution to our office and, in your name, we will feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

NO CHRISTMAS BONUS
There was no bonus for the lowly Carpenter of Nazareth and His Holy Family on the first Christmas. Will you share your bonus at Christmas, or the New Year, with Mary and Joseph? Give something for our Stringless Gift Fund, our last resort for hopeless appeals.

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