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At Our House Mike Stands Pat
 By MARY TINLEY DALY

The telephone at our house, seldom idle, was particularly busy the other day. "I hear you want to buy a dog..." "Your daughter phoned about a dog I advertised..." "Your son told my cousin you are interested in a dog..."

This it went all day until the white enamel part of the stove, where we keep important messages, was filled with telephone numbers and descriptions of every-thing canine from Pekiness to Great Danes. Then, in the middle of the afternoon, Pat walked in with a bundle in her arms—a bundle of fur.

"Look!" she exclaimed, plopping it on the floor. "Isn't he cute?"

Stretch—the only other person in the house—thinks anything with four legs is cute, but I could see nothing cute or attractive about this poor mongrel pup with huge paws and long legs, sure sign of a big dog—the kind we do not want, not in our crowded house.

Furthermore, he was not

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ROSES FRESH ON STATUE

Both crowns of roses placed on this statue of Our Lady—one in May, 1947, and the other in May, 1948, still retain their original freshness, according to the Rev. James Turner, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary at Heaton Norris, Stockport, England, where this photo was taken recently. The first crown consisted of 22 tea roses and the 1948 crown has 17 roses of a different color. None have withered or fallen off.

Women's Viewpoint
Hearts and Cats
 MARIE WEIDMAN

Since this has been the week for love and lace, cinnamon candy and crepe paper cupid, most of the jelly bean set seems to have repaired to the plush and well appointed interior of Footworth's dime emporium to choose their red satin sentiments.

The dears, feeling the hot breath of four dimensional progress on their little necks, prefer a quite atomic expressions of regard this year—the mustier, lace Marie Weidman varieties they left to their elders who may not be too aware of the atom. Having dipped heavily into piggy bank reserves, Susie, Little Herman, Stinky Shultz and the other young connoisseurs of fine valentines, demand the latest and most daring innovations with which to express their feelings.

HEARTS AND FLOWERS and all the carnal nut sundae sentiments of an older generation somehow cannot begin to convey how, for instance, Little Herman feels about the girl in the blue dress who sits across the room from him in third grade. Will you be my atom bomb? Why, Herman! How wonderful to be your atom bomb!

Little girl third graders considered long and hard the problem of the suitability of each gay heart for each of their friends. One couldn't send the large purple pussy to someone like that ally Dolly Dreamheimer who hates cats—you have to be diplomatic Dolly can have the one that gives forth the encouraging news that "You're an utter smash!" There, Dolly can freely interpret that.

Now—this purple cat—just maybe Stinky Shultz might like it. Stinky was interested in cats, at least in the relation of their tails to tin cans, at any rate. Well, put his name on it. It was a bit of a problem, this giving of valentines to boys, though. They strut so when they find your envelope on their desks; besides, how can you tell if

Teen Talks
Teen Types
 By NORMA DE PREZ

Look out... She's thirteen!! Kid-sister Kay has just blown out a decade-plus-three birthday candles and already a few symptoms of those "terrible" teens are showing.

Before we settle confidently back into our armchairs and offer the sage remark, "You're about to have the best time of your life," let's let Katie in on a few secrets.

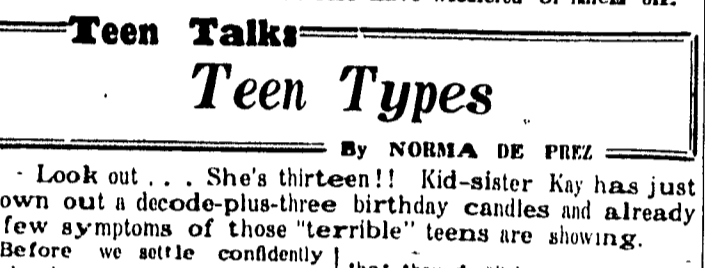
THE TEENS aren't terrible; a little terrifying perhaps and very definitely troublesome. Remember the day "way back when" it wasn't too long after you had put the dolls and the tiny tin dishes Aunt Grace had given you for Christmas up in the attic for keeps.

You don't remember exactly when but it was just before or maybe just after you had passed geography regents with a 96, although you weren't nearly old enough to make of tags, snails and puppy dogs tails.

While you were struggling with first attempts to pin curls and weekly hair shampoos and begging big sister to let you just try on her black dress, that boy down the street was whining his shoes and putting a part in his hair. His mother was pleased but she knew very well that it wasn't all her pleading that had provoked this sudden change.

Why, he was even putting a tie on for Sunday Mass and she had caught him straightening up his sock drawer without being given the task. The father of that boy down the street had recognized the signs of the times too. Although he felt equal to cope with the extensions and advances on Junior's allowance, he wished now, more than ever, that his was a two car family—especially on Friday nights.

IT MAY BE OLD stuff to you big Sister, but it is brand new to Kay and her crowd. The boys have just started to realize that girls exist, and the girls, well, they have just started to realize that their seams are crooked or



Norma De Prez

Far East Pearl Adorns Statue

Munich—The statue of Our Blessed Mother of Altooting, a Bavarian pilgrimage center, now bears a pearl necklace from Indonesia among the numerous jewels given by the pilgrims.

The necklace was brought by a German missionary Sister, who had just returned from Indonesia. While Japanese soldiers, during the last war, were ransacking her mission station, she hung the necklace on the Blessed Virgin statue in the house. It was the last valuable the Sister possessed.

According to her story, when the Japanese noticed the statue they paused in their ransacking. They lifted their caps and one said: "We, too, worship God." Then they left the room without touching the statue.

Shultz is displaying two purple cats! Susie, quick, where did he get the other one? What? Dolly Dreamheimer gave it to him? Well, of all the—I thought she didn't like cats? Oh, she doesn't... uh-uh... but she likes Stinky. That's what I thought you said. For goodness sake, Stinky, sit down. Purple cats are just odious, don't you think so, Susie?

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The Cardinal's Refugee Fund

In every little town and village of the Holy Land where Monsignor McMahon visited—he was received with tears of joy as the representative of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and our President, Cardinal Spellman. Even in the little hill towns the name of the Cardinal of New York was familiar. The result has been that, wherever there is Despair, Hunger, Poverty, Desolation—sooner or later an appeal for aid is sent to Cardinal Spellman. Because of the deluge of appeals for aid from the Holy Land—which we are obliged to check and verify—we are segregating all funds for Refugees in the Cardinal's Refugee Fund for the Holy Land. From this fund we pay for all food packages (10 dollars each). We have just received from Monsignor McMahon a request for 500 Food Packages. Will you give One or Five or Ten or More? Hundreds will die—unless you help today. In God's name send a contribution for the Cardinal's Refugee Fund.

WHAT IS A REFUGEE?

Many of the hundreds of thousands of homeless wanderers in the Holy Land were Like You—only six months ago. They had comfortable homes in Palestine, they had work and families... they were happy. In a moment, through the tragedy of War, they had to flee from everything. Their homes are gone. Their children are separated from them—many forever! They exist only on the charity of others. These people are what you and your children might be—but for the goodness of God! Please think of them and, in your charity, help them. Send money for food, clothes, shoes, shelter! Twenty dollars—ten—five—even one will help. But send it TODAY!

YOU CALL THEM RAGS

Those out of style, outworn clothes that you call rags will keep a Refugee warm. (Did you know they had skinned in Lebanon—so it is not summer weather). Perhaps you read this appeal before. Please, please do something about it NOW! Bundle up those clothes you will never use and send them to our C.N.E.W.A. Warehouse at 52-15 Flushing Avenue, Maspeth, L. I., N. Y. If you can send any donation to our office (we have to ship those clothes overseas)—it will ease our burden a little.

DOCTOR—DOCTOR!

Archbishop Kandathil of Ernakulam—tells us of the sad plight of five hospitals in his province. They have very few doctors. So the Medical Mission Sisters of St. Joseph send their novices to study dentistry, midwifery, medical science, etc.—to the great medical centers of the East. It costs over \$500.00 a year to train a Medical-Superintending Sister! But she does all the hard work a doctor does. The Sisters average 200 Infant Baptisms a year! Two hundred souls saved! We ask our Doctors—and all who have known the peace of mind and ease of body that a doctor gives—to help us meet this appeal. Can you support a Sister in training for even one year?

BUY A BABY

Monsignor McMahon spent two hours at Beirut, in St. Vincent's Crib—the founding hospital we have spoken of many times. Hundreds of infants have been left at the door—and all have been baptized. The Sisters of Charity need ten dollars to care for each baby. Will you Buy a Baby and give it the chance to grow up in the grace, the wisdom and the love of God?

TEACHER PLEASE!

We ask our School Teacher readers to help us solve the Teacher Problem in our Near East Schools. Father Saade, the Carmelite Superior in Lebanon, needs six teachers—besides his priests, in the School at Tripoli. It costs \$300.00 a year to support a teacher. Will you share your teacher's salary and give us \$12 a year for this work which means the salvation of the Church in the Near East? Our BASILIAN group (one-dollar-a-month) for Schools, is desperate for badly needed funds. Please join!

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Benedictine Sisters Open New Community College

Kansas City—(NC)—Donnelly Community College, offering two-year pre-professional and adult education courses, will open here in September, according to an announcement by Bishop George J. Donnelly.

The name "junior college" rather than "community college" will be used, to emphasize service to the entire community. The school will be under the direction of Benedictine Sisters from Mt. St. Scholastica College, Atchison, Kansas.

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