

Among Women

Business-Like Business Meetings

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Perhaps it is the very high sounding procession of syllables with their connotation of considered debate and weighty problems that make the term "Parliamentary Procedure" a bugaboo to so many. I have been told by a few potential leaders at they could never accept a presiding officer in any organization because they do not understand parliamentary procedure.



Mrs. Snyder

Basically, parliamentary procedure is a set of rules laid down to maintain order and expedite business in deliberative assemblies. Over the years certain usages have become crystallized into a pattern and it is this basic set of rules which the average person means when he speaks of parliamentary procedure.

CONSIDERING this from the viewpoint of an organization there are a few simple rules to follow. Any business which is to be considered must be presented to the club in the form of a motion. A member wishing to present a motion rises, addresses the presiding officer (referred in parliamentary rule books as the "chair") waits to be acknowledged by the chair and then presents the motion.

In large assemblies or where members do not know each other, the person, after addressing the chair, gives his name and identification; for example, at a diocesan meeting, she would rise and say, "Madam president." The president nods her head in acknowledgement if she does not know the speaker's name and the speaker says, "Mrs. John Hayes, St. James Rosary Society, Rochester."

The speaker then presents the motion. She states it in the affirmative and with only one thought to a motion. It is customary to say, "I move that we..." The expression, "I make a motion" is not considered in good form. Another member wishing to support the motion says, "I second the motion." She does not have to address the chair or be recognized to offer a second. Then the question is said to be before the house.

The presiding officer reads the motion and calls for a vote. If the motion is passed she so declares it if it is lost, she announces it lost.

Incidentally many authorities feel that the expression, "Respectfully submitted" at the end of the secretary's report should have departed the American scene simultaneously with the bustle in the interest of streamlining it is being used less and less.

Many of the modern handbooks on parliamentary practice have a model meeting included to show just how a meeting should be conducted if you are having doubts about your handling of meetings. I shall be glad to supply names and publishers of up to date parliamentary handbooks.

New Madonna



In this painting, Philippine Madonna, by Angelita Carola Llanos, the Madonna is depicted in a popular Filipino dress, holding the infant in the manner typical of the country. She is adorned with the classical "campagnita," a garland of tiny white flowers, symbol of delicacy and purity. (C. Photos)

Youth Parade

The Gripes That Bloom in Spring

By MARY SULLIVAN



Mary Sullivan

If Dale Carnegie can publish a best selling handbook on how to win friends and influence people, it is not surprising we might be able to control the potentialities of this ailment into a brief lesson on "How Not to Catch a Grip" when Spring and the Weight of School Work Invade You.

As soon as spring strikes and the first crisp frosts are all get the gripes and the heat creeps up to our tongues from which come snappy mean words for people who only meant to be helpful. Our faces aren't speckled but they might just as well be for the ghostly frowns we wear.

As far as the chances for contagion are concerned "blah" (which we have decided is everything where the process of cracking up is concerned) is just as contagious as measles ever was. As soon as one person starts sneezing and complaining and blowing her stack, she sets a match to everyone else's temper and pretty soon...

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Lawyer Urges UN Covenant To Regulate 'Divorce Mills'

Lake Success (N.C.) The United Nations has been asked to take action against international "divorce mills" by writing a world covenant to tighten regulations for obtaining divorces in foreign lands.

Delegates to the United Nations Social Commission heard Dr. James W. Ryan of the International Law Association complain that some countries were granting divorces as a kind of "local commerce subsidiary to the country's tourist and trading business."

WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALY'S

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Our Ironing Machine Interrupts a Lecture

By MARY TINLEY DALY "This is the real test," she announced—and we all leaned forward to catch the nuances. Deftly she fed the shirt into the iron mouth before her. Why this looked like fun! With a flourish and a proud smile the young lady displayed a perfectly ironed shirt and we all applauded, inspired to go home and do likewise—or attempt to.

Congress Hears Work of Sisters

Washington (N.C.) The 10th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St. Ann was called to the attention of the U.S. House of Representatives here in a tribute by Representative Philip J. Philbin of Massachusetts.

Next day the lecture was practically forgotten when a surprise came—a long-contemplated electric ironing machine! Could there be a hint in this gift? It was wonderful—but how do you use the thing? "There's a demonstration every day at two," the Head of the House suggested, subtly.

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